

Memo

To: King County Affordable Housing Committee Members
From: McCaela Daffern, Regional Affordable Housing Implementation Manager
cc: Housing Interjurisdictional Team
Date: September 24, 2021
Re: 2022 AHC State Legislative Agenda Update

Summary

At the September 29 Affordable Housing Committee (AHC or Committee) meeting, Kelly Rider, Government Relations Officer with King County, will provide an overview of the draft 2022 AHC state legislative agenda and timeline for adoption. There will be ten minutes on the September AHC agenda for Committee members to ask questions or provide feedback on the proposed state legislative priorities. This report summarizes the approach for developing the draft agenda and a timeline for adoption. See Exhibit 1 for the draft agenda.

Process to Date

Earlier this year, the Committee adopted a work plan item to develop and adopt a 2022 state legislative agenda. In consultation with the Housing Interjurisdictional Team, staff drafted an agenda guided by these principles:

- Advance the AHC's [Shared Revenue Principles](#)¹
- Support implementation of [2021 AHC State Legislative Agenda](#)²
- Resurface 2021 AHC adopted legislative priorities that did not pass last session

Next Steps and Timeline

Committee members can suggest amendments in October for consideration at the November 17 AHC meeting. Other housing policy-interested organizations or coalitions are expected to release their legislative agendas in October or November. Committee members are asked to share with staff any legislative agendas they would like shared with the Committee for awareness and possible alignment before November 12.

Date	Activity
9/29	AHC reviews and provides input on draft agenda
10/7	HIJT revises agenda based on AHC input
10/11-11/03	AHC amendments Revised agenda circulated; members propose amendments
11/1	HIJT update Emerging legislative priorities for AHC consideration discussed
11/12	Chair's striker and amendments circulated in AHC meeting packet
11/17	AHC adoption Members consider and possibly adopt agenda

¹ https://kingcounty.gov/~media/depts/community-human-services/housing-homelessness-community-development/documents/affordable-housing-committee/AHC_Shared_Revenue_Principles_.ashx?la=en

² https://kingcounty.gov/~media/depts/community-human-services/housing-homelessness-community-development/documents/affordable-housing-committee/2021_AHC_StateLegislativeAgenda.ashx?la=en

Exhibit 1: Draft 2022 Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) State Legislative Priorities

1. Increase capital resources for affordable housing

- a. Increase existing funding sources like the Housing Trust Fund and authorize new, progressive sources that do not disproportionately burden low-income households, to the greatest extent possible.
- b. Ensure new housing revenue tools retain local flexibility to support uses including:
 - i. Capital investments and ongoing operating and services support for new and existing projects serving 0%-30% AMI households. This includes support for permanent supportive housing and workforce 0-30% AMI housing.
 - ii. Projects that promote access to opportunity, anti-displacement, and wealth building opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities.

2. Support local jurisdictions planning for increasing affordable housing

- a. Provide funding for jurisdictions to update their comprehensive plans to increase opportunities for affordable housing and counter displacement. This funding would support implementation of 2021's [E2SHB 1220](#).³

3. Support housing stability through tenant protections and COVID-19 recovery

- a. Support housing stability as part of COVID-19 recovery by maintaining and strengthening current pandemic-related renter protections.
- b. Pass the Housing Justice Act to ban discrimination against renters based on a prior criminal record ([SB 6490](#)⁴/[HB 2878](#)⁵ from 2020).

³ <http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/House/1220-S2.SL.pdf?q=20210908084934>

⁴ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=6490&Initiative=false&Year=2019>

⁵ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=2878&Chamber=House&Year=2019>