



City Council Agenda Bill

20182
 Bill Number

Subject: State Legislative Agenda

Summary Statement: The City of Bellingham, in partnership with Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham, have agreed to combine their 2014 state legislative interests in a joint agenda. These efforts are a continuation from the 2013 Legislative session when the three entities advanced a joint agenda.

Previous Council Action: 8/12/13 request for input

Fiscal Impact: The City contributes \$30,000 per year as part of joint legislative effort

Funding Source: General Fund

Attachments: Draft Joint Legislative Agenda

| Meeting Activity | Meeting Date | Staff Recommendation | Presented By | Time |
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| Committee Briefing Information Only | 04-Nov-2013 | Provide Direction to Staff | Mayor Kelli Linville | 5 |
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Council Committee:
 Committee of the Whole
 Seth Fleetwood, Chair

Agenda Bill Contact:
 Brian Heinrich, exec

| Reviewed By | Initials | Date |
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| Legal Mayor | KL | 10.29.13 |

Committee Actions:

Council Action:

2014 LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES

City of Bellingham
Whatcom County
Port of Bellingham

- **Transportation Budget**
 - Continue to support a statewide comprehensive plan
- **Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)**
 - Work with our partners to protect MTCA funding for cleanups; secure additional funding
- **Marine Tourism Bill**
 - Support legislation that will expand the permitted length of stay for “entity-owned” vessels from 60 to 180 days creates greater sales tax revenues to waterfront economies
- **Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)**
 - Support additional funding to the CERB program
- **Aquatic Invasive Species Control**
 - Support continued efforts in developing a statewide Aquatic Invasive Species eradication program.
- **Restore Public Works Assistance Account**
 - Support efforts to restore full funding of the Public Works Assistance Account
- **Social services funding**
 - Advocate for appropriate social services funding, especially mental health-related funding
- **Judicial Funding**
 - Provide funding for the approved 4th Whatcom County Judge
- **Growth Management Act**
 - Revision and Review

