

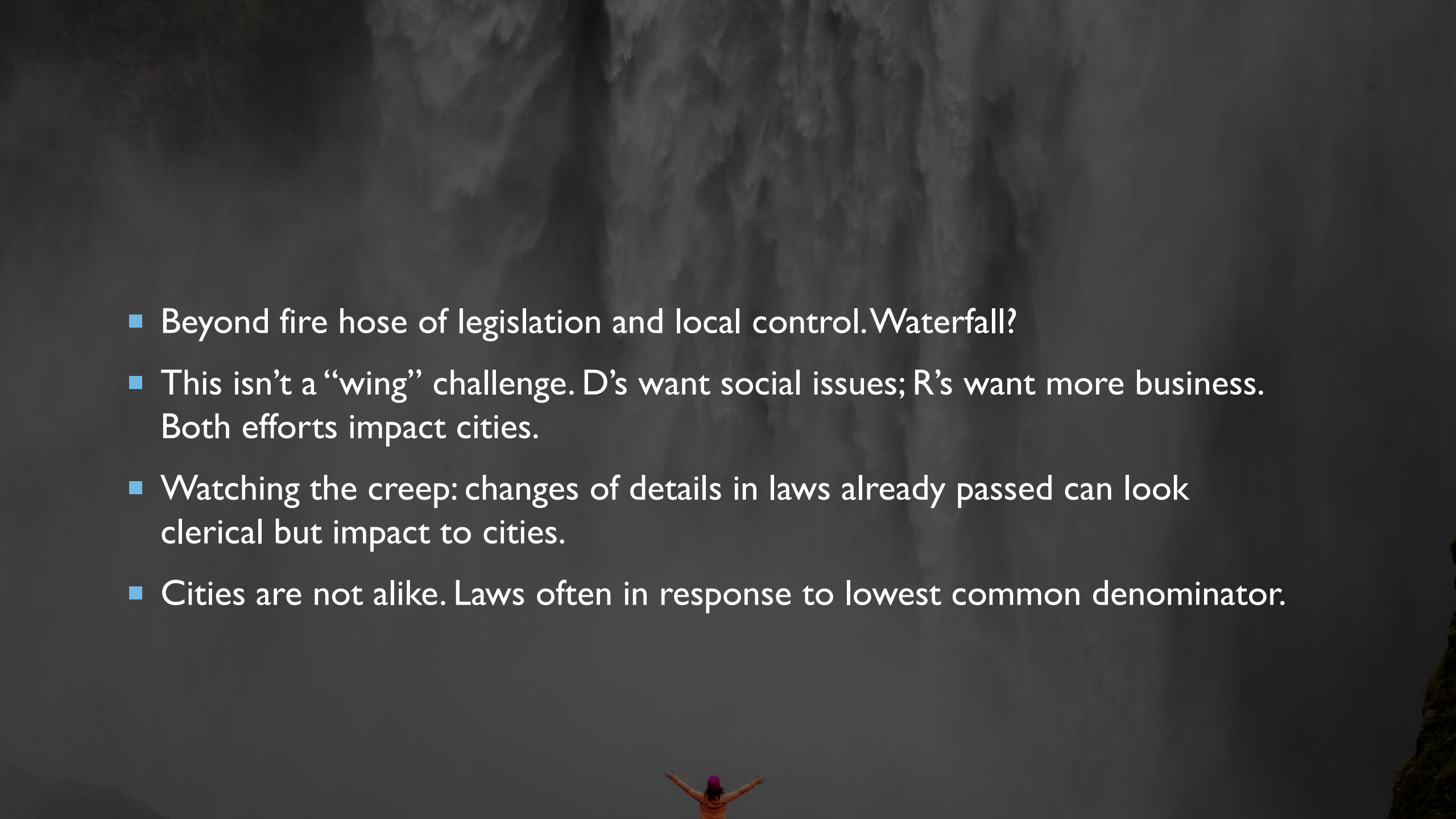


STATE LEGISLATIVE RECAP

SESSION 2025



CITY OF
SUMNER
WASHINGTON

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- A person with their arms raised in a celebratory gesture stands at the bottom of a large, powerful waterfall. The water is cascading down a dark, rocky cliff, creating a misty spray at the base. The person is wearing a bright orange shirt and a pink cap. The overall scene is dramatic and inspiring, set against a dark, moody background.
- Beyond fire hose of legislation and local control. Waterfall?
 - This isn't a "wing" challenge. D's want social issues; R's want more business. Both efforts impact cities.
 - Watching the creep: changes of details in laws already passed can look clerical but impact to cities.
 - Cities are not alike. Laws often in response to lowest common denominator.





Provide
reasonable
funding,
support for
cities.



LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

- Protect against liability expansion. **Nothing directly about liability but bills continue to pressure cities**
- Adjust 1% cap on City property tax collection to instead be tied to inflation up to 3% **Died, focus on schools**
- Fund parks and recreation (RCO). **RCO funding fine, Sumner project in contingency**
- Avoid imbalanced pressure on cities for broad needs like PFAS. **Testing biosolids for PFAS now required, minimal impact unless it keeps growing; significant state vs. federal conflict over PFAS.**
- Update public records laws to reduce frivolous requests intended for personal gain. **A couple updates introduced, not passed.**
- Protect the Public Works Trust Fund and other shared revenue. **Not raided as badly as first proposed, but diversion of funds with backfill of state bonds is a concerning trend.**



LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

Passed & helpful:

SHB 1791—adds flexibility to using local REET 1 and REET 2

3SHB 1491—transit-oriented development, amended to ¼ mile for us

HB 1213—paid family medical leave updates—concurrency with FMLA helpful, will impact small businesses more

SB 5627—updated dig law—new electronic platform is good, increased fines good or bad

Passed & unsure/middle of road:

ESSB 5184—affects city ability to regulate parking—amended to apply to pop. > 30,000

ESSB 5814—modifies charged sales tax—small revenue increase, but also increase in administrative cost



LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

Passed & impacts city (1/2):

SHB 1061 – parking across driveways, will require update to parking code

E2SHB 1096 – lot splitting – could see high demand for infill housing types and ADUs

ESHB 1135 – local government planning—only affects if GMA Comp Plan out of compliance

2SHB 1183 – building codes

EHB 1217 –housing stability/rent control – 7% + CPI with maximum of 10% - may affect development?

ESSB 5509—child-care centers must be permitted in all zones but industrial

SB 5571—prohibits requiring or excluding exterior cladding materials—amend design guidelines

ESSB 5801 — \$0.06 gas tax to fund existing projects, needed because of cost increase and revenue decline

LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY



Passed & impacts city (2/2):

ESB 5595—establishes shared streets, allowed not required

HB 1201—requires pet sheltering in emergencies

HB 1549—responsible bidder criteria, adds complexity but not a big change

HB 1633—subcontractor licensing, adds complexity but not a big change

HB 1562—requires diaper changing stations in restrooms

E2SSB5148—State review of GMA Housing Element, includes both voluntary review request by cities and mandatory review by Commerce of underperforming cities (up to 10 cities/year).

LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY



Did not pass, expect again & impacts city:

ESB 5729—streamlines permitting process

HB 1438—housing permit approval

HB 1303—adds environmental justice to SEPA, state & feds moving in opposite directions

HB 2024—exemption on first \$100,000 of primary residence property tax, shifts tax burden to businesses



LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

Did not pass, expect again & concerns city:

SHB 1380 –public property/ “homeless bill of rights” –purpose is litigation burden on cities

2SHB 1443/SSB 5332 –requires up to 2 mobile dwellings per lot

2SHB 1175/SB5421 –cities must require small businesses in residential zones. Cities can limit hours after 12 hours open, requires food offered if serving alcohol

2SHB 1195/SB 5497 – requires permanent supportive housing in all residential zones, State enforcement precludes appeal to Hearings board

SB 5769—payroll expense tax, did not exclude cities

HB 1622—public entities must collectively bargain prior to the use of AI

SB 5804—would redirect Public Works Account revenues to fund WSDOT fish culvert decision

A close-up, low-angle shot of the front of a police car at night. The car's blue and red emergency lights are flashing, creating a strong blue and red color cast over the entire scene. The background is a blurred city street with warm, yellow and orange bokeh lights from buildings and street lamps. The text "Improve public safety" is overlaid in white on the right side of the image.

Improve
public safety

PUBLIC SAFETY



- Improve RCW 13.40.740 to allow juveniles to provide an exculpatory statement **Did Not Pass**
- Pursue an analysis of indigent defense for misdemeanor cases to determine feasible changes. **Did Not Pass**
- Continue to expand options for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. **Shifted 25% back to cities**
- Fund air support and provide \$10 million per year to local law enforcement air support units, **Did Not Pass**

PUBLIC SAFETY



- Help cities recruit and retain police officers for public safety (AWC priority). **HB 2015**
 - Limited, competitive grant – no guarantees
 - Does not fully fund position and expires
 - Requires cities to first enact a sales tax increase for public safety
 - Includes numerous requirements for department on top of accreditation
 - Requires officers to be hired from the community they serve – no definition yet what that means

PUBLIC SAFETY



Did not pass, expect again & concerns city:

HB 1113—allows a judge to dismiss a misdemeanor without input from prosecution

HB 1056/SB 5066—increases AG’s ability to investigate local PDs, stalled mostly due to funding

HB 1512 —bars police from stopping vehicles for expired license, defective/inoperable equipment, suspended drivers, or minor traffic violations as a primary reason for a traffic stop; requires detailed written justification for each traffic stop and recording of metrics beyond what is currently captured in CAD data.

