



CITY OF TOPPENISH

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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AGENDA



OVERVIEW OF THE 2025
LEGISLATIVE SESSION



OUTCOME OF 2025 CITY OF
TOPPENISH'S STATE LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES



NEXT STEPS

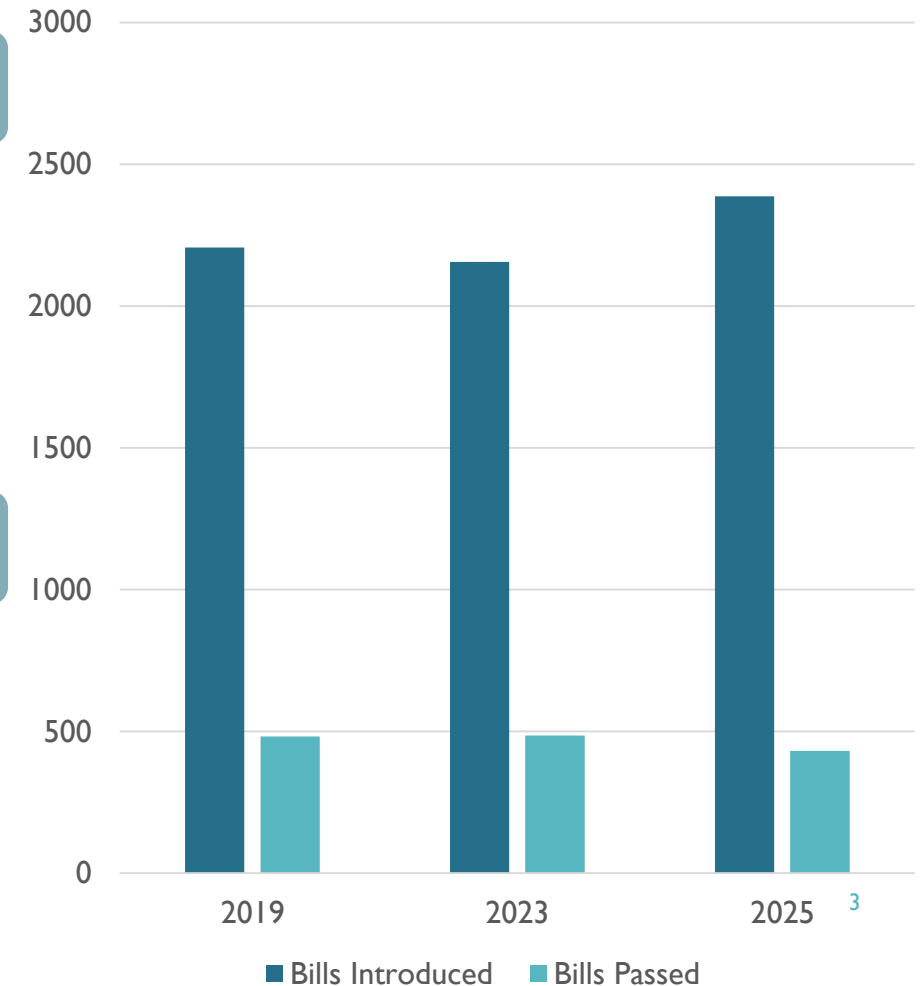
OVERVIEW OF 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

General Context

- First year of the biennium, 105-day session
- Adopted 2025-27 operating, capital, and transportation budgets
- 2,387 bills introduced, 433 passed into law
- Any legislation that did not pass, will be reconsidered next session

Political Context

- Democrats held the majority in House and Senate
- 24 “freshman” legislators
- New Governor in leadership



OVERVIEW OF 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: BUDGETS

Operating

- Funds all state agency operations
- Revenue growth has slowed – 2022-24 revenues grew at 5.2% annually, starting in 2025 reduced to 3.5%
- \$15+ billion shortfall over 4 years
- Budget balanced with \$9.5 billion in new tax revenue and cuts
- End budget was \$77.8 Billion, with \$2.3 Billion in reserves

Capital

- Funds public and nonprofit construction projects (excluding transportation)
- \$7.5 billion total budget
- \$201.3 million allocated for local community projects (\$231.8 million in 2023)
 - *Average local community project award: \$604,000*
- Several city-oriented grant programs are funded

Transportation

- Expected \$1 billion shortfall in 2025-27
- No new project investments
- Taxes, fees and transfer from operating resulting in \$3.2 billion over the next 6 years.
- \$15.5 billion budget

2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- **Request:** \$1 million for improvements to priority 1 & 2 of the WWTP
- **Final budget includes 2.05 million for the project**

Police Station & City Services

- **Request:** \$500,000 for the construction and renovation for a new permanent police station
- **Final budget includes \$515,000 for the full funding of the project**

Public Works Assistance Account

- \$288 million transfer from PWAA to state general fund in FY 2026
- Capital Budget
 - Backfills the account with \$100 million in state bond revenues
 - Appropriates \$265 million

AWC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Public Safety

- HB 2015 – Local public safety tax for local law enforcement recruitment, retention and training funding



Finances

- State shared revenues
- 1% property tax cap



Land Use

- Parking minimums
- GMA Extensions
- Lot splitting



NEXT STEPS



Thank the 6th legislative delegation – WWTP & Police Station

Interim Action Plan & Steps to prepare for the 2026 session

2026 Legislative Session begins January 12th

QUESTIONS?

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