



King County's 2009 State Legislative Agenda

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Item Number	Department	Title	Description
1.	Executive, Council, Prosecutor, Superior Court, District Court, Sheriff, Department of Public Health, Department of Community and Human Services	County Fiscal Health Package – Flexibility Bill for Existing County Funding Authorities; Local Option Unincorporated Utility Tax; New Regional Public Health and Safety Funding Source; Dedicated New Public Health Funding Option	<p>A. Flexibility Bill for Existing County Funding Authorities – King County advocates for more flexibility in setting local fees and revenue sources to recover the costs of service delivery.</p> <p>B. Local Option Unincorporated Utility Tax – King County advocates for legislation that provides councilmanic utility tax for counties for criminal justice and local services.</p> <p>C. New Regional Public Health and Safety Funding Source – King County advocates for revenue tools for our state mandated services such as criminal justice and public health.</p> <p>D. Dedicated New Public Health Funding Option – King County supports the creation of a predictable and long-term funding source, funding that grows at a rate equal to the rate of doing business, for public health statewide, and to authorize appropriate revenue options for local health jurisdictions to raise funds to protect and promote the public's health.</p> <p><i>(This could be as many as 4 bills or as few as 1bill)</i></p>
2.	Executive	Sales Tax Credit to Facilitate North Highline Annexation; Halt the practice of annexing the highest revenue generating areas of unincorporated areas; PAA Transfers to Cities	<p>A. Sales Tax Credit to Facilitate North Highline Annexation - Implement the North Highline Mediation agreement which calls for legislation that gives Burien parity funding with Seattle, and makes this funding tool available to Seattle.</p> <p>B. Halt the practice of annexing the highest revenue generating areas of unincorporated areas – King County supports changes to statutes that eliminate the ability of jurisdictions to annex the revenue generating unincorporated areas and leave behind the neighborhoods that don't pay for themselves.</p> <p>C. Potential Annexation Area (PAA) Transfers to Cities – King County supports legislation that will facilitate annexations to cities as quickly and as predictably as possible.</p>



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3.	Executive, Department of Transportation, & Department of Natural Resources and Parks	State Stimulus Package	<p>A. State Stimulus Package – King County supports state efforts to direct federal and state resources to critical transportation, water and wastewater infrastructure projects with an emphasis on “green” infrastructure, green job creation and Puget Sound recovery. Additional special emphasis on support for transit funding for new and existing service, and aging bridge infrastructure projects such as the South Park Bridge.</p>
4.	Department of Transportation	Tolling Policies; WSDOT Office of Transit Mobility — Bridge funding for transit agencies; Transit Funding Mechanisms; South Park Bridge; Construction Mitigation; WSDOT Office of Transit Mobility	<p>A. Tolling Policies – King County supports passage of legislation that would authorize tolling on SR 520 and I-90, and including the ability to use revenue collected from tolled facilities in the corridor for transit; and provides exemptions from tolling for public transit and vanpools, law enforcement and emergency vehicles.</p> <p>B. WSDOT Office of Transit Mobility — Bridge funding for transit agencies – King County supports the use of the \$40 million expected to be available during the 2009/2011 Regional Mobility Grant program be directly distributed to transit agencies facing deficits due to substantial drop in sales tax revenues.</p> <p>C. Transit Funding Mechanisms – Seek permanent transit funding solutions that remove/reduce the volatility of sales tax revenue, including revised transportation benefit district authority or other mechanism.</p> <p>D. South Park Bridge – (See agenda item #3, State Stimulus Package). Absent funding support from a Federal and/or State Stimulus Package, seek specific tolling authorization for South Park Bridge as part of potential funding solution.</p> <p>E. Construction Mitigation – Seek on-going support for transit service as part of regional highway projects such as Alaskan Way Viaduct and SR520.</p>



