

**HIGHLINE FORUM
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**2020 State Legislative Agenda
Priorities**



2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Invest in Affordable Housing

- Pursue new resources and policies to increase affordable housing at the state and local level. These may include, but are not limited to:
 - Extending the Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) and modifying the real estate excise taxes (REET) to direct new resources for affordable housing;
 - Enhancing the city role in decision-making for the use of existing and potential new resources provided to counties to address housing and homelessness in cities; and
 - Seeking funding for the South King Housing and Homeless Partners (SKHHP).

Invest in the Behavioral Health System

- Support statewide medication assisted treatment (MAT) services and other evidence-based practices in city and regional jails.
- Support increased funding for homelessness, public health, mental health, addiction, and other important services.

Invest in Public Safety

- Support funding to expand mental health field response teams, allowing social workers and police to work together to connect people experiencing homelessness with needed services.
- Support gang prevention and intervention policies.
- Support responsible solutions to reduce gun violence.

Act on Climate Change and the Environment

- Support policies that reduce climate polluting emissions and ensure equity for lower income communities and communities of color to share in the economic opportunities presented by solutions to climate change.
- Support policies for the creation of a stretch Residential Energy Code and the authority for local adoption, low carbon/clean fuel standards, and a price on carbon.
- Support efforts to review developing markets for recyclables and address deficiencies in domestic sorting, processing and remanufacturing capabilities.

Invest in Economic Development tools to encourage job creation and economic growth

- Pursue the creation of a tax increment financing option for cities.
- Support comprehensive tax reform, such as a state income tax and capital gains tax, that leads to a more equitable and progressive tax structure and decreased reliance on flat tax sources like sale and property taxes.
- Support the Washington Investment Trust, which would allow the creation of a public bank.

Invest in Transportation

- Pursue a comprehensive city transportation bill that provides new resources and options.
- Pursue \$3 million for the SR 518 westbound on-ramp to Des Moines Memorial Drive.

Invest in Airport Communities

- Support efforts to require the airport to conduct a new airport noise compatibility planning study (Part 150), and request such a study (Part 150) be initiated when future projections of air traffic used for planning exceed 10%.
- Support efforts to allow homeowners to seek airport mitigation strategies more than once, such as soundproofing.
- Support efforts to expand existing impacted areas established to alleviate and abate the impact of aircraft noise on areas surrounding the airport.
- Request a new ultra-fine standard be created and direct the Department of Ecology to conduct monitoring using the new standard.

2019-2021 Capital Budget

- Pursue \$1.5 million for Moshier Sports Field to convert existing grass sports field into year-around multipurpose turf fields.
- Support fully funding the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF).
- Seek \$5 million for the design and construction of the Burien Public Works and Parks Shared Maintenance Facility.

Legislative Priorities

Crime and Public Safety

- Support WA Criminal Justice Training Commission recommendations for funding for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (2020).
- (\$100,000) Six additional Safe City Cameras (2020)

The following to be reintroduced in 2021 based on results of legislative funded Department of Child, Youth and Families (DCYF) Youth Violence Prevention Study:

- (\$200,000) Reintroduce (2021) resource center for youth in Federal Way similar to the REACH Center.
- (\$100,000) Reintroduce (2021) Youth Substance Abuse Program.
- (\$80,000) Reintroduce (2021) staff position to oversee youth violence prevention efforts.



Homelessness

Based on priorities from Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness:

- (200,000) Establish Community Stakeholders group to coordinate policy and services response for people experiencing homeless. Staffing for two years of implementing the program. (2020-\$100,000/2021-\$100,000).
- (\$100,000) Establish Community Coordinated Outreach Program to Develop outreach program with non-profit partner — may use the peer navigator model (2021).
- (\$100,000) Reintroduce proposal to partner with a local non-profit on a trial program where "panhandlers" and others experiencing homelessness would be paid an hourly wage to work on city improvement projects. (2021). Also supervise community projects to fulfill municipal court community service fines or requirements.



Education

- Support the Federal Way Public Schools Legislative Agenda.



