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# Welcome

Thank you for joining today's webinar.  
We will begin shortly.



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## **What's alive, what's dead & what's next?**

March 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

12:00 – 1:00

- ✓ Overview of legislative session
- ✓ Status of affordable housing & homelessness top priorities
- ✓ Status of key affordable housing & homelessness support issues
- ✓ The role of the advocate
- ✓ What's next?



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## The 2017 Legislative Session, as of March 15<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ **Where are we at?**
  - Today is day 66 of the 105-day legislative session.
- ✓ **What is a cutoff?**
  - Next cutoff is March 29<sup>th</sup>. All bills must have been heard and voted on in the opposite chamber policy committee by this date.
- ✓ **What comes next?**



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<b>January 9, 2017</b>	First Day of Session
<b>February 17, 2017</b>	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
<b>February 24, 2017</b>	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
<b>March 8, 2017</b>	Last day to consider (pass) bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).
<b>March 29, 2017</b>	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
<b>April 4, 2017</b>	Last day to read in opposite house committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
<b>April 12, 2017*</b>	Last day to consider (pass) opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
<b>April 23, 2017</b>	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.



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## 2017 Affordable Housing & Homelessness Top Priorities

### Policy

- ✓ Outlaw discrimination based on a renter's source of income  
HB 1633/Riccelli and SB 5407/Frockt
- ✓ Prevent the cliff and increase the investment in state homelessness funding  
SHB 1570/Macri
- Eliminate the sunset of 62.5% of the funds,
- Increase the fee,
- Fix the 45% mandated use of the state funds for just one kind of intervention and,
- Streamline and improve state & county reporting requirements.



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## 2017 Affordable Housing & Homelessness Top Priorities

### Budget

- ✓ \$200 million biennial investment in the Housing Trust Fund
- ✓ Ensure full Operating Budget authority for the Medicaid Innovation Demonstration (aka the 1115 Medicaid Waiver for Permanent Supportive Housing)
- ✓ Protect the safety net:
  - ESHB 1831/Pettigrew
  - ESHB 1239/Sullivan
  - The Housing and Essential Needs rent support,
  - The Aged, Blind and Disabled program,
  - Medical Care Services and,
  - SSI Facilitation Services.



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## What are our homelessness safety net programs?

**Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) Program** – Housing, utility, and “essential needs” assistance for people with temporary disabilities. HEN provides people with housing assistance while they are recovering.

**Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD) Program** – ABD provides people with permanent disabilities who are applying to the federal SSI program and elderly immigrants with a \$197/month cash grant. This grant provides people with basic survival assistance while they are waiting to be accepted to other programs.

**SSI Facilitation Services** – Services funded by the state to help people with permanent disabilities apply to the federal Supplemental Security Income program.



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## Status of key affordable housing & homelessness support issues

- ✓ **2SHB 1980/Blake and ESB 5647/Honeyford**  
Creating a low-income home rehabilitation revolving loan program
  - \*2SHB 1980 was moved out of Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing Committee yesterday.
  - \*ESB 5647 was heard this morning in the House Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs Committee.
  
- ✓ **HB 1616/McBride**  
Clarifying the type of land eligible for purchase under the affordable housing land acquisition revolving loan fund program.
  - \*Referred to Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing Committee





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## Status of key affordable housing & homelessness support issues

- ✓ **HB 1482/Sawyer and SB 5440/Zeiger**  
Establishing the legislative-executive WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force.
  - \*E2SHB 1482 was moved out of Senate Human Services, Mental Health and Housing yesterday
  - \*SB 5440 died in Senate Ways & Means.
  
- ✓ **SSB 5347/Walsh and HB 1566/Pellicciotti**  
Concerning the definition of work activity for the purposes of the WorkFirst program.
  - \*SSB 5347 was heard yesterday in Senate Ways & Means
  - \*Action was taken on SHB 1566 in Senate Human Services, Mental Health and Housing Yesterday



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## Status of key affordable housing & homelessness support issues

✓ **SHB 1797/McBride**

Concerning encouraging affordable housing development and preservation by providing cities limited sales tax remittance for qualifying investments, providing cities and counties authority to use real estate excise taxes to support affordable housing, and providing cities and counties with councilmanic authority to impose the affordable housing sales tax.

\*This bill is “NTIB” and is not subject to the calendar cutoffs. It is currently in House Rules.

✓ **ESHB 1514/Robinson and SB 5440/Kuderer**

Requiring a minimum of three years' notice on closures or conversions of mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities.

\*HB 1514 was referred to Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

\*SB 5440 died in the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee because it was not given a hearing, or a vote.



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## Status of key affordable housing & homelessness support issues

✓ **HB 1630/Slatter and SB 5625/Zeiger**

Allowing minors to consent to share their personally identifying information in the Washington homeless client management information system.

\*HB 1630 has been referred to Senate Human Services, Mental Health and Housing.

\*SB 5625 died in that committee after not being given a vote.

✓ **SSB 5408/Cleveland and HB 2040/Frame**

Increasing the notice of termination for tenancies under the residential landlord-tenant act.

\*SB 5408 died on the Senate Floor after not being given a vote.

\*HB 2040 died in the House Judiciary Committee (in anticipation of the Senate bill coming over).



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## Status of key affordable housing & homelessness con issues

✓ **SB 5569/Angel**

The bill is likely dead. It did not get on the Senate floor by last week's House of Origin cutoff.

✓ **SB 5656/Miloscia**

This bill is dead. It did not have the votes to pass out of the Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing Committee. There is a new iteration of the bill, SB 5864/Miloscia that was introduced last week is considered NTIB. It was referred directly to Senate Ways & Means and could have a hearing this week.

✓ **SSB 5254/Fain**

This is also considered NTIB and is still in Senate Ways & Means waiting for a vote.



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**Questions?**



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✓ **The role of the advocate**

- Can bills pass without constituents weighing in?
- How often can advocates contact their lawmakers?

✓ **What's next?**

- If a bill has passed their chamber of origin, what's next?
- Budget release dates
- Next cutoffs
- Special session(s)



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## Questions and discussion

- ✓ Other bills and their status?
- ✓ Procedural questions?
- ✓ Recommendations on what advocates need to be effective this session?
- ✓ Other feedback?
- ✓ Resources



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# 2017 Affordable Housing & Homelessness State Priorities

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