

2019 State Legislative Session Review

Briefing to Port of Seattle Commission

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Overview

- High-level recap of 2019 Legislative Session, which adjourned on Sunday, April 28th
 - Adopted three budgets: transportation, operating, and capital.
 - First time finishing concluding in 105 days in a budget year since 2009.
- Port priority items – broadly successful, but more work to be done
 - Workforce training bill passed; transportation electrification bill passed; Maritime Innovation Center funded; Initiative 1000 passed
 - Low-carbon fuel standard effort unsuccessful
- Additional items of interest
 - 100% Clean Electricity enacted
 - Initiative 1000
 - Airport coordinating commission

Priority Agenda Items

Workforce development: Long sought by the Port of Seattle, this session we were joined in advocacy by the Ports of Port Angeles and Moses Lake, and other groups including the Association of Washington Businesses and maritime labor. The bill passed without a single vote in opposition in either chamber.



Maritime Innovation Center: The final capital budget included \$5m for the Department of Commerce to partner with the Port of Seattle in development of the Maritime Innovation Center.



Transportation access to Sea-Tac Airport: Legislation to authorize tolling and accelerate construction of the Puget Sound Gateway program passed this session. The Port has been a primary advocate for the construction of the Puget Sound Gateway Program, connecting SR 167 and SR 509 to Interstate 5, and speeding freight movement throughout the region.

Low-carbon fuel standard: Legislation to enact a low-carbon fuel standard made it further than last session—passing the House and receiving multiple hearings in the Senate—but it did not move forward before the end of session. It will remain an active effort in the 2020 legislative session.

Additional Items of Interest

- Initiative 1000 (I-200 amendment)
- Transportation electrification
- Fishing pier funding
- SR 518 study extension
- Model Toxics Control Act reform
- Career Connect WA
- Airport Coordinating Commission
- Job-order contracting
- 100% Clean Electricity
- Human trafficking legislation
- Electric aviation
- Sustainable aviation biofuels work group

2019 Port Priorities Scorecard

PRIORITY ITEMS	No Progress	Passed Committee of Origin	Passed Chamber of Origin	Budget Language Enacted	Legislation Enacted
Low-carbon fuel standard (HB 1110)			✓		
Workforce development (HB 1568)					✓
Transportation Access to Sea-Tac Airport (Puget Sound Gateway tolling)					✓
Transportation Access (SR-518 study extension)				✓	
Maritime Innovation Center				✓	
Land Use	NO RELEVANT LEGISLATION THIS SESSION				
ADDITIONAL ITEMS					
Initiative 1000 (amending Initiative 200)					✓
Job order contracting authority for ports (HB 1295)					✓
Model Toxics Control Act (SSB 5993)					✓
Statewide Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (SSB 5370)					✓
Sustainable Aviation Biofuels Work Group				✓	
Transportation Electrification (SHB 1512)					✓
Fishing Pier funding				✓	

Next Steps

- Funding and other follow ups: Fishing pier with Expedia; Maritime Innovation Center with Dept. of Commerce; Initiative 1000
- Interim meetings with lawmakers (June-December 2019)
- Potential small group tours (July-September 2019)
- 2020 Legislative Agenda Development (now through November 2019)