

2022 Legislative Session Debrief

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Purpose

- Overview of the city's legislative program
- Share outcomes of the 2022 legislative session
- Discussion



Overview of City's Legislative Program

Process and Program

- Mayor recommends and Council adopts state legislative agenda
- Agenda guides city lobbying and advocacy efforts
- State lobbyist leads strategy and interactions with the Legislature
- Weekly reports throughout session



Broad Overview of 2022 Legislative Session

- Short, 60-day session, conducted virtually
- Second year of the two-year biennium
- Democrats held the majority
- Adopted supplemental operating and capital budgets
- Adopted transportation package “Move Ahead Washington”
- 1,156 bills introduced in addition to bills introduced from 2021
- 309 bills passed the Legislature



City of Redmond Top Priority Issues

- 148th Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over SR 520
- Affordable Housing and Preventing Homelessness
- Environmental Sustainability
- Social and Criminal Justice Reform
- Fiscal Sustainability
- Local Control

Support/Oppose Issues



148th Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Over SR 520

- Adopted 2022 Transportation Package “Move Ahead Washington”, with limited new statewide investments
- \$27 million state transportation funding request
- \$8 million appropriated in the package - significant



Affordable Housing & Preventing Homelessness

- Unprecedented investments of over \$850 million, including:
 - \$114 million for the Housing Trust Fund
 - \$240 million for rapid housing acquisition
 - \$100 million for the new Apple Health and Homes program for supportive housing for those receiving state medical assistance under Washington's Medicaid Program
 - \$125 million for crisis stabilization facilities
 - \$155 million to strengthen behavioral health and outreach workforce
 - \$135 million to increase outreach services
 - \$45 million to transition individuals living in homeless encampments on state-owned rights of way to permanent housing



Affordable Housing & Preventing Homelessness

- Other Investments:
 - \$100 million for Utility Assistance
 - \$45 million for Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance
 - \$27 million for Landlord Mitigation Program
 - \$8.4 million for youth supportive and independent youth housing
- Affordable Housing REET Exemption (HB 1643)



Environmental Sustainability

- Legislature continued its work to advance policies to support environmental sustainability:
 - Expanded performance standards to reduce greenhouse gases in buildings (SB 5722)
 - Organics recycling (HB 1799)
 - Over \$300 million in electric vehicle investments for grants and programs
 - Over \$100 million to increase solar deployment



Social and Criminal Justice Reform

- Legislature modified and built upon policies passed into law during 2021, including:
 - Community caretaking (HB 1735)
 - Defining use of force (HB 2037)
 - Allowing the use of “bean bag shotguns” (HB 1719)
 - Co-responder training programs (SB 5644)
- Increased funding for Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) classes
- Court Ordered/Assisted Outpatient Treatment (HB 1773)



Fiscal Sustainability

- State-shared revenues maintained, and slightly increased
- No new unfunded mandates

Local Control

- Dozens of bills introduced infringing on local control, none passed into law



Support/Oppose Issues

- Open Public Meeting Act (HB 1329)
- Growth Management Act (HB 1241)
- Public Works assistance account transfer
- Small business support



Next Steps

- Final Legislative Report, April 2022
- General Election, November 2022
 - Half of the Senate, entire House of Representatives up for election
 - Several Legislators not seeking re-election
 - Legislators seeking re-election will have new district boundaries due to redistricting
- 2023 Legislative Agenda Development
 - September & October - Council Study Sessions on Draft Agenda
 - November - Adopt 2023 Legislative Agenda

Many thanks to our 45th and 48th District Legislators for their support of the City of Redmond!



Thank you

Any Questions?

