

2026 State Legislative Agenda

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Overview | Process | Next Steps



Preview – What to expect

Short (60-day) session
Supplemental budget
Challenging fiscal environment



Agenda Development Process

Successes from 2025 session
'Unfinished business'
Setting the stage for 2027
Ongoing work & core priorities



Next Steps

Incorporate feedback
Seek adoption of Final Agenda

PRIORITY ITEMS | Economic Development & Workforce

Tourism

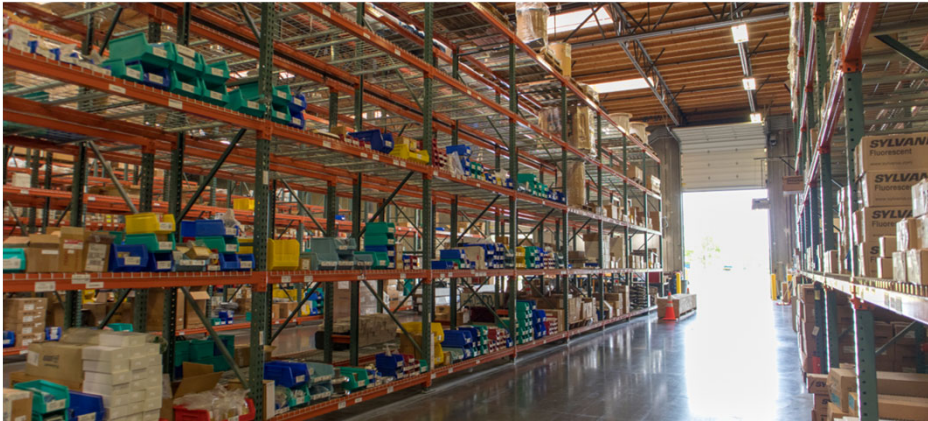


Childcare Access



PRIORITY ITEMS | Economic Development & Workforce

Business, Innovation, and Trade



- Statewide economic development strategy
- ‘Innovation Zones’
- Preservation of industrial lands
- Statewide Trade Strategy

PRIORITY ITEMS | Aviation



SAMP

- Avoid delays, proceed with analysis & construction, permitting

Aviation fuel tax

- MTCA, airport cleanups & mitigation

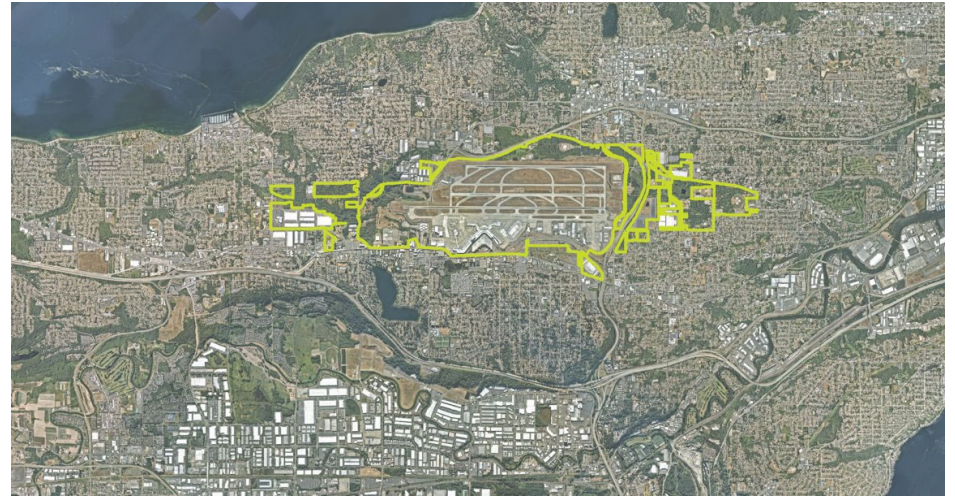
Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

- Additional incentives
- Protect existing revenue streams
- Infrastructure program

