PSRC 2024 Recommendations to the WA State Legislature
Equity Advisory Committee
January 4, 2024

We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.

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PSRC Role at the State Legislature

- Data and background information
- Regular Board Updates
- Neutrality, except by Executive Board Action
Process 2024 Recommendations to Legislature

July 2023
EAC Background

September 2023
Review Recommendations with EDD & Executive Board

October 2023
Review Recommendations with GMPB, EAC & TPB

November 2023
Review & Recommendation by Executive Committee

December 2023
Executive Board Adoption
Recommendations to the 2024 State Legislature

• Keep the Region Moving
• Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
• Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
• Sustain a Strong Economy
Changes in the 2024 Recommendations

• **Updated mission statement** to include racial equity

• **Transportation** – added restore WA State Ferries

• **Housing** – added BIPOC Homeownership

• **Economy** – added Economic Development District Priorities:
  o Workforce development
  o Critical infrastructure including broadband
  o Clean energy industry technology
Highlights: Governor’s 2024 Budget

• Behavioral health and opioids

• Housing and Homelessness
  o $100 million Rapid Capital acquisition fund
  o $10m backfill doc recording fees
  o $4.5m housing for those with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
  o $7.5m landlord mitigation and tenant preservation

• Transportation – focus on WA State Ferries, workforce and vessel electrification

• Climate Commitment Act – $900m investment
  o Climate Justice – $200 one-time payment to low-income households to address rising energy costs
• Mapping of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Bill (last year SB 5466, this year not out yet as of 1/3/24)
• Includes Anti-Displacement Layer

Link to more Information
HB 2114 (Alvarado)/ SB 5961 (Trudeau)
Improving housing stability for tenants

- Limits rent increases to 5% in any 12-month period for buildings > 10 yrs old
- Requires 180 days notice of rent increase > 3%
- Move-in fees and security deposit may not exceed one month rent
Discussion Questions

Do you have suggestions about the process of adopting or content of the Recommendations to the State Legislature?

Are you hearing about any policy proposals or budget items that will be in play at the state legislature this year?
Thank You!

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