

Skagit County Legislative Priorities – Week of March 4th

The county is seeking resources for the following projects:

Upgrade County Emergency Communications System - \$2 million capital budget request

In addition, the county has taken the following positions on the bills listed below that you will be considering before the March 13th cutoff. We ask that you please keep the county's positions in mind as you vote.

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 1219</u> Real estate taxes/housing Providing cities and counties authority to use real estate excise taxes to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.	H 2nd Reading	Walén	Support
<u>SHB 1406</u> Affordable housing/sales tax Encouraging investments in affordable and supportive housing.	H Rules R	Robinson	Support
<u>2SHB 1497</u> Foundat. public health servs Concerning foundational public health services.	H Rules R	Robinson	Support
<u>HB 1590</u> Housing tax/councilmanic Allowing the local sales and use tax for affordable housing to be imposed by a councilmanic authority.	H 2nd Reading	Doglio	Support
<u>HB 1638</u> Vaccine preventable diseases Promoting immunity against vaccine preventable diseases.	H 2nd Reading	Harris	Support
<u>HB 1679</u> Councilmanic REET/GMA Authorizing cities planning under the growth management act to impose certain real estate excise taxes by councilmanic action.	H Finance	Frame	Support
<u>HB 1718</u> Existing resources/local gov Providing cities and counties flexibility with existing resources.	H Rules R	Volz	Support
<u>HB 2119</u> State forestland moneys Concerning the distribution of moneys derived from certain state forestlands.	H Rules R	Morris	Support

<u>SB 5195</u>	Real estate taxes/housing	S 2nd Reading	Kuderer	Support
	Providing cities and counties authority to use real estate excise taxes to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.			
<u>SSB 5366</u>	Urban centers/multiple-units	S Rules 2	Wagoner	Support
	Expanding the property tax exemption for new and rehabilitated multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers.			
<u>SB 5505</u>	Local stormwater charges	S Rules 2	Hobbs	Oppose
	Addressing the use of local stormwater charges paid by the department of transportation.			
<u>SSB 5537</u>	Behavioral health facilities	S Rules 2	Braun	Support
	Expanding community-based behavioral health facilities through issuance of state bonds.			
<u>SSB 5676</u>	Councilmanic REET/GMA	S Rules 2	Takko	Support
	Authorizing cities planning under the growth management act to impose certain real estate excise taxes by council action.			
<u>SB 5779</u>	Ballot drop box placement	S Rules 2	Kuderer	Support
	Concerning ballot drop box placement requirements.			

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