



2025 Legislative Priorities

Historic South Downtown is pursuing legislation to provide financial resources for Pioneer Square and Chinatown International District for the next 10 years.

**A Critical Investment for
Local & Regional Benefits.**

About Us

HSD is the first state-created Community Preservation and Development Authority in Washington. We elevate community voices by investing time and resources in local priorities that build vitality in the Pioneer Square and Chinatown International District neighborhoods. Our work strengthens community self-determination, public safety and well-being.



HB 1408 & SB 5460

Establish ongoing and sustainable funding for HSD. Funding would reinstate HSD's local grant program, investing more than \$7mil in our community since 2019. This bill reinforces community priorities by charging HSD to focus on public safety, economic development, affordable housing, and advocacy for low emission public transportation.



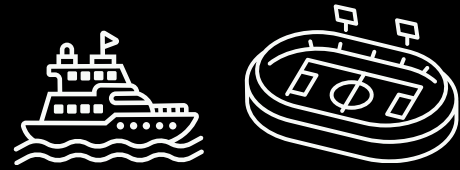
REGIONAL IMPACT: REDEVELOPMENT OF PIER 48

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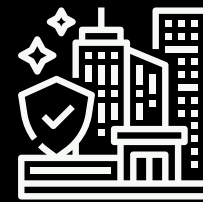
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REGIONAL BENEFIT

Through leadership on the Pier 48 Community Coalition, HSD aims to lower carbon emissions in the Puget Sound with more foot ferries, increased regional, car-free access to South Downtown Seattle and the Stadium District, and provide more capacity for region-wide connections.



PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Small businesses cannot thrive without effective public safety and in South Downtown Seattle, small business is our life's blood. As our neighborhoods prepare to showcase Washington State on the international sporting stage, HSD is increasing local investments in effective, community-based public safety efforts aimed at increasing safety and encouraging visitors to return again and again.





Pier 48 Community Coalition



HISTORY

Honor the history and stories of the space; Pier 48 is a site layered with history of Salish settlements and a complex story of race and class relations.



PARK & GREEN SPACE

Residents and visitors need more park and green space in our vibrant city for rest and recreation.



REGIONAL CONNECTION

We envision more passenger only ferry service and for Pier 48 to be a welcoming portal to the city.



LOWERING EMISSIONS

With new boat technology, passenger only ferries will lower emissions in our waterways, serving state goals.



UNREINFORCED MASONRY (URM)

In Pioneer Square and Chinatown International Districts, there are 120 buildings that would be impacted by an expected seismic retrofit ordinance for URMs in Seattle. Many of these buildings also have unoccupied, formerly residential spaces in their upper floors. These buildings are opportunities to grow the number of affordable housing properties in our neighborhoods while creating safer communities and saving lives.

Public benefit requires public investment. Funding HSD means investing in safer, more sustainable neighborhoods.

THE ECLIPSE BUILDING



The Eclipse Building (7th and Weller), is an example of an opportunity to increase public safety through URM retrofits and rehabilitate long-dormant affordable housing. The Eclipse currently houses several small businesses and cultural spaces.

Built in 1908, its two vacant upper floors had 80 single-room occupancy units (14,400 sq ft of residential space). With investment, this space can be restored to active residential units.

As shown in the photo above, the brick buildings in Washington's historic neighborhoods often share walls or abut one another. During an earthquake, a collapse of the Eclipse could damage the entire block of residential and commercial space if we do not invest to preserve and use it.