HB 1322—changes juvenile offenders to “community placement” rather than detention centers

SB 5266—allows juvenile offenders to petition for early release at age 24

HB 1178—effectively eliminates firearm sentencing enhancements



Enhance Transportation

'25 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



- Fund construction of Rivergrove Pedestrian Bridge (Transportation). **Not funded**
- Fund construction of Stewart Road Bridge replacement (Local Capital Projects). **Not funded**
- Fund \$1.1 million for City culvert under SR 410/166th interchange. **Not funded**
- Support \$2.5 million for SR 167 implementation plan (WSDOT). **Funded**
- Not on this agenda: funding for SR 162/Orting Highway & SR 410 interchange (WSDOT) **Work delayed**

TRANSPORTATION

Did not pass, expect again & impacts/concerns city:

HB 1921—road usage charge, likely in the future because of EVs and increased fuel efficiency

SB 5514—requires Tribal representation in transportation planning of Comp Plan

HB 1966—modifies bid process, changes city ability to do own work—not much impact but needs clarity

SB 5061—prevailing wage at time of work

SB 5176—requires payment within 30 days of invoice and all subcontractors paid within 10 days of payment to prime contractor; modifies change order requests—adds complexity and chance for city to be liable for paying fees

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of a notebook page. The page is covered with numerous colorful sticky notes in various shades including yellow, green, blue, pink, and orange. Some of the notes have faint, handwritten text, such as "future" and "idea". The overall effect is one of a busy, creative workspace.

Other/Future

THE 1% CAP



What does it mean for cities?

- The 1% cap is here to stay. Cap is on what cities can collect in revenue, not individual tax bills.
- Other jurisdictions continue to get funding on the backs of cities.
- Going to a vote is expensive, taxing capacity has disappeared.

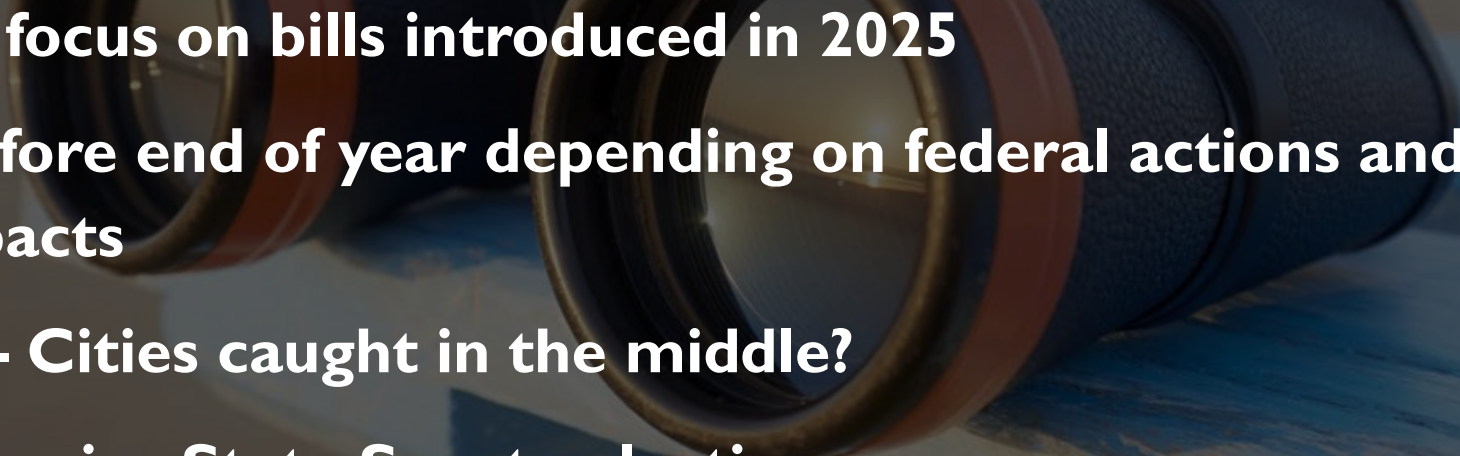
What does it mean for City of Sumner?

- Discussion of other revenue like TBDs, public safety funding.
- Strategic off-session meetings.
- Difficult decisions at budget time.

THANK YOU

- **Senator Phil Fortunato:** LCP ask for Stewart Road
- **Rep. Drew Stokesbary:** House Minority Leader, LCP ask for Stewart Road
- **Rep. Cyndy Jacobson:** transit-oriented development amendment
- **Rep. Joshua Penner:** city perspective to multiple bills
- **25th Legislators:** continue to listen to Sumner's neighboring needs

LOOKING TO '26

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- **“Short” session – focus on bills introduced in 2025**
 - **Special session before end of year depending on federal actions and state revenue impacts**
 - **Federal vs. State – Cities caught in the middle?**
 - **Shifting seats – 3 major State Senate elections**

HAVING AN AGENDA



- Clarifies to the public and partners the City's position on topics (direct).
- Reminds public that City and State are not the same thing.
- Goal of encouraging individual voices to speak up.
- Gives Mayor & staff permission to comment on fast-moving topics (indirect).