
2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

END OF SESSION REPORT

CITY OF REDMOND

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PURPOSE

- Update Council on 2019 Legislative Session
- Upcoming 2020 Legislative Session

OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- Overview of 2019 Legislative Session
- Update on City of Redmond 2019 Legislative Priorities
- Upcoming 2020 Legislative Session

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OVERVIEW

- 105-day Legislative Session
- Democrats hold majority in House and Senate
- Bills
 - 2,208 introduced – 481 passed – 22% passage rate
- Policy Update

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OVERVIEW

2019-21 State Budgets

- Operating Budget: \$52.4 billion with \$850 million in new revenue
- Capital Budget: \$4.9 billion in new investments
- Transportation Budget: Limited funding

CITY OF REDMOND 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Hartman Pool
- Redmond Central Connector III
- Affordable Housing
- Mental Health, Drug Dependency, Human Services, Homelessness
- Fund and Safeguard State Revenues and Local Options to Better Enable Cities to Address Community Needs

CITY OF REDMOND FUNDING REQUESTS

- Hartman Pool
 - Requested \$3 million for improvements
 - \$1 million in 2019-21 Capital Budget
- Redmond Central Connector III
 - Requested increased WSDOT grant funding or direct allocation
 - No funding in 2019-21 Capital Budget

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Housing Trust Fund - \$175 million
- Condominium Liability Reform Act
- Increased funding for cities for affordable housing
 - Credit against the state sales tax – passed
 - Flexibility with real estate excise taxes – passed
 - Councilmanic sales tax increase – did not pass
 - Councilmanic real estate excise tax increase – did not pass

AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CONTINUED

Proposals related to affordable housing:

- Incentivize/mandate cities to increase density
- Impose mandatory density near transit
- Preempt regulation of accessory dwelling units
- Reform the housing element of the Growth Management Act

MENTAL HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, DRUG DEPENDENCY, HOMELESSNESS

- Reforming the State's mental health system
- Opioid epidemic response legislation
- Law enforcement diversion grant programs
- Homelessness

FUND AND SAFEGUARD STATE REVENUES AND LOCAL OPTIONS

- State-shared revenues – mixed results
- Basic Law Enforcement Academy – fully funded
- 1% property tax cap removal – did not pass
- Increased revenue – in a few areas

UPCOMING

- I-976 on November 2019 ballot
 - Limits car tabs – reducing revenue for Sound Transit
 - Will shape discussions on transportation revenue package
- Elections and changes in leadership
- 2020 Legislative Session

THANK YOU & QUESTIONS?

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