Transportation

Advocacy in 2020/Reintroduced in 2021:

- (\$20m) Collaborate with 27th District (Fey/Jenkins) for widening of S 356th for better access to ST Link and Highway 18 from Browns Point and Federal Way.
- (\$20m) Collaborate with 27th District for widening of SW 336th Way and SW 340th St Corridor for better access from points west.
- (\$5m) Pedestrian, bicycle circulation and traffic capacity in downtown Federal Way, 314th.
- (\$50m) City Center Access to improve downtown access to and across I-5 including 320th interchange & transit access.



Aircraft Issues

- Support reintroduced HB 2497 to amend RCW 53.54 to enlarge the distance from a runway which port districts are authorized to operate airport noise abatement programs from six to twelve miles (2020).
- Support legislation to replace noise abatement packages if they have failed (2020).
- Fund the second phase of the University of Washington study on ultra-fine particles (UFP's) that would examine their health impacts (2021).



Quality of Life Issues

- Support working family issues including the addressing of Federal Way's child care "desert" and gaps in early child learning opportunities.



Veterans

- Funding for Veterans Monument to 501c3 (State, Federal, & local asks).



City of SeaTac's 2020 Legislative Priorities and Policies

2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Defend Local Control

The best governmental decisions are those that are made closest to the people represented. Cities possess strong local authority to provide for the safety and welfare of their residents, and the Legislature must abstain from restricting, mandating, or otherwise interfering with local decisions. The City of SeaTac will oppose legislative actions that are inconsistent with this view.

Pedestrian Overpass Feasibility Study

SeaTac experiences various pedestrian traffic challenges within city limits. The City has multiple high-volume roadways, including roadways leading to the airport like International Boulevard, that provide pedestrians difficulty in walking throughout the city, accessing local businesses, and traveling to and from SeaTac International Airport. For this reason, the City requests legislative funding for a pedestrian overpass feasibility study to explore pedestrian safety in the city and to develop options for building pedestrian overpass routes to increase safety and accessibility for pedestrians in SeaTac. The City estimates that this study will cost approximately \$200,000 to conduct, and requests that amount in legislative funding.

Economic Development and Infrastructure

SeaTac supports legislation to enhance State funding, tools and programs for local economic development and infrastructure that further the economic development and growth of the city through investments that attract, retain, and expand business and create living wage jobs.

Human Trafficking

The City joins the efforts of many public and private partners in combating human trafficking, and will advocate for the incorporation of metrics and performance measures in these efforts.

2020 POLICY DOCUMENT

The City of SeaTac will prioritize its legislative efforts on advancing items identified on its Legislative Agenda. However, when the Legislature initiates proposals that have the potential to negatively impact the City, or when the Legislature creates the opportunity to advance the City's interests, this policy document provides direction to City staff and lobbyists about the City's policy perspective and desired positions.

Human Services: SeaTac will encourage full participation by the State and counties in a comprehensive approach to complex social issues such as public health, mental health, substance abuse, health care, emergency and transitional housing, at-risk youth, and immigration.

Transportation Network Companies: SeaTac opposes legislation that removes local control to regulate transportation network companies. Furthermore, the City supports legislation that streamlines local regulation of these transportation companies, and that captures proper road impact fees for the City.

Economic Development, Infrastructure and Business Incubator: SeaTac supports legislation to enhance State funding, tools and programs for local economic development and infrastructure that further the economic development and growth of the city through investments that attract, retain, and expand business and create living wage jobs. The city also supports business incubator models that will help attract and retain small independent and local businesses, similar to the model adopted by the City of Walla Walla.

Lodging Tax and Tourism Promotion Area Administration: SeaTac will work with the Legislature to ensure lodging tax revenues diverted from stadium bonds are allocated to the city's priority projects and programs, particularly that a portion of lodging tax revenues continue to be available for tourism operations.

Telecommunications: SeaTac opposes legislation that removes local control in the siting and regulation of small cell network facilities. Furthermore, the City supports legislation that makes statutory changes to clarify and improve the deployment of small cell network facilities.

Accessory Dwelling Units: While SeaTac supports and encourages the preservation and development of various housing options, the City opposes local pre-emption of the siting of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Pre-empting local authority to site housing options, including ADUs, is inconsistent with the City's planning goals and desires.

Tax Exempt Properties: SeaTac opposes increased property tax exemptions as they negatively impact the City.