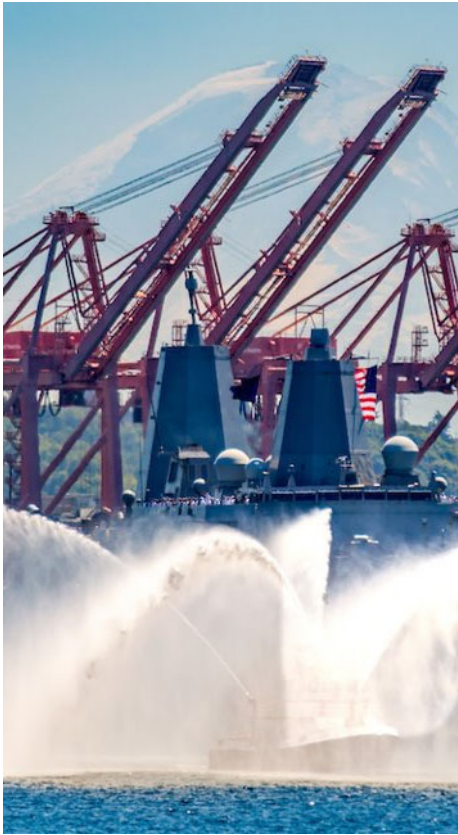
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SEA Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) Shared Policy Priorities

- Aircraft noise
- Restoring resources swept in 2025
- Airport siting & directing work of the CAWG
- Existing air quality programming
- Decarbonizing ground transportation

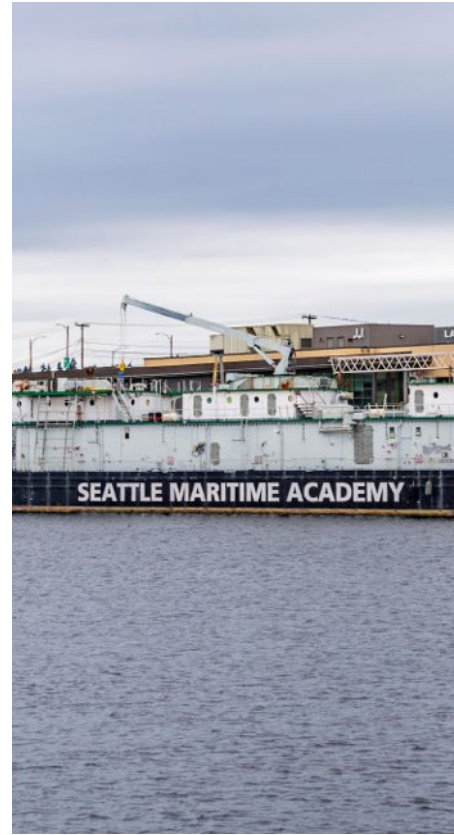


PRIORITY ITEMS | Maritime



Sustainable
Maritime Fuel
(SMF) and
maritime emissions

Port electrification
& shore power



Statewide vessel
construction
strategy

Blue Schools
Initiative

Commercial Pump
Out funding

PRIORITY ITEMS | Transportation

Revenue & Funding

RUC | Options for SEA workers | MHD ZEVs

Major Projects

Gateway | Revive I-5 | HSR



PRIORITY ITEMS | Environment & Energy

Regional green economy



Siting clean energy, renewables
& transmission



Mitigation banking



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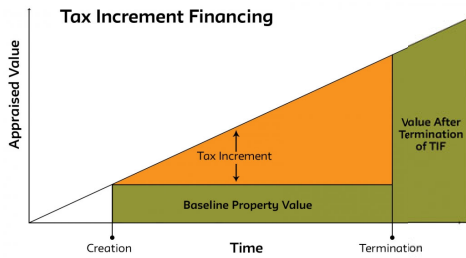
Environmental Justice



