

State Legislative Update

Executive Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council

Recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature

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

[Link to Recommendations](#)



Budget



- Governor's Budget Introduced in December
- Revenue Forecast by March 20
- Legislature in late March



Keep the Region Moving: Transportation

[HB 1832](#) (Fey) Road Usage Charge

Creates voluntary road usage charge program at 2.5 cents per mile

[SB 5002](#) (Lovick) Blood Alcohol Limit

Lower blood alcohol limit to .05 when driving



Housing: Supply



206,000 units of housing
produced with additional capacity
according to PSRC analysis

HB 1110 (Bateman) / SB 5190 **DEAD** (Trudeau) Middle Housing

- Cities of 25K–75K must allow:
 - 2 units per lot on all residential lots, or 4 if one unit is affordable,
 - 4 units per lot if ½ mile walking distance of transit
- Cities 75k and above must allow:
 - 4 units per lot on all residential lots, or 6 if 2 unit is affordable,
 - 6 units per lot if ½ mile walking distance of transit



Housing: Supply

[HB 1517](#) Reed [DEAD](#) / [SB 5466](#) Liias Promoting Transit Oriented Development

Creates flexible standards for cities to allow mid-sized apartment buildings within three-quarters of a mile of transit stops with frequent service, larger buildings within a ¼ mile of light rail stations

[HB 1245](#) (Barkis) / [SB 5364](#) (Frame) Lot Splitting

Allows lots zoned single family of 1,500 sq ft or more to be split



Housing: Stability

Limiting Rent Increases

[HB 1124](#) (Petersen)

Rent increase greater than 5% requires 6 month notice

[HB 1388](#) **DEAD** (Macri)

Defines excessive rent increases, allows the Attorney General to take action on excessive rents, regulates fees, puts landlord tenant act under enforcement of consumer protection act

[HB 1389](#) (Ramel) / [SB 5435](#) **DEAD** (Trudeau)

Allows rent increase of 3% or inflation, but never more than 7%



Housing: Subsidy



HB 1628 (Chopp)

- Increase REET from 4% to 5% on portion of the selling price greater than \$5 million, dedicates revenue to HTF
- Local option for a .25% REET for affordable housing



Climate



[HB 1181](#) (Duerr) /
[SB 5203](#) **DEAD** (Lovelett)
**Improving the state's
response to climate
change by updating the
state's planning
framework**

Compels jurisdictions to
put climate change
provisions in their
Comprehensive Plans.





Thank You!

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