Multifamily Tax Exemption: The current multifamily property tax exemption (RCW 84.14.007) is a local option that would not have any tax-shift impact on City residents without the City taking an affirmative action. The Legislature will likely consider proposals during the 2020 legislative session to expand use of the multifamily tax exemption. These efforts will likely be supported by the Association of Washington Cities and individual jurisdictions across the state. SeaTac will review these proposals carefully to determine whether they could be used by the City to encourage needed housing and what any possible impacts they would have on City residents.

Noise Mitigation Along State Route 509: The City supports noise mitigation strategies along SR 509 to protect City residents from the impacts of increased traffic when SR 509 is expanded. In 2019 the Legislature appropriated \$5 million to the Washington State Department of Transportation for noise mitigation on this corridor. The City will work with the agency as it develops noise mitigation options to minimize impacts to City residents, including construction of sound barrier walls.

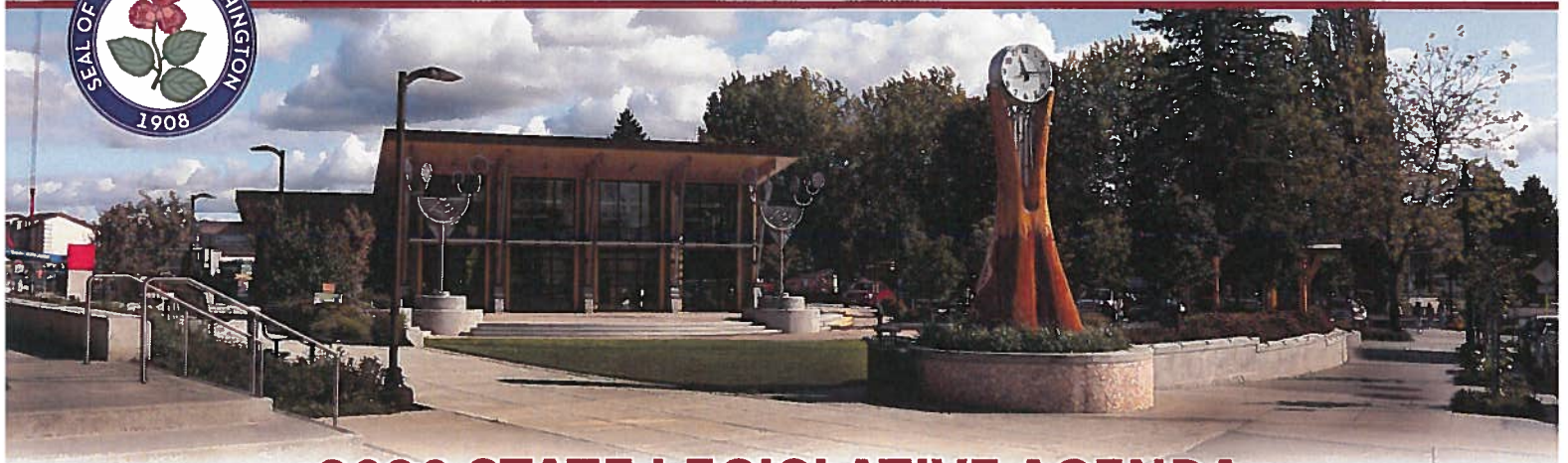
Autonomous Vehicles: SeaTac requests that the State adopt a proactive approach that will protect public safety while encouraging autonomous vehicle use.

South Correctional Entity Regional Jail (SCORE): SeaTac will support ongoing efforts to ensure that the cities who own SCORE are able to provide a cost-effective correctional alternative to individual facilities.

Teen Suicide Mitigation – This was another issue that was mentioned that Rep. Orwall will consider pursuing next session. If this is a priority for council, GTHGA can work with Rep. Orwall on next steps.

Behavioral Health – This was another issue that was mentioned and will likely be a hot topic in the legislature during the 2020 legislative session. If this is a priority for council, identified outcomes on this topic would need to be further discussed.

Law Enforcement Recruitment Ideas / BLEA Training Timelines – Current law requires law enforcement personnel to be training within the first six months of being hired. House Bill 1253 from the 2019 legislative session would reduce this timeline to require that law enforcement personnel commence basic law enforcement training during the first two months of employment. This is a bill that will be automatically reintroduced during the 2020 legislative session, and has the potential of being pushed by AWC.



