

Agenda Item #8

2026-2031 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM UPDATES

Background and Purpose

- Historically, the Council has used several different documents to guide its legislative and public policy work. You may have heard terms such as *Policy Platform*, *Legislative Priorities*, or *Legislative Theme*. Each served a different purpose and provided guidance for Council action.
- As we begin implementing the new 2026–31 State Plan, these separate resources have been combined to make the Council’s policy framework easier to understand and use.
- The document before you today is a five-page resource that aligns the Council’s legislative and public policy work with the goals and objectives of the State Plan.
- The following slides provide both a high-level overview of the changes and a detailed look at the new document.
- After reviewing the document, you will be asked to recommend that the Council adopt it.

Less is More – Combining Resources

- By consolidating multiple documents into one resource, we have:
 - Improved alignment between the State Plan and legislative activities.
 - Clearly stated the Council's policy positions and guiding principles.
 - Provided direction for staff to take action when issues align with the Council's adopted principles.
 - Reduced duplication of information.
 - Simplified and streamlined the resources used to guide policy work.

Recommended Action

- The Committee recommends that the Council adopt the proposed revisions to the Legislative Platform to take effect on October 1, 2026.