

PSRC 2027 Recommendations to the Washington Legislature & Legislative Update

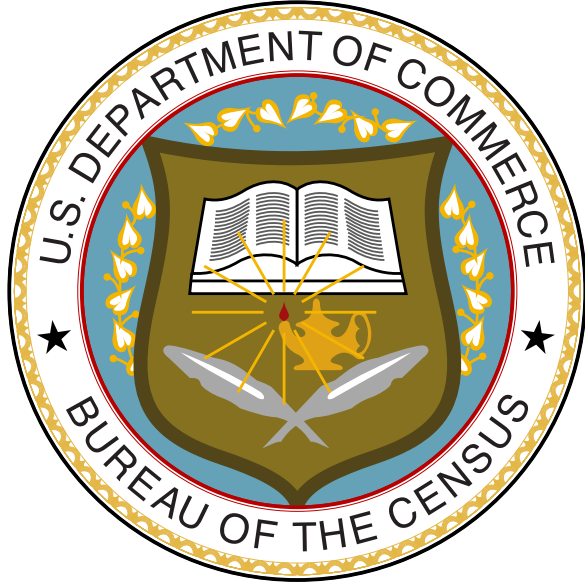
Growth Management Policy Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council

Proposed Changes to 2030 Census



- Proposes counting lawful permanent residents
- Removes all questions on race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation
 - NLC Letter Template
 - Submit a Comment



State Updates



- Agency requests:
 - \$146m for Continuum of Care backfill
 - \$88m homelessness services
 - \$3m to implement WA Economic Development & Competitiveness Strategic Plan
- \$3m Amtrak Cascades to maintain current operations



State Revenue Forecast

Revenue Forecast

- 25–27 + \$22m
- 27–29 + \$430m
- 29–31 + 2.38b

[Revenue review](#)

Transportation Revenue

- 25–27 down \$1m
- 27–29 down \$126m
- Down \$599m through 2031

[Transportation Revenue Review](#)



Washington State

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council



Highway Use Fee Proposal

- Modeled on Virginia Highway Use Fee
- Annual fee Based on vehicle fuel economy rating, more efficient vehicles pay higher fee
- More fuel-efficient vehicles pay less in gas tax, but have same impact on roadways

Proposal 2025 House Transportation Budget Proposal

- Applied to motor vehicles < 10,000lbs with fuel economy > 25 MPG
- Battery Electric Vehicles continue to pay \$225 & Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles continue to pay \$150

[Virginia Highway Use Fee](#)



Process 2027 Recommendations to Legislature

September 2026

Review Recommendations with
Economic Development District

October 2026

Review Recommendations with Growth
Management Policy Board, Transportation
Policy Board, Equity Advisory Committee,
Regional Staff Committee & Executive
Board

November 2026

Recommendation by Executive Committee

December 2026

Proposed Executive Board Adoption



Recommendations to the 2026 State Legislature

- Keep the Region Moving Safely
- Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
- Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Sustain a Strong Economy



Keep the Region Moving

- Prioritize Safety
- Transportation investments
 - Stable revenue
 - Build projects of regional significance
 - Adequately fund maintenance & preservation
- Highway Use Fee
- Ferry funding



Increase Housing Choices and Affordability



- Supply
- Stability
- Subsidy



Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Reduce Emissions
- Prepare for Climate Impacts



Sustain a Strong Economy



- Culture of partnership
- Economic competitiveness
- Workforce development
- Critical infrastructure
- Clean energy industry technology





Thank You!

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