2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Transportation & Infrastructure

- ▶ Provide funding for critical local infrastructure, including the **Allentown Bridge**, which is **structurally deficient and functionally obsolete**.
- ▶ **Create stable, reliable infrastructure assistance funding** for cities to assist in repairing roads, bridges and other public infrastructure that support economic development.

Housing & Human Services

- ▶ **Create new and expand existing local options** to generate revenue for housing and human services, and for capital construction of affordable housing.
- ▶ We strongly encourage the State to **adequately fund human services programs** for the health of the safety net.

Shared Revenue

- ▶ The State must **continue its role as a partner with cities**, including reinstating funding for the Public Works Assistance Account and Community Economic Revitalization Board.
- ▶ **Ensure funding for Streamlined Sales Tax Mitigation payments** brought back in the 2019 session; remain funded and identify a longer-term funding strategy beyond the 2020/2021 biennium.
- ▶ In addition, the State must **retain the local share of liquor taxes** to allow jurisdictions to address impacts – such as public safety – of privatized liquor in our cities.
- ▶ **Continued support for the Department of Revenue’s Business Licensing System** that has coordinated business licenses at the local and State levels.

Preserve Lodging Tax Flexibility

- ▶ Ensure the definition of “tourist” in Washington State **remains flexible** to allow jurisdictions and Lodging Tax Advisory Committees to distribute lodging tax dollars in a manner that **best serves each individual community**.

Advancing Equity

- ▶ Develop and implement a **racial equity toolkit for legislation, policies and programs** to advance racial equity in Washington.

Education

- ▶ **Implement needs-based funding** for allocation of social/emotional student support resources, and **expand funding for learning opportunities** for summer school students.
- ▶ **Increase funding for homeless students** and secondary ELL students.
- ▶ Incorporate early learning for low-income students as a part of **Basic Education**.

Revenue Reform

- ▶ **Allow cities the authority and flexibility** to address the fact that growth in the cost of providing services continues to outstrip revenues.
- ▶ The State should **amend the law that limits annual property tax growth** to 1%, and work with cities to authorize additional funding flexibility and opportunities at the local level.

Preparing for our Future

- ▶ **Enact policies to prepare to combat climate change**, including adequately budgeting for its effects, and providing tools for cities to prepare and address the ramifications of flooding, pollution and other key factors.
- ▶ Continue to **invest in workforce education and job training** to ensure Washingtonians have access to high-quality career and technical education opportunities.
- ▶ **Develop sufficient consumer privacy legislation** to ensure that residents have access to their own personal data, and enact certain restrictions to technology that allow Washingtonians a right to privacy.

Priority Agenda Items:

Protecting and Promoting Assets of Statewide Significance:

- ***Land use:*** Continue to advocate on land use issues facing Washington ports, with a specific focus on zoning issues that may affect port competitiveness. This may include:
 - Proposals that reflect the “Guiding Principles: Stewardship, Enhancement, and Protection of Maritime and Manufacturing Lands” document that was adopted by the Northwest Seaport Alliance on November 1, 2016;
 - Proposals that reflect the Port's commitment to environmental sustainability, including promoting Puget Sound ecosystem health and resource stewardship, and acknowledge the fact that manufacturing and industrial centers designated under the Growth Management Act are resource lands of statewide economic significance that are irreplaceable; and
 - Proposals that recognize the role industrial resource lands play in global port competitiveness and in supporting job retention in diverse economic sectors that provide ladders of opportunity to underserved groups; and
 - Proposals that seek to strengthen the Container Ports Element of the Growth Management Act
 - Recommendations related to the Department of Commerce’s Interbay Public Development Advisory Committee; and
 - Any legislative changes that may impact the efficient functioning of statewide essential public facilities.
- ***Port grant program:*** Emphasize importance of including a port-specific grant program within any long-term transportation package under development, in order to ensure that infrastructure upgrades at ports keep pace with infrastructure investment statewide
- ***Export promotion:*** Continue to deepen partnership with Washington State Department of Commerce and other stakeholders on promoting Washington state as an international trading partner, supporting the state’s exporters while also ensuring that transportation facilities that support trade are modernized, world-class, and can operate efficiently.

