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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
2018 Prepared by Jennifer Wallace



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 2018

TO: Members, Washington Association of County Officials

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SUBJECT: Priority Legislation Proposals for 2019 Session

Accompanying this memo are the proposals for WACO priority legislation for the 2019 session. The process for member review and consideration will be:

September 19th

Package of affiliate priority bills sent to WACO membership for review in preparation for conference. For those not attending the conference, enclosed are instructions on how to use the on-line voting option.

October 2nd (WACO Conference - WACO Board meeting)

WACO Board of Trustees meets jointly with one representative from each affiliate, presumably the Legislative Chair, to review and discuss affiliate legislative proposals. The Board will review each proposal and refer qualified proposals to the WACO membership for consideration and adoption.

October 2nd (WACO Conference - affiliate meetings)

WACO affiliates meet and, among other items on their agendas, review legislative proposals submitted by other affiliates. Potential conflicts are discussed and resolved.

October 3rd (WACO Conference - business meeting)

WACO membership reviews, discusses and deliberates legislative proposals. Proposals that have a consensus among the membership are moved for adoption as a 2019 Legislative Priority.

Please note that although some affiliates are not proposing priority legislation this session, WACO will still be working to raise legislator awareness and understanding of county official roles and responsibilities, and relevant policy issues. WACO's new legislative action plan also provides a broader range of services during the session and interim aimed at building legislative relations, awareness of affiliates roles and responsibilities, and support for policy dialogue as foundation for legislative action in future sessions.

For example, WACO staff are:

- Hosting an educational session with County Treasurers and staff from 6 legislative committees, each caucus and the Governor's policy office.

- Have created new WACME identity and position statement / policy objective materials.
- Completed a salary survey, literature review on School Resource Officers and data mining on schools in unincorporated counties for Sheriffs
- Data mined ten-year county general fund expenditures for law and justice versus all other for Assessors
- Identified authorization, amount and distribution of all vessel fees established in RCW for Auditors
- Drafted bills for Auditor's, Treasurers, Sheriffs and Coroners
- Facilitate affiliate engagement in meetings with legislators on potential legislation for the 2019 session, including Coroners meeting re: vital statistics legislation; Treasurers meetings with legislators on tax lien foreclosure and PILT distribution; Assessors working with legislators on fire district annexation / property tax collection.
- Tracking and attending interim legislative committees, including the Mass Shootings Work Group, Tax Structure Work Group and Joint Committee on Public Records

If you have any questions related to the enclosed proposals, please feel free to contact me. Looking forward to good discussion / consideration of these proposals and working hard to support your priority bill package in the 2019 session!