



# City Council Agenda Bill

20386

Bill Number

**Subject:** State Legislative Review

**Summary Statement:** The City of Bellingham, in partnership with Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham, contracts with McBride Public Affairs to represent the joint legislative interests of the three governments. Tom McBride and Ben Buchholz will provide a State Legislative Review of the 2014 Legislative Session.

**Previous Council Action:** Adoption of Legislative Agenda, 11/4/13.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$30,000

**Funding Source:** Citywide Allocation

**Attachments:** Adopted 2014 Legislative Agenda

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Information Only	4/21/2014	Information Only	Mayor Kelli Linville	10 minutes

**Recommended Motion:** .

**Council Committee:**  
Committee Of The Whole

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Reviewed By	Department	Date
<i>Brian M. Heinrich</i>	Executive	04/15/2014
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<i>Peter M. Ruffatto</i>	Legal	04/15/2014
<i>Kelli J. Linville</i>	Executive	04/15/2014

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Whatcom County Judge
- **Growth Management Act**
  - Revision and Review