Protecting the environment and promoting sustainable economic development:

- ***Clean Fuels Standard:*** Support enactment of legislation that will incent the implementation of transportation fuels that reduce emissions related to port operations. Specifically, support adoption of a clean fuels standard that supports the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies and reduces the carbon intensity of fuels sold in Washington, and that can promote price competitiveness between the market for sustainable transportation fuels in Oregon, California, and Washington states.
- ***Maritime decarbonization:*** Pursue continued state partnership with efforts to reduce carbon emissions from waterfront operations while maintaining the international competitive edge that supports job growth in Washington state. This includes partnership on electric transmission infrastructure development, on innovation in the clean maritime sector, and on the state’s ongoing Maritime Blue 2050 initiative.
- ***Partnering for community improvements:*** Improve the ability of port districts and other local governments to partner with community service organizations to provide public improvements to parks and other open spaces by reducing the required financial contribution that must be provided by those organizations.



2020 State Legislative Agenda

Priority Issue Areas: Quality Jobs and Small Business

Quality Jobs: Support proposals that are consistent with the Port's focus on bringing quality, sustainable jobs to the region, including proposals that:

- Expand state-level support for worker training programs in the aviation, maritime, and manufacturing trades, and programs that seek to foster maritime innovation and provide incentives to incorporate new technology into port-related sectors.
- Support career-connected and work-based learning programs that seek to expose middle- and high-school age students to professions in port-related industries.
- Expand and strengthen state support for apprenticeship programs.
- Ensure responsible enforcement of labor standards.
- Promote economic opportunity and wage equity for airport catering workers, and for all workers at port facilities.
- Support rural economic development: Partner with the state and other ports and economic development actors to promote rural economic development initiatives, including rural broadband deployment, tourism promotion, support for small manufacturers in rural Washington, investments in freight corridors in rural areas, and other actions to support economic growth across Washington state.

Small Business: Support proposals that reduce structural barriers and provide equity in the workplace for disadvantaged groups, and promote inclusion of small businesses, including disadvantaged, minority, and women owned business enterprises (SMWBEs). This includes:

- Continued support for the repeal of Initiative 200, the enactment of Initiative 1000, and any other policy proposals that seek to achieve similar equity objectives.
- Support for proposals that provide flexibility in contracting to public owners, including alternative public works, while ensuring that contracting practices enfranchise SMWBEs.
- Support proposals that enhance the opportunities for SMWBEs to more effectively compete for small works projects.
- Support business assistance programs at the state-level that are focused on small business capacity building and help SMWBEs to compete in the government marketplace.



Priority Issue Areas: Transportation

- Continued state support for transportation networks that serve essential public facilities, including: funding to follow up on a study underway at the Washington State Department of Transportation consider potential upgrades State Route 518, construction of the Puget Sound Gateway Program (SR509/SR167), completion of the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program, and others.
- Support proposals that speed the movement of freight and passengers from origin to destination through seaport and airport facilities and improve the trade competitiveness of Washington state and our gateway.
- Support proposals that allow for creative approaches to infrastructure development and funding, including: potential expansion of authority of public owners to partner with private entities, provided that such proposals do not compromise public infrastructure; and potential revenue sources that account for miles traveled and could bring stability to state transportation funding.
- Support proposals that clarify and affirm the authority of the Port Commission to control access to port facilities by all transportation modes -- including private vehicle access, commercial ground transportation providers, and public transportation providers -- and promote fairness and equity among transportation service providers, in support of responsible operation in all areas of regulation, including insurance, monitoring, safety, and environmental standards
- Support state engagement in regional conversations related to a potential increase in passenger vessel routes operating in Puget Sound, and other innovative transportation partnerships that reduce congestion on roadways and reduce emissions associated with transportation sector.
- Support proposals promoting aviation safety while maintaining the authority of airport operators to enforce their own rules and regulations at the facilities within their control.
- Support state actions that promote resilience in the transportation network, and support collaboration with other government agencies, including on issues of climate resilience.
- Support coordinated approach to regional transportation planning, including aviation planning, to reflect the unprecedented growth in the region and the related stresses on our existing infrastructure.



