



SCA Public Issues Committee: PIC Hot Sheet 10/14/2026

Please review the details in this document for a quick overview of the PIC discussions and actions this month. More details are provided in the associated memorandums for each item.

The purpose of this document is to serve as a quick tool for PIC members to help them communicate with their elected and staff colleagues in your city. Use this document – especially the **Questions for your Colleagues – to try and engage your peers so you can bring a more comprehensive view into the PIC. On some questions, you may also want to ask city staff for their perspective or knowledge.

Associated PIC packet materials can be found on the [SCA website](#).

Item 6: Appointment of the 2027 SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members

ACTION

At the October meeting, PIC will nominate members to the SCA Nominating Committee.

SCA Bylaws states that, “A nominating committee of the Public Issues Committee consisting of one representative of each SCA Regional Caucus shall be appointed by the Chair of the Public Issues Committee in October to recommend appointments to the committee. Members shall serve for a period of one year.”

Item 7: Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update

DISCUSSION

At the October PIC meeting, Marissa Chávez, Director of Policy and Innovation for the King County Executive, will once again brief members on the work of the Breaking the Cycle (BTC) Investments & Revenue Workgroup to date.

PIC members have discussed a potential affordable housing revenue option with HDC and in breakout groups amongst yourselves. The purpose of the October presentation is to provide additional updates for PIC members to remain engaged in the discussion. Redmond Mayor Angela Birney and Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus represent SCA on the BTC Investments & Revenue Workgroup.

Item 8: SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda & County Priorities

ACTION

The SCA Legislative Committee met several times in July and August to develop the draft 2027 SCA Legislative Agenda and the 2027 SCA County Priorities.



At the September meeting, PIC reviewed and discussed both documents and offered initial feedback. At the October meeting, **PIC will review proposed amendments and vote to recommend both documents to the SCA Board of Directors for final approval.**

The SCA Board of Directors is expected to formally adopt both agendas at their October 21 meeting. SCA cities are encouraged to share their respective cities' legislative agendas with SCA policy staff as they become available.

Proposed Amendments: SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda

Proposed Amendment #1: City of Kent

This amendment would add a new section to the state agenda.

Supporting Clean Air Agencies

Local clean air agencies are the primary point of contact for cities on air quality enforcement, monitoring, forecasting, and community education. State funding was cut by 65% in 2025 - a reduction of \$1.6 million statewide. Cities are already seeing impacts, including reduced complaint response, scaled-back monitoring, and decreased community education.

SCA supports:

- Restoring the \$1.6 million cut through the Department of Ecology; and,
- Establishing a stable, long-term funding source.

Proposed Amendment #2: SCA Staff Recommendation

This amendment would clarify existing language in the utility affordability section.

Utility Affordability

Cities are on the frontlines where ratepayers are impacted, often directly providing utility services to ratepayers and maintaining local infrastructure **or partnering with utility districts for those services**. SCA cities ask the state to collaborate with utility agencies to explore data-driven regulatory approaches that achieve measurable environmental outcomes while mitigating ratepayer burden.

SCA supports:

- A data-driven regulatory approach that ensures that infrastructure investments deliver meaningful **environmental or public health benefits**; and,
- Coordinating regulatory requirements to prevent **and reduce** stacking of requirements that contribute to upward rate pressure on ratepayers

- Policies that shift the costs of end-of-life management of various products from ratepayers and local governments to producers via extended producer responsibility (EPR).

Proposed Amendment #3: SCA Staff Recommendation

This amendment would add a bullet point to the local housing priorities section.

Support Local Housing Priorities

SCA cities strongly support inclusionary zoning and other local housing tools that have successfully increased the number of affordable housing units in cities. Following the 2024 Comprehensive Planning process, cities are working diligently towards the set targets and request the following changes to meet state and local housing goals. The state, however, continues to pass conflicting legislation that impedes this work.

SCA supports:

- Clarifying that the HB 1220 obligation to plan for and accommodate growth by income level is a planning-level responsibility, rather than a requirement to identify funding;
- Providing adequate time for cities to implement and measure the success of existing regulations before requiring new changes;
- Utilizing performance management strategies to assess the effectiveness of housing regulations to support efficient housing development; and,
- Collecting local, regional, and statewide housing data and sharing with cities and counties to aid reporting requirements.

Proposed Amendment #4: City of Des Moines

This amendment would add a new section to the state agenda.

Mitigation for Airport Impacts

SCA cities support state legislation for on-going mitigation for health impacts and disparate economic development in Airport communities. A world-class, international airport is crucial to the economic development of the Puget Sound region and the State of Washington. Airport growth and expansion result in increased operations that impact airport communities disproportionately. Mitigation should address sound and air pollution, resultant negative health impacts, lower property values, and limited economic development potential.

SCA supports:

- Increased funding to replace failing port packages;
- On-going economic development support; and,

- Structural support for impacts to public safety, resident health, and lowered property values.

Proposed Amendments: SCA 2027 County Priorities

There were no proposed amendments to the County Priorities in advance of the PIC packet.

Item 9: Updates/Informational Items

DISCUSSION

Item 9.a: Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues

This standing PIC item provides an overview of key issues scheduled for discussion on regional boards and committees to inform the Public Issues Committee and support proactive engagement and policy alignment.

The SCA policy staff have identified the following issues for consideration by PIC as potential items for discussion:

- Regional Policy Committee
 - The King County Council renewed the Behavioral Health Bridge (Bridge) Sales Tax Fund, formerly known as MIDD, in September 2025. The Bridge Implementation Plan is currently under county review.
 - On October 6, the King County Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee (HHHS) reviewed and amended the implementation plan. The plan will be considered by the Regional Policy Committee on October 14, followed by a final vote at the November 5 special meeting.

Item 9.b: Levies & Ballot Measures

This standing item details upcoming King County and special district levies and ballot measures.

PIC members are encouraged to share upcoming or recently approved city and special districts levies and ballot measures with SCA staff.

Item 9.c: PIC 2026 Work Plan

This standing item provides a look ahead at upcoming topics for PIC meetings. The PIC work plan is a living document, subject to change as issues arise or are identified for discussion. The items listed on the work plan are not finalized unless formally listed on an upcoming PIC agenda.