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			F. WSDOT Office of Transit Mobility – King County supports the funding for WSDOT Regional Grant Mobility Program awarded for the 2005/06 and 2007/08 biennium are re-appropriated for the projects for which the funding is currently allocated.
5.	Department of Community and Human Services	Mental Health Treatment Funding Options; Substance Abuse Treatment Funding Options; Homelessness Funding Options; Increase Becca Funding Options for At-Risk Youth; State-Wide Funding Options of Public Defense	<p>A. Mental Health Treatment Funding Options; Substance Abuse Treatment Funding Options; Homelessness Funding Options – King County supports funding options for mental health and substance abuse treatment, including increases to non-Medicaid funding. King County supports funding options to support housing and other programs to benefit the homeless as outlined by the King County Committee to End Homelessness.</p> <p>B. Increase Becca Funding Options for At-Risk Youth – King County supports Becca program funding options to pay actual costs incurred by the county. These cases (At-Risk Youth, CHINS and Truancy) are funded by the state on a block grant to the county, regardless of actual costs to serve this variable caseload. Any proposed changes to the Becca bill must include funding options for actual public defense costs.</p> <p>C. Public Defense Funding – King County seeks public defense funding options for criminal cases to help defray county costs.</p>
6.	Department of Natural Resources and Parks	Immunity for FCZD for Flood Prevention and Related Actions; Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) II; Puget Sound Partnership; Salmon Recovery	<p>A. Immunity for Flood Control Zone Districts (FCZD) for Flood Prevention and Related Actions – King County supports clarification amendment to RCW 86.12.037 (County Flood Control statute). Goal of amendment is to extend existing county immunity provided for in RCW 86.12.037 to flood control zone districts (FCZD) and to cross reference fact that services provided by counties to FCZDs are covered by the immunity clause.</p> <p>B. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) II – King County supports the inclusion of the acquisition & development of trails as allowable uses of Real</p>



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		Funding	<p>Estate Excise Tax (REET) II.</p> <p>C. Puget Sound Partnership – King County supports funding for the Puget Sound Partnership including local, state allocations and financial incentives for Puget Sound recovery actions.</p> <p>D. Salmon Recovery Funding – King County supports maintaining existing levels of state funding for Salmon Recovery Funding Board projects and, \$400K for the Lead Entity grants program.</p>
7.	Department of Development and Environmental Services	Public Benefit Rating System; Shoreline Management Act Clarification	<p>A. Public Benefit Rating System – King County supports amendments to state statutes establishing standards for the public benefit rating system to allow participants to transfer between programs without penalty. This could make the program more of an incentive to property owners impacted by limitations designed to protect the environment.</p> <p>B. Shoreline Management Act Clarification – Amend Sec. 1, Ch. 321, Laws of 2003 to clarify that critical areas are governed by CAOs until the local government adopts a comprehensive update of its shoreline master program.</p>
8.	Department of Executive Services	Allow for a longer period of time to redeem bonds; Clarify requirement for leasing arrangements the county may use to construct and pay for projects that are not normally leased	<p>A. Allow for a longer period of time to redeem bonds – King County supports an amendment to RCW 84.55.050(4)(C) that would exempt certain County capital projects financed with proceeds of voter-approved levy lid lift over a longer period than the nine year limitation currently authorized by statute.</p> <p>B. Clarify requirement for leasing arrangements the county may use to construct and pay for projects that are not normally leased – King County supports an amendment to RCW 35.42.070 that would clarify a requirement for leasing arrangements the county may use to construct and pay for projects that are not normally leased, like jails, courthouses and similar non-commercial uses.</p>



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9.	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention	Change to the definition of Confinement; Earned Release & Credit for Time Served (Pre-Sentence); Community Restitution	<p>A. Change to the definition of Confinement – King County supports expanding the definition of "confinement" for juvenile offenders and Becca youth in RCW 13.40.020 (5) to include day and evening reporting programs.</p> <p>B. Earned Release & Credit for Time Served (Pre-Sentence) – King County supports adding minor language changes to RCW 9.94A.680 to allow earned release and credit for time served (pre-sentence) for non-custody alternatives to incarceration.</p> <p>C. Community Restitution – King County supports clarifying the provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) language to allow the use of community restitution work as a judicial sentencing option</p>
10.	Superior Court	Washington State Dependency CASA Funding; Washington State Becca Funding	<p>A. Washington State Dependency CASA Funding – King County supports additional funding options to increase the number of children represented by CASA.</p> <p>B. Washington State Becca Funding – King County supports increased funding options of the Becca program in order for the courts to meet the original intent of the Becca legislation: to reduce runaway and truant behavior, increase child protection and family reunification, and reduce drug/alcohol use and criminal behavior.</p>
11.	Department Judicial Administrations	Fees Collected by County Clerks	<p>A. Fees Collected by County Clerks – King County supports the Clerk's Fee Clean Up bill. This bill makes changes to 36.18 and increases some of the fees within that statute, it also adds a fee to file a creditor's claim.</p>
12.	Executive - Climate Team	Electrified Transportation	<p>A. Electrified Transportation – King County supports legislation that promotes the rapid deployment of electric vehicle infrastructure and batteries, promotes consumer adoption of electric vehicles, and supports the electric vehicle industry through investment in R&D.</p>



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13.	District Court	Additional District Court Judge Positions	Authorization for five additional King County Court judges, subject to appropriation of the necessary funds.
14.	DNRP, Solid Waste Division	Waste-to-Energy	Add waste-to-energy as an alternative energy source.
15.	Assessments	Horse Boarding as Agricultural Use	Include horse boarding as an agricultural use for the purpose [of] the open space property tax exemption.