2020 State Legislative Agenda

Priority Issue Areas: Energy and Environment

Support and advocate for continued state investment in environmental cleanup programs and state-level policies that promote the adoption and implementation of clean energy sources to reduce the state's reliance on fossil fuels and seek to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions. That includes:

- Policies that promote the use of low-carbon fuels for transportation, low or zero emission transit options, and otherwise support the continued reduction in the cost of low-carbon energy sources to consumers in the state.
- Programs directed at Puget Sound health, to include: water quality, habitat restoration, cleanups, stormwater, and other issues related to orca recovery in the Puget Sound.
- Programs funded through the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) that assist ports in their efforts to promote environmental stewardship, to include cleanup grants and public participation grants to community organizations.
- Continued robust funding for the state's Recreation and Conservation Office, and any additional state-level program or office that supports partnerships and funding on environmental cleanup, habitat restoration, and public access to the shoreline and marine resources.
- Continued collaboration with state and local agencies on disbursement of funds from the national Volkswagen settlement, including efforts that direct funds to regionally significant projects and projects that result in significant emissions reductions at airports and seaports across the state.
- Policies that promote use of clean energy technology, build energy efficiency, and support a statewide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as well as statewide goals for clean power, and that can be implemented in ways that: leverage our state's competitiveness; maintain the efficient operation of essential public facilities such as airports and seaports; and support equity between our business partners.
- State support for partnership with the Port on sustainable aviation fuels, including state-level actions intended to drive development of clean fuels within the state for use at in-state transportation facilities.
- Support state actions that promote climate change resilience, and support collaboration with other government agencies in this effort, including a focus on resilience within the transportation network.
- Policies that reduce carbon and air pollution emissions for passengers and employees traveling to and from Port facilities, including promoting and improving the efficiency of public transit transportation improvements, public transit, and increasing the availability of low carbon fuels.
- Policies advanced as part of the Washington Maritime BLUE: 2050 initiative, which seeks to ensure that Washington state is home to the nation's most sustainable maritime industry by 2050, through maritime clean tech innovation and best management practices that support living-wage jobs, a healthy environment and resilient communities.

Priority Issue Areas: Tax, Governance, Technology, and more

- **Tax:** Support tax policies at the state level that support the economic health of port-related businesses and activities, including:
 - Policies that promote the efficient movement of freight and supports those communities that house the warehousing and distribution infrastructure necessary to enable the Port of Seattle, the Northwest Seaport Alliance, and its partners to serve Washington State businesses, including those in agriculture, manufacturing, and trade sectors.
 - Policies that reduce manufacturing costs in port-related businesses, including businesses that support the efficient functioning of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and that incentivize construction of fishing vessels in Washington State shipyards.
- **Governance:** Oppose legislation that would create an imbalance of representatives between the two homeports in their governing of the Northwest Seaport Alliance. And further, advocate that any legislative proposal that would alter the previously voter established governance structure of either homeport include ratification by citizen vote within the respective homeport district(s).
- **Cybersecurity:** Monitor proposals that seek to balance the importance of transparency and public disclosure with the vulnerability of public governments that manage critical infrastructure.
- **Technology:** Monitor proposals related to the use of biometric technology, such as facial recognition, particularly those that address the protection of individual privacy, civil liberties, equity and compliance with federal and state regulations.
- **Broadband:** Support continued state and local government efforts to bridge the digital divide and bring high-speed internet connectivity to communities around the state.
- **Human trafficking:** Engage continued state partnership with Port efforts to combat human trafficking at port facilities, including the airport, seaport, cruise terminals, and marina properties, including potential advocacy in support of state anti-human trafficking efforts that align with efforts underway at the Port.-
- **State building code:** Support a change to the Washington State Building Code that includes single-occupant restrooms to be counted as part of the total number of fixtures in public facilities such as Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Advocate for proposals that permit the use of single-occupant restrooms by any person, regardless of sex or gender identity, and prevents those restrooms from being restricted to a specific sex or gender identity.
- **Equity:** Seek state partnership with Port efforts to enhance our organization's focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, including through the creation of a cabinet-level office within the Governor's Administration that is focused on bringing these principles to all state operations.



