



Memorandum

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Meeting of: City Council Study Session

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Type: Study Session

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:
2025 State Legislative Session Debrief

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

This presentation is an overview of the 2025 State Legislative Session, co-presented by Briahna Murray and Amina Abdalla, the City's state lobbying team. The overview will highlight session outcomes for the City's top priority issues and support/oppose/monitor issues. Steps in preparation for next year will also be discussed.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
2025 City of Redmond State Legislative Agenda
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
The Washington State Legislature's 2025 regular 105-day session began on January 13, 2025, and adjourned sine die on April 27, 2025. The last day for the governor to act on bills was May 20, 2025, and the 90-day effective date for new laws is July 27, 2025.

The City identified four top priorities: (1) funding for the Asbestos Cement Water Replacement Project Avondale, (2) funding for the intercultural city services center in Overlake, (3) rescoping and retaining funding for the Multimodal Overlake Village Access project, and (4) preserving funding for grant sources that support City of

Redmond projects including the on-demand microservice transit pilot and Southeast Redmond Park (see Attachment A: 2025 State Legislative Agenda).

A more detailed summary of the 2025 legislative session, including bills related to the City's state legislative agenda and other noteworthy legislation can be found in Attachment C: 2025 End of Session Report.

Next, work will begin on developing next year's state legislative agenda. It will be a 60-day short session. Any legislation that did not pass will remain under consideration for the 2026 session. Staff will focus on building an agenda that is nimble and strategic for advancing the City's priorities.

OUTCOMES:

The Council will be updated on how the City fared on its 2025 state legislative agenda. Staff will return for discussion on the draft 2026 legislative agenda in September.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
N/A

Approved in current biennial budget: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

Enter the budget number from the adopted budget. If from a previous biennial budget, include the biennium too.

Budget Priority:

Enter the budget priority. An old budget priority may be listed if funding is from a previous biennial budget.

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

Examples: software with a yearly cost, revenue generating, match requirements, etc. - if none, enter N/A.

Funding source(s):

Examples: CIP, General Fund, Grant, etc.

Budget/Funding Constraints:

Examples: acceptance deadlines, earmarked funds, etc. - if none, enter N/A.

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
Click and select a date, or click and press delete if none.	Click and select a meeting from the dropdown menu.	Click and select an action from the dropdown menu.

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
9/9/2025	Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications	Provide Direction

Time Constraints:

The 2025 legislative session debrief helps set the stage for Council discussions on the City's 2026 state legislative agenda, which will begin in September 2025.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Examples: increased costs, maintenance delays, loss of grant funding, ect.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2025 State Legislative Agenda

Attachment B: 2025 Legislative Session Debrief presentation

Attachment C: 2025 End of Session Report