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*Kati Diehl*

Deputy City Clerk

11/13/2025

Date

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO,  
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.**

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**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

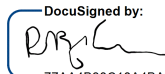
**WHEREAS**, each year, they continue to advocate for the legislative priorities of the City which has included representing city interests in specific legislation along with advocating for funding of projects important to the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been provided with the 2026 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 2026 Legislative Agenda, attached, along with supporting requests from AWC and WWU.

**RESOLVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

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REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RHIANNON FERNANDEZ CMC, CITY CLERK

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# City of Poulsbo

## 2026 Legislative Priorities



**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.**

**Derelict Vessel Removal.** Update the definition of “derelict vessel” to improve enforcement timelines, reduce costs to taxpayers, and better address the abandoned vessels that put public safety and the health of Puget Sound at risk.

**Support Kitsap County’s legislative priority for funding the \$15M project shortfall and complete safety Improvements recommended in the SR 305 corridor study: roundabouts at Seminole and Totten Road.**

**Support Western Washington University on the Peninsulas is \$7.3 million request in the 2026 supplemental session** to design a new 44,000 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 academics programs, and house Washington’s only educational Cyber Range.

**The City of Poulsbo supports the Association of Washington Cities' legislative agenda.**

**Support Capital Budget requests benefiting Poulsbo and our neighbors** – The City requests \$300K toward the Poulsbo Boardwalk Replacement project as it is a key economic and tourism driver for the region. The boardwalk connects young and old alike to the amenities from American Legion Park, Muriel Iverson Waterfront Park, the Port of Poulsbo, Western Washington University’s Marine Science Center to the vistas along Fjord and Lemolo Shore.

**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.

### **Legislative Ideas for Consideration** -

- 1) Full funding for derelict vessel removal
- 2) A fine on commercial buildings left vacant over 5 years.
- 3) Elimination of the certificate of need program at the Washington State Department of Health.
- 4) A change to the mental health sales tax that lets cities collect their percentage of the tax rather than the funding going exclusively to the counties (like the affordable housing tax).
- 5) Police training in our colleges, administered by the CJTC, to increase the supply of police officers.
- 6) Limiting liability of local government, homeowner associations and residents for sidewalk incidents.
- 7) Changing state purchasing standards so federal funding can be used to support our state ferry systems.

# 2026 City Legislative Priorities

Cities and towns are home to 66% 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:**



## Indigent defense

Increase state support and funding for indigent defense services to meet existing needs as well as the new lower caseload mandates ordered by the Washington Supreme Court. Enhance state support for increasing the indigent defense workforce with incentives and programs to encourage more public defenders.



## Transportation

Increase sustainable revenue that supports local transportation preservation, maintenance, and operations and includes direct distributions to cities and towns. Continue to support efforts to improve traffic safety. Explore revenue tools such as a highway usage fee, a retail delivery fee, expanded transportation benefit district (TBD) authority, or a "sidewalk utility."



## Housing supply

Provide time to implement recent state housing legislation. Increase housing investments to meet needs across the housing continuum, including construction and preservation of affordable housing, home ownership, and senior housing. Support tools to better coordinate urban growth area (UGA) development and funding options such as a local option real estate excise tax, short-term rental tax, and expanded use of lodging taxes for housing.



## Shared revenues

Continue the historical revenue-sharing partnership between the state and its cities and towns, which provides stability and continuity for local budgets. Preservation of these resources, such as liquor revenues and criminal justice assistance funds, are indispensable to local fiscal sustainability and predictability.



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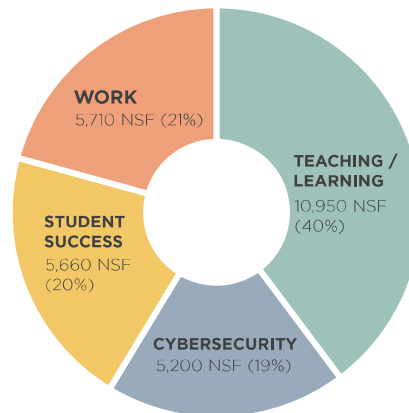
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# POULSBO INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY

Western is requesting \$7.3 million in the 2026 supplemental session to design a new 44,000 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 academics programs, and house Washington's only educational Cyber Range.

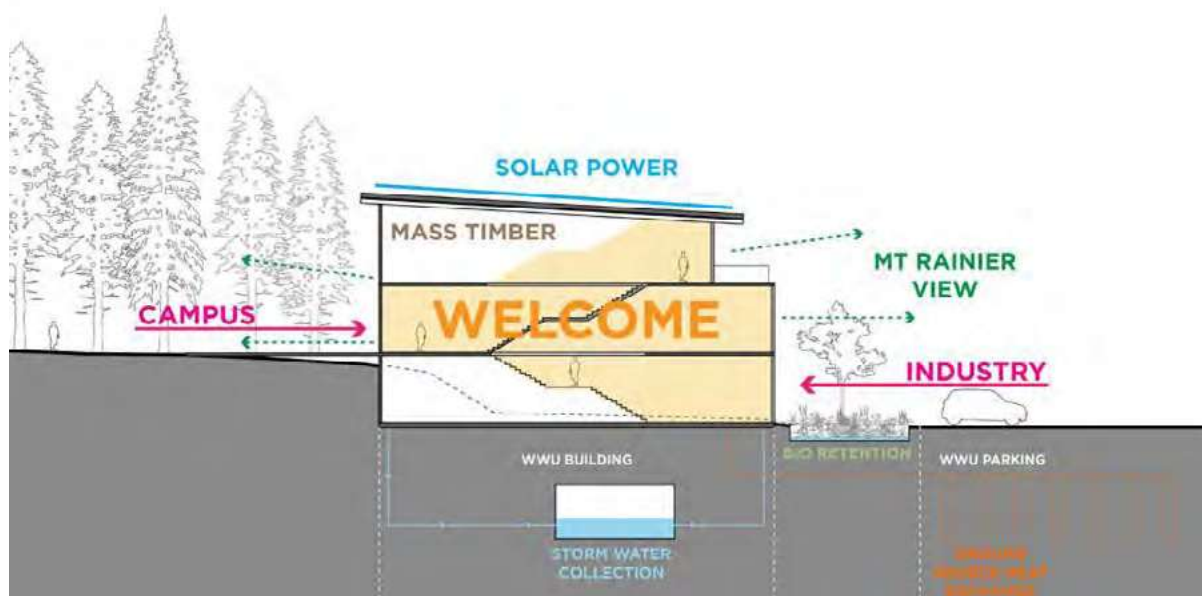
Western on the Peninsulas programs:

- Cybersecurity
- Early Childhood Education
- Business Administration
- Business and Sustainability
- Elementary & Special Education
- Environmental Studies
- Environmental Science
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Multidisciplinary Studies
- Natural Resource Management
- Data Science
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Sociology



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/