Clean Buildings Performance Standards



PRIORITY ITEMS | Tax, Revenue, & General Government



Property Tax Reform
Tax Increment
Financing

Public Records Act
Artificial intelligence

Port Commissioners &
PERS

Healthcare

Legacy Issue Area 1

Economic & Workforce Development

Worker training programs in port-related industries

- Career-connected and work-based learning programs for K-12
- Pre-apprentice and apprenticeship programs
- Trucking, increasing supply of CDL holders
- Equitable recruitment, training, and retention of a diverse workforce

Connecting port-adjacent communities to economic opportunity ('prosperity in place')

Responsibly enforcing labor standards

Promote and grow tourism in Washington

Broadband and ending the 'Digital Divide'

Rural initiatives (manufacturing, rural freight, rural tourism, support for ADOs)

Repeal I-200 and addressing structural barriers

Promoting success of SMWBEs (Contracting, Capacity Building, etc.)

Flexibility in contracting to public owners

Continuing to monitor legislation regarding PLAs, prompt pay, and other emerging trends

Legacy Issue Area 2

Energy, Climate, Environment, and Habitat

Promote low- and zero-carbon fuels in transportation & transit

Development and use of clean energy, renewables, increasing energy efficiency, reducing emissions, and supporting goals for use of clean power

Growth of sustainable aviation and maritime fuels

Waterfront electrification, and decarbonization of on-dock infrastructure

Reducing 'Scope 3 Emissions'

Climate Corps Network

Puget Sound health

- Water quality, underwater noise, habitat restoration, Southern Resident Killer Whale recovery, and Quiet Sound

Programs funded through the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)

- Stormwater, cleanups, public participation, and Remedial Action Grants

Wetland mitigation banking

Climate resilience

- Including resilience in transportation networks & implementing State's resilience strategy

Environmental justice

- Near-port communities and adhering to existing regulations and standards for investment in overburdened communities and benefitting vulnerable populations

Legacy Issue Area 3 Transportation

Invest in transportation networks serving essential public facilities

Speed movement of freight and passengers from origin to destination including increased access to transit

Truck parking and benefits for operators

Improve trade competitiveness of the State and the Port's gateway

Promotion of Washington as an international trading partner

Affirm Port's authority to control access to port facilities by all transportation modes

REAL ID compliance

Progressive transportation revenue

Passenger vessel operations in Puget Sound (and commensurate mitigation)

Regional partnerships and use of emerging technologies to alleviate overall congestion

Coordinated regional transportation planning (including aviation)

Continued progress on airport siting or expansion

Planning for future major transportation projects

- Account for impacts to broader transportation network, consider effects to adjacent areas

Multimodal and active transportation

- Safety and efficient movement of freight

Legacy Issue Area 4 Land Use

Proposals that reflect the NWSA document “Guiding Principles: Stewardship, Enhancement, and Protection of Maritime and Manufacturing Lands”

Spur dense residential development in existing areas to reduce pressure on industrial lands

Acknowledge that Manufacturing and Industrial Centers (MICs) are resource lands of statewide economic significance

Flexibility in conveyance of surplus property

Recognition of the contribution of industrial lands towards global competitiveness

Strengthening the Container Port Element of the GMA

Interbay Public Development Advisory Committee

Discourage creation of new or expanded planning requirements under the Growth Management Act

Other Legacy Issue Areas: Tax, Governance, Technology, Trafficking, Asset Forfeiture

Taxation

- Promote efficient movement of freight
- Benefit communities where warehousing and distribution infrastructure is located
- Reduce manufacturing costs in port-related sectors
- Clarify the application of Leasehold Excise Tax for certain port-related businesses
- Prevent diversions from underlying Port revenues

Governance

- Oppose legislation that would create an imbalance of representatives between the two homeports in the governance of the Northwest Seaport Alliance

Trafficking

- Combat human trafficking at port facilities and during large-scale regional events

Revenue

- Use state resources to maximize use and availability of federal resources

Technology

- Biometrics, privacy, equity, and compliance with federal and state regulations
- Washington State Digital ID
- Regulation of artificial intelligence (AI)



Questions?

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