2015 PSRC Economic Development Legislative Recommendations
State Bill Tracking Report

Last updated with known activities: March 13, 2015
Changes since last report in **Yellow**

The following is a status report on current legislative and budget activities that have been determined to be supportive of the Puget Sound Regional Council’s 2015 Economic Development Action Items and Legislative Recommendations. There are frequently competing bills and budget proposals intended to address particular policy goals. A legislative committee of the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Economic Development District (EDD) Board meets regularly during the legislative session to review each active item.

Items marked SUPPORT have been reviewed by the EDD Board’s Legislative Committee and determined to be fully supportive of the 2015 Economic Development Action Items and Legislative Recommendations. All other items are topically supportive of the 2015 recommendations and are being closely monitored by PSRC staff and the legislative committee.

### Operating & Capital Budgets

#### Item: Governor’s Proposed Operating Budget

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### Infrastructure

**Recommendation:** PSRC supports the adoption of a comprehensive state transportation package

#### Item: Senate Transportation Plan

**Details:**
- Senate package consists of 11 bills: SB 5987, SB 5988, SB 5989, SB 5990, SB 5991, SB 5992, SB 5993, SB 5994, SB 5995, SB 5996, SB 5997. All but one bill has been passed by the full Senate. Two of the three main fiscal bills, SB 5987 and SB 5988, have passed Senate vote. The third, (SB 5989 - Authorizing bonds for transportation funding), is waiting for a vote. The remaining 8 bills have all been passed to their respective House committees.
### Item: Governor’s Proposed Transportation Budget

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- **House Committee:** Transportation
- **Status:** Referred to committee on 1/16/15.
- **Senate Committee:** Transportation
- **Status:** Referred to committee on 1/20/15.

**Recommendation:** Support the build-out of Sound Transit’s high capacity transit system

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- **House Committee:** Transportation
- **Status:** (PSRC signed-in IN SUPPORT). Substitute bill passed out of committee on 2/2/15. Referred to Finance. Public hearing held on 2/10/15.
- **Senate Committee:** Transportation
- **Status:** Referred to committee on 1/14/15.

### Education & Workforce Development

**Recommendation:** Support efforts to address workforce gaps in STEM occupations in the state K-12 and higher education system

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<td><strong>Lead Partner:</strong> Washington State Board for Community &amp; Technical Colleges</td>
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**Details:**
- Aerospace apprenticeships: $2.5m to expand support of registered aerospace and advanced manufacturing apprenticeship programs at 20 colleges across the state, partnering with the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee.
- Mathematics, engineering, and science achievement: $2m to expand the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program at community and technical colleges by 600 slots to boost support of underrepresented students in these high-demand fields. (Full CTC request for this program was $10.1m)
- Composite wing training program: $1.6m investment for the operation of a fabrication composite wing incumbent-worker training program at the Washington Aerospace Training and Research Center in Everett. Funding will provide technology, curriculum and equipment related to program startup and initial student training.
- Maritime training program: $300k for a maritime licensing training program at Seattle Central College for two more full-time faculty members.
### Item: Community and Technical College Capital Budget Requests

**Board position:** SUPPORT  
**Source:** Governor’s Proposed Capital Budget  HB 1115/SB 5097, SBCTC Capital Requests  
**Lead Partner:** Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges

**Details:**  
- Regional construction project requests, including - Edmonds CC: Science Engineering Technology Building  
  (No new appropriation proposed in Governor’s budget), Olympic College: College Instruction Center, South Seattle CC: Cascade Court, Renton Technical College: Automotive Complex Renovation.

### Item: University Programmatic Budget Requests

**Board position:** SUPPORT  
**Source:** Governor’s Proposed Operating Budget  HB 1106/SB 5077  
**Lead Partners:** University of Washington, Washington State University

**Details:**  
- Computer science and engineering programs: $6m to add 225 slots to these programs at UW and WSU.

### Item: University Capital Budget Requests

**Board position:** SUPPORT  
**Source:** Governor’s Proposed Capital Budget  HB 1115/SB 5097  
**Lead Partners:** University of Washington, Washington State University

**Details:**  
- University of Washington Computer Science and Engineering Expansion: $40m for expansion of facility to support high program demand.  
- Washington State University – Everett University Center: $54.6m for a facility to increase access to STEM and other high-demand disciplines.

