



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5983
November 16, 2021
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5983: 2022 Legislative Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Adopt the 2022 State Legislative Priorities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
STAFF:	Jessi Bon, City Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a Choose an item. Choose an item.
EXHIBITS:	1. City of Mercer Island 2022 State Legislative Priorities – Clean Copy 2. City of Mercer Island 2022 State Legislative Priorities – Track Changes 3. AWC 2022 Police Reform Statement 4. AWC 2022 Legislative Priorities 5. AWC 2022 Supplemental “Significant Issues” Document 6. City of Mercer Island 2021 State Legislative Priorities
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	Choose an item.

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ Choose an item.
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ Choose an item.
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ Choose an item.

SUMMARY

The Legislative Priorities serve as a guide for 2022 work with State legislators. The adopted Legislative Priorities allow the City to respond quickly and efficiently to issues of interest that arise in Olympia during the Washington State legislative sessions. This also allows the Mayor, City Council, and staff to respond to requests for endorsement letters and other opportunities to advocate for the City's interests.

The City Council reviewed a draft of the 2022 State Legislative Priorities at the November 9, 2021 Special City Council Meeting. Changes discussed at that meeting are reflected in Exhibit 1 (clean copy) and Exhibit 2 (track changes).

2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2022 Washington State Legislative Regular Session will begin in January 2022 and is scheduled to end in March. The entire 2022 Session, the "short" session, will last 60 days. (On odd years, the "long" session lasts

105 days). There could also be any number of special sessions called by the Governor, none of which can last more than 30 days.

PROPOSED MERCER ISLAND 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The 2022 State Legislative Priorities (see Exhibits 1 thru 3), have been updated from 2021 to reflect current conditions, interests, and goals of the City Council, and are categorized as follows:

- Preserve local decision-making authority
- Continued economic support for the COVID-19 Pandemic recovery
- Clarifications to 2021 Police Reforms
- Sustainable and Flexible Local Funding
- Transportation Funding
- Preserving and Protecting the Environment
- Other Significant Issues
- Permanent Modernization of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)

Attached for City the Council's reference are the Association of Washington Cities' 2022 Legislative Priorities (Exhibit 4), the Association of Washington Cities "Significant Issues" document (Exhibit 5), and the City of Mercer Island's 2021 Legislative Priorities (Exhibit 6).

NEXT STEPS

Upon adoption, the staff will ensure the final priorities are communicated to the legislators and their staff and will also be sent to the Association of Washington Cities and the Sound Cities Association. Staff are also working on scheduling meeting with legislators and the City Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt the 2022 State Legislative Priorities.