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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO,
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.**

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City hired BMcConsulting LLC to benefit the citizens from the expertise and guidance of a lobbying firm that would assist the Mayor and staff in accomplishing the goals and objectives of the City; and

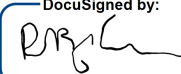
WHEREAS, each year, they continue to advocate for the legislative priorities of the City which has included representing city interests in specific legislation along with advocating for funding of projects important to the city; and

WHEREAS, the City has been provided with the 2025 Legislative Agenda, now, therefore;

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES
AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City of Poulsbo hereby adopts the 2025 Legislative Agenda, attached as Exhibit A and the AWC Legislative Priorities attached as Exhibit B.

RESOLVED this 6th day of November 2024.

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REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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EXHIBIT A

City of Poulsbo 2025 Legislative Priorities (DRAFT)

Protect shared state revenue sources available to the City and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of existing revenues. Primarily focusing on, but not limited to, the Public Works Assistance Account.

Support the partnership between Cities and the State to ensure that critical mandates are funded, and vital services are provided to all community members.

Support Olympic College Poulsbo Campus efforts in collaboration with Western Washington University on the Peninsula's.

The City of Poulsbo supports the Association of Washington Cities' legislative agenda (Exhibit B).

Support Operating Budget request benefitting Poulsbo and our neighbors – The City of Poulsbo supports additional state support in the Operating Budget to assist the city and the Suquamish Tribe in the expansion of the North Kitsap Recovery Resource Center.

Support Capital Budget requests benefitting Poulsbo and our neighbors – The City of Poulsbo will be seeking capital budget support for Nordic Cottage Phase 2. The City of Poulsbo also strongly supports Western Washington University's capital budget ask of \$71.6M for the Poulsbo Instructional Facility (Exhibit C). Also, the City encourages the state to fully fund the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office's Youth Athletic Facilities program so that \$1.5M is awarded to Poulsbo in their grant program.

Support CROA Legislative Activities – The Co-Responder Outreach Alliance improves the quality of fire and police co-response through training, professional development, and evaluation. The City of Poulsbo supports CROAs 2025 legislative agenda (Exhibit D).

Address a failing behavioral health system - Cities are experiencing the ramifications of an overwhelmed mental health and drug abuse response system. The state needs to make investments sufficient to improve access to these systems and their success across the state.

Military Affairs— State Leadership Role - The Kitsap County region and Poulsbo have a special relationship with Navy Region Northwest. The City of Poulsbo supports and encourages the State of Washington to sustain an active leadership role in military affairs to include health care systems.

CROA 2025 Legislative Priorities

Co-response, or the practice of embedding behavioral health and clinical teams within the first response system, is an invaluable tool across the state to address people experiencing behavioral health emergencies. It is an essential service for many fire departments, police departments, 911 call centers, cities, and counties and is a critical part of the state's behavioral health system. A recent analysis by the University of Washington mapped these critical resources across Washington and identified a gap in coordination with other elements of the crisis response system.

CROA's 2025 recommended legislative agenda **identifies three priorities** for the upcoming session. The priorities are:

1. Develop Co-Response Workforce:

- "Co-response" means a multidisciplinary partnership between first responders and human services professionals that responds to emergency situations involving behavioral or mental health crises and people experiencing complex medical needs. Co-response teams include public safety telecommunicators, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics. Human services professionals include social workers, behavioral health clinicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners, registered nurses, community health workers, and peer support specialists. Co-responders may provide call-for-service crisis response and follow-up care including case management, resource navigation, and transportation.

2. Peer Support System:

- Ensuring robust legal protections for privileged communication is essential for co-responders involved in peer support. These protections facilitate open dialogue and trust, allowing individuals to share sensitive information without fear of legal repercussions.

3. Re-Appropriation:

- HB 2245: Maintain funding from SB 5644, passed in 2022, for co-response training and certification, building on the work of the University of Washington's School of Social Work. Funding is currently being used to develop a 40-hour training/certificate program for behavioral health professionals and first responders. Additionally, funding supports an annual conference that attracts state and national co-responders and an annual assessment regarding the co-response workforce.

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The logo for CROA (Co-Responder Outreach Alliance) features the letters 'CROA' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'C' and 'R' are red, the 'O' is blue, and the 'A' is red. The 'O' is stylized with a white horizontal bar across its middle.

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- Co-Response Fire Proviso: Expand funding resources for fire-based co-response programs within the emergency response system, bringing together critical, multi-disciplinary approaches to address complex medical and behavioral health needs in the field, and to spur innovation in key areas to strengthen Washington's crisis care continuum.
- Training and Peer Support Program Proviso: Maintain the proviso that was successfully passed in 2024, which allocates \$535,000 to the University of Washington School of Social Work (UW). This funding is intended to establish and develop a curriculum for a crisis response training academy for teams of first responders and mental health professionals in three behavioral health regional service areas inclusive of planning for a certificate program. Additionally, UW is to collaborate with CROA to develop and pilot a statewide internal peer support program. This program is designed to assist co-response professionals who have faced life-threatening or traumatic incidents that occur while on the job. This significant provision solidifies co-response services and training as integral components of the crisis care continuum.

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2025 City Legislative Priorities

Cities and towns are home to 65% of Washington's residents, drive the state's economy, and provide the most accessible form of government. The success of our cities and towns depends on adequate resources and community-based decision-making to best meet the unique needs of our communities.

Washington's 281 cities and towns ask the Legislature to partner with us and act on the following priorities:



Fiscal sustainability

Revise the arbitrary 1% property tax cap that has been in place for more than 20 years. Adopt a new cap tied to inflation and population growth factors, with a limit not to exceed 3%. This will allow local elected officials the option to adjust the local property tax rate to better serve our communities and keep up with the costs of providing basic services like police, fire, streets, and valued community amenities like parks.



