

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Legislative Update

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Department: Central Services
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an action item to approve the proposed 2015 City of Eugene Legislative Priorities process and to endorse the 2015 League of Oregon Cities Legislative Priorities.

BACKGROUND

In March 2013, the City Council approved a resolution adopting a pilot process for the 2013 Oregon State Legislative Process. The goal of the pilot process was to develop a more focused, efficient, and effective lobbying approach. In the 2013 Legislative Session, the City successfully lobbied a reduced number of bills, focusing on key priority bills.

The 2015 Legislative Priorities document (Attachment A) provides the framework for the City of Eugene lobbying efforts for the upcoming session. Building on the 2013 and 2014 session approach, this document will provide guidance and flexibility in the City's lobbying efforts. The intent of the document is to provide clear council direction that is outcome-focused, and will provide a "legislative policy envelope," within which to lobby, rather than seeking council approval on a bill by bill basis. In the event that a bill is introduced that falls outside the envelope approved by the council, staff will seek specific input.

In addition to requesting approval of the 2015 City of Eugene Legislative Priorities, the council is also being asked to endorse the 2015 League of Oregon Cities Legislative (LOC) Priorities. The LOC Priorities are included as Attachments B-F.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Approve the 2015 City of Eugene Legislative Priorities and endorse the 2015 League of Oregon Cities Legislative Priorities;
2. Approve only the 2015 City of Eugene Legislative Priorities;
3. Amend the 2015 City of Eugene Legislative Priorities;
4. Take no action.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends approval of the 2015 City of Eugene Legislative Priorities process and endorsement of the 2015 League of Oregon Cities Legislative Priorities.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to approve the 2015 City of Eugene Legislative Priorities process and endorse the 2015 League of Oregon Cities Legislative Priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2015 City of Eugene Legislative Priorities
- B. 2015 LOC Priority: Property Tax Reform
- C. 2015 LOC Priority: Transportation Funding
- D. 2015 LOC Priority: Medical Marijuana Regulation
- E. 2015 LOC Priority: Protect City Right of Way Authority
- F. 2015 LOC Priority: Increase Mental Health Resources

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