



## Memorandum

**TO:** JACK LOUWS  
**FROM:** Anne Deacon  
**DATE:** August 29, 2019  
**RE:** Resolution of Intent for SHB 1406 Affordable Housing Dollars

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During the September 10, 2019 County Council Public Works and Health Committee, a proposed resolution for the County Council will be introduced, with the intent of passage at the evening County Council meeting. The resolution declares Whatcom County's intent to take a state sales tax credit as allowed by recent state 2019 legislation, Substitute House Bill 1406.

This legislation allows local governments to receive a sales tax "rebate" and dedicate the monies to housing development and rental assistance to low-income households. After conversations with all seven cities about options to take advantage of this new funding, it was decided that the county will take the sales tax credit on behalf of the entire county and its city partners. In order to access funding, Whatcom County must pass a resolution of intent to collect these dollars. The state legislation also requires the county to pass an ordinance in order to initiate the collection of these funds. The ordinance will be presented to the County council in the very near future and will include general funding agreements reached between the county and the cities.

