MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston Regional Planning Council

FROM: Karen M. Parkhurst, Programs & Policy Director

DATE: January 26, 2018

SUBJECT: 2018 Legislative Session

PURPOSE:

To update the Council on issues before the state legislature.

Summary:

- The Regular Session began on January 8, 2018, and is scheduled to end on March 8, 2018. Short sessions move quickly and your meeting on February 2 coincides with the first cutoff of the session, when bills must be passed out of non-fiscal committees in their house of origin.

- You’ll remember that each year, the Regional Council decides on a concise list of important regional issues to bring to our State Legislative delegation and other members of the Legislature. The Council finalized that list at the December 2017 meeting.

- With partners, TRPC and TPB members and staff have been meeting with legislators to educate them on your priority issues.

- Staff continue to work with local groups, statewide associations, the South Sound and Military Communities Partnership, Shared Legislative Strategies group, and contracted lobbyists to align messages on issues of mutual interest.

REQUESTED ACTION

Briefing and discussion only.

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