

# **A Call to Action – Local and Federal Advocacy**

**Housing Consortium of  
Everett & Snohomish County**

**Affordable Housing Conference 2017**

State Representative Nicole Macri  
43rd Legislative District, Seattle

**Regular Session (105 days)**

**January 9 – April 23**

**First Special Session (30 days)**

**April 24 – May 23**

**Second Special Session (up to 30 days)**

**May 23 – June 21 (?)**

- **What can be considered during the current special session?**
- **What happens if we are not done by June 21?**

# 2017 Policy & Budget Considerations

Eliminate the sunset on the Housing & Homelessness Assistance Surcharge and increase homelessness resources  
(SHB 1570/Macri)

Outlaw Discrimination Based on a Renter's Source of Income  
(HB 1633/Riccelli & SB 5407/Frockt)

\$200 million Investment in the Housing Trust Fund  
(Capital Budget)

Protect Housing & Essential Needs; the Aged, Blind and Disabled Program; Medical Care Services and SSI Facilitation Services.  
(HB 1831/Pettigrew; HB 1239/Sullivan; and the Operating Budget)

Ensure State Authorization for the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration  
(Operating Budget)

Local Housing Options (HB 1797/McBride)

Tracking Youth Homelessness - HMIS (HB 1633/Slatter)

# **Document Recording Fee (ESHB 1570 - Macri) – Passed House**

**Makes fee permanent** – \$30 fee sunsets in 2019, this bill makes the fee permanent

**Grants local authority to increase fee by \$50** – Counties may increase the document recording fee by \$50 via councilmanic vote

**Expands eligibility for rental vouchers** – Adds non-profit housing providers to list of entities eligible to accept housing vouchers

**Adds reporting and study provisions** – Helps to ensure that resources are used efficiently and effectively

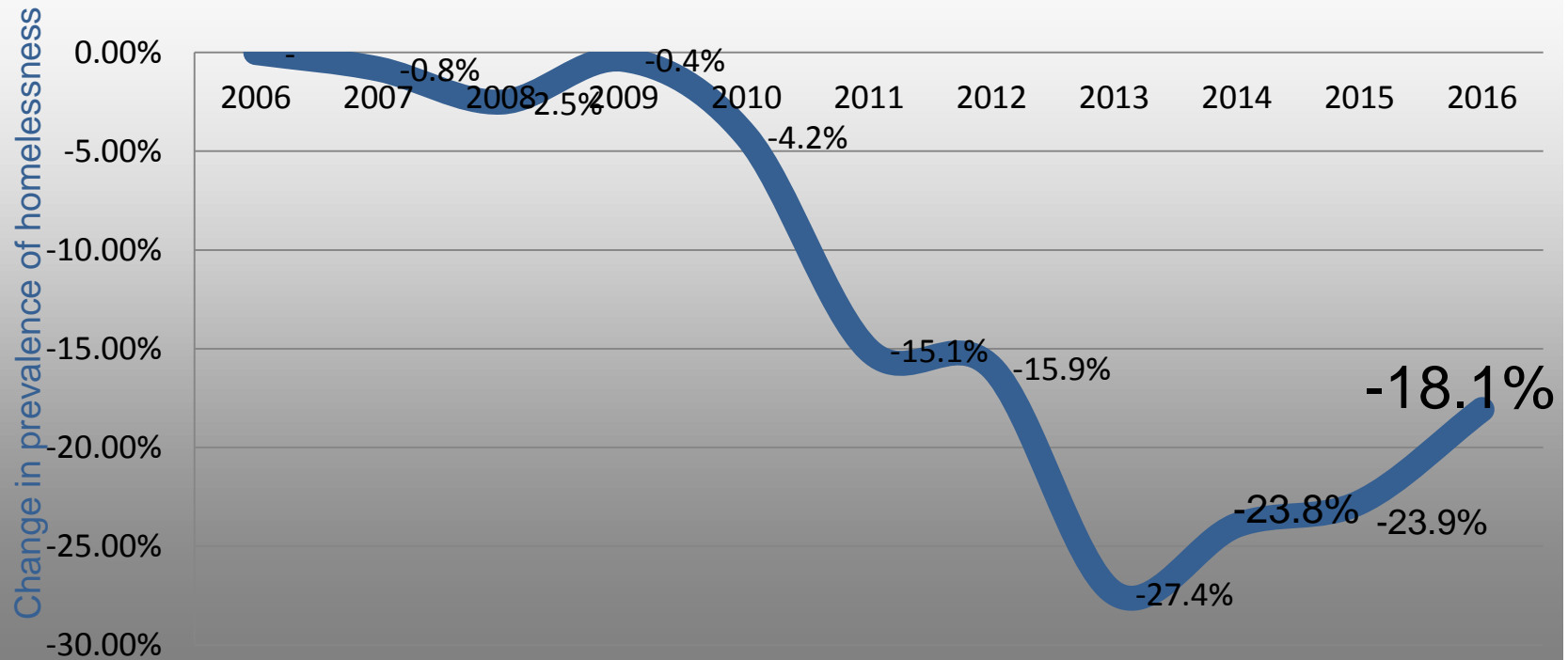


WASHINGTON LOW INCOME  
**Housing Alliance**

# Dispatch from Under the Dome

State Policy & Advocacy Update

## State investments are making a difference



Source: Washington State Department of Commerce

<b>County</b>	<b>Loss of Funds</b>
Whatcom County	-\$2,257,046
Spokane County	-\$4,642,674
King County	-\$21,986,392
Clark County	-\$5,503,819
Yakima County	-\$1,654,086
<b>Snohomish County</b>	<b>-\$8,513,313</b>
Walla Walla County	-\$508,600
Grays Harbor County	-\$750,443
Skagit County	-\$1,440,805
Pierce County	-\$8,986,609
State Total	-\$74,862,116

County	People impacted each year by loss of funds	2016 Point in Time, people unsheltered
Spokane County	2,334	981
King County	11,053	4,505
Clark County	2,767	231
<b>Snohomish County</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>481</b>
Pierce County	4,518	1,762

# Local Housing Options (HB 1797) – House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**‘Wenatchee option’** - Provides small cities one-time remittance of state sales tax for affordable housing

**Sales tax for housing** - Grants King County (and cities w/in) councilmanic authority to levy .1% sales tax for mental health/supportive housing

**REET flexibility** – Allows up to 25% of REET 2 revenue to be used for affordable housing through 2022



# **Outlaw Discrimination**

Everyone Should Have Equal Opportunity  
to Apply for Housing

HB 1633/Riccelli & SB 5407/Frockett

- **Housing Trust Fund**
- **HEN/ABD, Medical Care Services and SSI Facilitation Services**
- **Medicaid Benefit for Permanent Supportive Housing**

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