


For Council Meeting:

February 26, 2007

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Agenda Item:

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH:  ROBERT G. WELLS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

ISSUE:

Adoption of recommended positions on bills that have been reviewed by the Council Legislative Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the positions recommended by the Legislative Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND:

The Council's Legislative Subcommittee is charged with reviewing proposed legislation/legislative issues and making recommendations concerning the City's position to the Council. Members of the Subcommittee are Mayor Taylor, Councilor Clem, Councilor Sullivan, and Councilor DeHart. The positions adopted by the City Council will direct the City's lobbying efforts during the 2007 Legislative session.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Attached is the report from the February 21st meeting of the City Council's Legislative Subcommittee. It contains information regarding the bills that have been selected by staff for having a significant potential impact on city policy. The report displays the bill number, official and unofficial summaries of the bill, staff responses, and recommendations from the Subcommittee to the council. The League of Oregon Cities' position is also reported on the form along with other pertinent information when available.

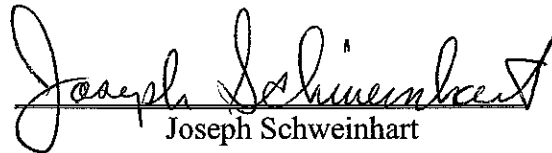
The staff and Subcommittee recommendations have a support (S), oppose (O), or a neutral (N) classification, along with a priority ranking. This priority ranking system is setup as follows:

1. Very High Priority - major fiscal or policy impact. Mayor, Councilors and/or staff should testify and work to support or oppose the bill.

2. High Priority - moderate impact. Staff should testify and be involved if time/resources permit.
3. Medium Priority - watch for changes. Staff may become involved if time/resources permit.
4. Zero priority - very little or no impact. Does not warrant staff effort (note: given the limited resources available, these bills will be set aside and will not be referred to the Subcommittee or Council, unless amendments during the session change the impact).

If you would like to read the full text of a bill, please contact Joe at 503-588-6255 or go to the state legislative website at www.leg.state.or.us.

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Bill #, (Sponsor), Summary, and Staff Response	LOC	Staff	SubCom	Mayor/Council to testify?
<p>SB 336: (Pre-session filed by Senator SCHRADER)</p> <p>Official Summary: Removes provision providing that school capacity cannot be sole basis for approval or denial of residential development application.</p> <p>Staff Response: Community Development: SB 336 proposes one simple change to ORS 195.110's provisions on school facility planning. It would remove the following sentence: "(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law, school capacity shall not be the sole basis for the approval or denial of any residential development application, unless the application involves changes to the local government comprehensive plan or land use regulations."</p> <p>Presumably, with the removal of that sentence, a city could deny an application for a residential partition, subdivision or PUD solely on the basis that the resulting development would exceed the capacity of one or more schools in the area.</p> <p>The extent to which such a change might affect Salem — if at all — is unknown. But there seems little reason for the city not to support a change that would give it additional authority and criteria with which to review applications for residential development. The impact of development on community schools seems every bit as significant as impacts on public service systems for transportation, sewage treatment, storm drainage, and water, all of which the city now must consider in reviewing permit applications.</p>		2-S	2-O	
<p>Notes:</p>				
<p>HB 2692: (COMMITTEE ON REVENUE)</p> <p>Official Summary: Eliminates sunset on telephone line subscriber tax used to fund 9-1-1 emergency reporting system and related emergency communications equipment and services. Requires Department of Revenue to base adjustments to rate of tax applied to subscriber lines for 9-1-1 service on changes to cost of living identified in Consumer Price Index. Requires department to adjust rate of tax at five-year intervals. Directs department to determine amount of first rate adjustment for application to subscriber bills issued on or after January 1, 2013.</p> <p>JS: This bill is similar to HB 2197. This bill allows for a cost of living adjustment in addition to eliminating the sunset.</p>	S		2+S	<p>Notes: The first part of this bill ("Eliminates sunset...equipment and services.") is identical to HB 2197 (which Salem supports) Cell phone users DO also pay this tax.</p>