

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: Ratification of Unanimous Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee Actions and Discussion and Action on Non-Unanimous IGR Actions on Legislative Policy from February 3, 2010

Meeting Date: February 22, 2010
Department: City Manager's Office
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Agenda Item Number: 3
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an action item to ratify the unanimous actions of the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee from the February 3, 2010, IGR Committee meetings.

BACKGROUND

As a matter of procedure, during the legislative session, the City Council is routinely asked to ratify the actions taken by the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee on legislation. The IGR Committee reviews all bills and their associated staff recommendations and provides direction for each piece of legislation introduced during the legislative session.

Any member of the IGR Committee may pull a bill off the IGR Bill Report for discussion. If a bill is not pulled for discussion, the staff recommendation stands. If a bill is pulled for discussion, the IGR Committee may keep or change the staff recommendation. Actions on which the IGR committee is not unanimous must be brought before the full City Council for consideration. These bills must be addressed by the full council in order to provide direction to staff in Salem.

The IGR Committee met on February 3, 2010, to review staff recommendations on some of the bills that have been introduced in the state legislature for the 2010 Special Session taking place this month. Those bills are set out in Attachment A. The IGR Committee pulled five bills/legislative-concepts for discussion. Of the five bills or concepts pulled for discussion, the IGR Committee's vote was unanimous on four. The votes on those bills are set out in Attachment B.

The IGR Committee vote on House Bill 3609 (HB 3609) was not unanimous. Accordingly, the full council must provide direction before this bill can be lobbied in Salem. HB 3609 is set out below. Staff comments for the bill are provided in Attachment C. I have also included a copy of the bill as an attachment.

HB 3609: This bill would permit an enterprise zone sponsor to waive employment requirements and extend property tax exemption periods for authorized business firms under certain economic conditions.

Staff Recommendation: Priority 3 Support
IGR Committee Vote: Monitor (2 to 1, Councilor Poling voting No)