



February 26, 2020

RE: Woodinville Chamber Position on HB 2907 | HB 2948/SB 6692

Senator Dhingra, Representative Springer and Representative Goodman,

The Woodinville Chamber respectfully requests your thoughtful consideration of our position on the HB 2907 | HB 2948/SB 6692, which is currently before you. This position was developed by our Woodinville Chamber Board of Directors, who invested their time to develop and articulate a proposed position statement on this bill. The statement was passed by our Board with overwhelming support.

#### **Position Statement**

The Woodinville Chamber of Commerce is charged with promoting, strengthening, and representing the successful business community in the City of Woodinville. As such, we are very sensitive to issues that may affect our member businesses and it has come to our attention that there is a proposed bill in the House, HB 2907 | HB 2948/SB 6692, that has potential to affect many businesses in our area.

Our Board of Directors and executive staff have reviewed HB 2907 | HB 2948/SB 6692, understand the proposal, and have voted to oppose its implementation.

If passed, we feel it will cause an unnatural ceiling for wage growth at \$150,000/yr and will incentivize businesses to locate outside of King County. Woodinville, is especially vulnerable to relocations due to our proximity to Snohomish County. As such, we simply cannot support HB 2907.

As a general matter, we should not be exploring ways to punish successful businesses but rather incentivize them to come to King County. A business that employs workers earning \$150,000 or more per year will have a very large positive ripple effect in our local economy and we ask that you do all you can to encourage those businesses to take root in King County.

#### **Submitted By**

The Woodinville Chamber Board of Directors who voted in favor of our Position Statement include:

#### **Executive Board**

Robin Akkerman, Associate Director of Sales, Willows Lodge

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Respectfully,

The Woodinville Chamber Board of Directors