### Bill: Expanding computer science education

**Board position:** Monitor for further developments

**House Bill**  
**HB 1813** (Rep. Hansen)  
**House Committee:** Education  
**Status:** Bill passed out of committee on 2/19/15. Substitute bill passed out of House on 3/5/15. **Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education committee on 3/9/15.** **Scheduled for public hearing on 3/19/15.**
**Business Climate**

**Recommendation: Advocate for continued funding for the Life Science Discovery Fund**

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**Recommendation: Advocate for continued state level funding for ADOs, sector leads and other key state economic development infrastructure economic**

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**Recommendation: Support the Washington Tourism Alliance’s legislation to adopt a self-assessment model to fund state marketing activities**

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<td>Lead Partner(s): Washington Tourism Alliance (WTA) - Louise Stanton-Masten (<a href="mailto:louise@watourismalliance.org">louise@watourismalliance.org</a>)</td>
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**House Bill**

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### Strategy: Expand tools that support economic development

#### Bill: Increasing jobs in the maritime trades industry
*Board position:* Monitor for further developments

*Lead Partner:* Northwest Marine Trade Association - Peter Schrappen (peter@nmta.net)

*Attended:* Maritime Day in Olympia – 1/20/15 (PSRC Attended)

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*House Committee:* Technology & Economic Development

*Status:* Bill passed out of committee on 2/19/15. Referred to Finance on 2/20/15.

#### Bill: Ensuring the competitiveness of Washington state’s fishing and seafood processing industries by supporting the recapitalization of fishing fleets through certain tax preferences
*Board position:* Monitor for further developments

*Attended:* Maritime Day in Olympia – 1/20/15 (PSRC Attended)

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*House Committee:* Technology & Economic Development

*Status:* Referred to committee on 2/26/15. Public hearing held on 3/11/15.

#### Bill: Creating a business and occupation tax credit for advanced composite manufacturing and wholesaling
*Board position:* Monitor for further developments

*Lead Partner:* WA Department of Commerce - Alex Pietsch (alex.pietsch@commerce.wa.gov)

*Activities:* Aerospace Day in Olympia – 2/13/15 (PSRC Attended)

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*Status:* Bill passed out of committee on 2/19/15. Referred to Finance on 2/20/15.

*Senate Committee:* Trade & Economic Development

*Status:* Bill passed out of committee on 2/19/15. Referred to Ways & Means on 2/19/15.

#### Bill: Establishing the small business enhancement program
*Board position:* Monitor for further developments

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*House Committee:* Technology & Economic Development

*Status:* Substitute bill passed out of committee on 2/19/15. Referred to Appropriations on 2/20/15.
Entertainment & Innovation

Recommendation: Support the renewal of state research & development tax credits

**Bill:** Reinstating tax preferences for high-technology research and development  
**Board position:** SUPPORT

**Lead Partners:** Washington Biotechnology & Biomedical Assoc., - Patti Tenney (patti@washbio.org)  
Washington Technology Industry Assoc., - Michael Schutzler (mschutzler@washingtontechnology.org)

**Activities:** Life Sciences Day in Olympia – 2/5/15

**House Bill**  
HB 1769 (Rep. Pettigrew)  
**House Committee:** Technology & Economic Development  
**Status:** Public hearing held on 2/11/15  

**Senate Bill**  
SB 5665 (Sen. Hill)  
**Senate Committee:** Ways & Means  
**Status:** Referred to committee on 1/28/15.

Quality of Life

Recommendation: Support the adoption of the Cultural Access Washington legislation to increase access to important cultural institutions

**Bill:** Concerning access to and creation of cultural and heritage programs and facilities  
**Board position:** SUPPORT

**Lead Partner:** Cultural Access Washington, - Joy Langley (director@culturalaccesswa.org)

**Activities:** Arts & Heritage Day in Olympia – 3/4/15

**House Bill**  
HB 1107 (Rep. Springer)  
**House Committee:** Comm. Dev. and Housing & Tribal Affairs  

**Senate Bill**  
SB 5463 (Sen. Hill)  
**Senate Committee:** Ways & Means  
Related Events

- **Maritime Day in Olympia** – 1/20/15 *(PSRC Attended)*
- **Life Sciences Day in Olympia** – 2/5/15
- **WTA Tourism Summit and Day in Olympia** – 2/12/15 *(PSRC Attended)*
- **Aerospace Day in Olympia** – 2/13/15 *(PSRC Attended)*
- **Arts & Heritage Day in Olympia** – 3/4/15

2015 Session Cutoff Calendar

- **1/12/15** First Day of Session
- **2/20/15** Last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
- **2/27/15** Last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
- **3/11/15** Last day to consider bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).
- **4/1/15** Last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
- **4/7/15** Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
- **4/15/15** Last day to consider opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
- **4/26/15** Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.