Behavioral health treatment capacity

Expand funding for grants to establish and support ongoing funding for local behavioral health crisis co-responder programs. Support additional training and certification, and workforce development for co-responders. Seek increased investments in community behavioral health treatment funding – both capital start-up and operational expenses. Support continued expansion of continuum of treatment capacity, from crisis stabilization to inpatient to outpatient and continued expansion of forensic behavioral health treatment capacity. Provide additional mental health support for students.



Housing supply

Dedicate current funding and explore new funding options, such as the real estate transfer tax, to address needs across the housing continuum, including home ownership, senior, workforce, affordable, and permanent supportive housing. Ensure that funding availability extends to all communities with needs, including small and medium-sized cities and towns in both eastern and western Washington.



Public safety

Provide more resources and tools to cities and towns to address public safety and criminal justice challenges. Help cities hire new officers by covering 100% of the cost of attending the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA), and continue to expand existing—and create new—regional BLEA academies. Increase support for public safety and the overall criminal justice system with additional funding for the Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account, as well as enhanced local funding tools like the public safety sales tax. Increase programs to reduce juvenile crime and provide more juvenile behavioral health treatment and correctional capacity. Continue to support our officers and other first responders with wellness and injury prevention programs.



Infrastructure investment

Protect and expand direct and meaningful investments in traditional local infrastructure for needed expansion and ongoing operations and maintenance of aging systems, including expanded and reliable funding for the crucial Public Works Assistance Account. Support sustainable state transportation revenue that includes funding for local preservation, maintenance, and operations. Develop new fiscal tools to build infrastructure to support housing development and growth, including increased funding for the Connecting Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP). Expand cities' ability and flexibility to use the real estate excise tax (REET) for additional capital needs, including maintenance as well as to support affordable housing.

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2025-27 POULSBO INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY

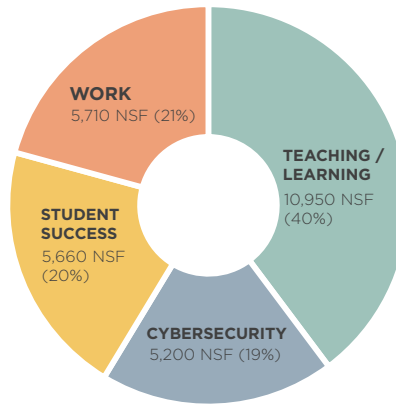


MAKE WAVES.

Western is requesting \$71.6 million in the 2025-27 biennium to design and construct a new 44,200 square-foot building that will house Western on the Peninsulas programming in partnership with Olympic College Poulsbo, serve as the administrative hub for all peninsulas academic programs, and house Washington’s only Cyber Range.

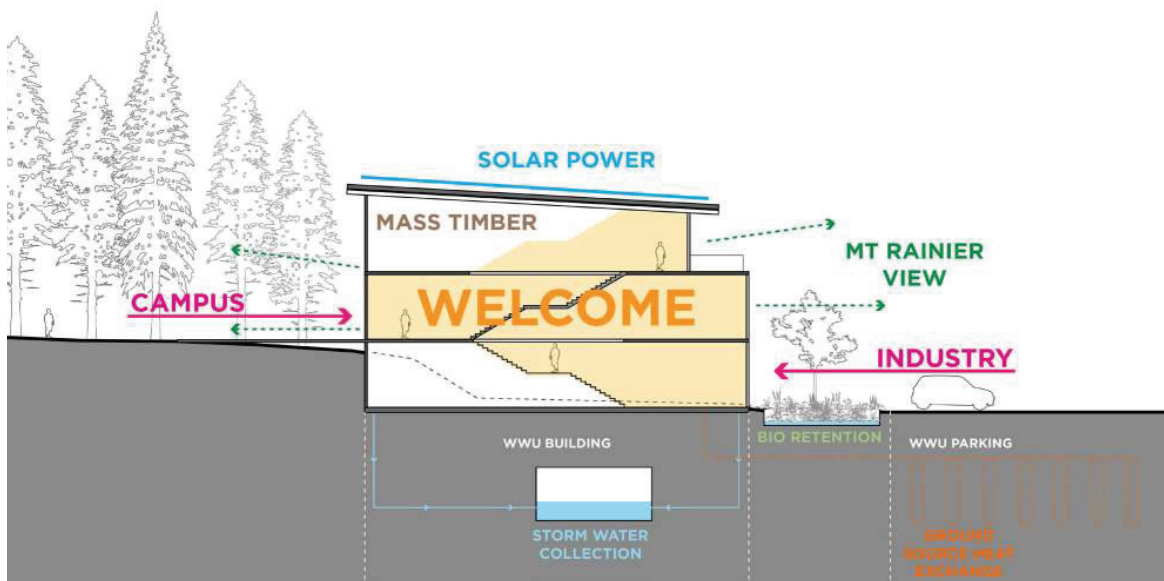
Western on the Peninsulas programs:

- Cybersecurity
- Early Childhood Education
- Business Administration
- Business and Sustainability
- Elementary & Special Education
- Environmental Studies
- Environmental Science
- Multidisciplinary Studies
- Data Science
- Industrial Systems
- Engineering
- Sociology and Social Work



Percentage of program area by space type

Cyber Range Poulsbo, the only Cyber Range operating in Washington state, is currently located in the OC Poulsbo building. Through the Public Infrastructure Security Cyber Education System (PISCES), the Cyber Range and current cybersecurity students provide free cybersecurity to over 20 municipalities in Washington state, protecting small and rural communities who otherwise could not afford this type of cybersecurity monitoring.



The proposed project will showcase high performance design, seeking to achieve zero carbon certification/