



# 2026 State Legislative Session Review

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# OVERVIEW



State budget overview

Revenue & 'major' non-port  
legislation

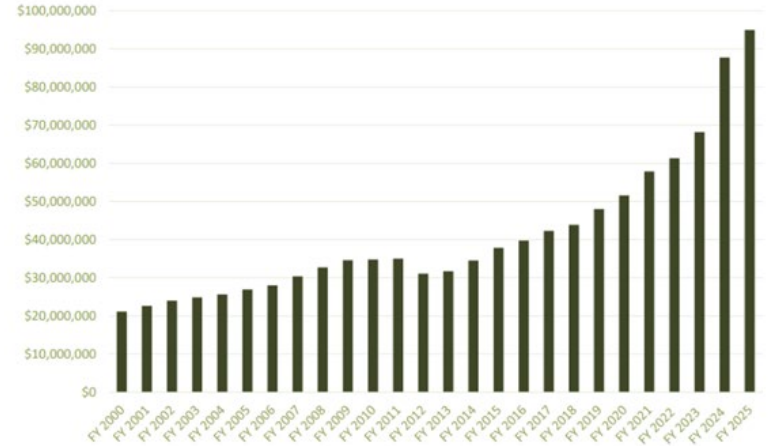
Port priorities – successes and works  
in-progress

2027 interim projects & planning

# BUDGET | REVENUE

- Current revenue outlook
- Major election year
- State's credit rating
- Millionaire's Tax
  - Legal challenge

**Total Budgeted Funds Expenditures: FY 2000 to FY 2025**



Note: Data is adjusted to support historical comparability. Figures exclude Capital spending but include Transportation operating. Includes Higher Ed non-appropriated funding. FY 2025 shows preliminary actual spending. Prior years show actual spending.

# PRIORITY ITEMS | Economic Development

## Successes:

- Tourism
- Statewide Economic Strategy
- Industrial Lands
- Gov's Economic Council & EO

## Works in-progress:

- 'Innovation Zones'
- Manufacturing
- Permitting & Licensing
- WA Trade Strategy



# PRIORITY ITEMS | Workforce, Education, & Labor



## Successes:

- Childcare
- Training, Apprenticeships, Career Connected Learning
- Port workers / PERS legislation

## Works in-progress:

- Blue Schools Initiative
- Prevailing wage
- Healthcare

# PRIORITY ITEMS | Aviation

## Successes:

- Olympic Pipeline Outage
- Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)
  - Revenue, Expertise, & Infrastructure
- Existing air quality programming

## Works in-progress:

- Noise repair & replace
- Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)
  - Incentives & SAF Account usage
- Airport siting (CAWG)
- Aviation fuel tax revenue
- Fuel system resilience



# PRIORITY ITEMS | Maritime



## Successes:

- SMF Collaborative
- Port electrification grants

## Works in-progress:

- CFS applicability
- Clean maritime demo project
- Scrubber ban
- Shore power mandate
- Vessel construction strategy
- Commercial pump-outs

# PRIORITY ITEMS | Transportation

## Successes:

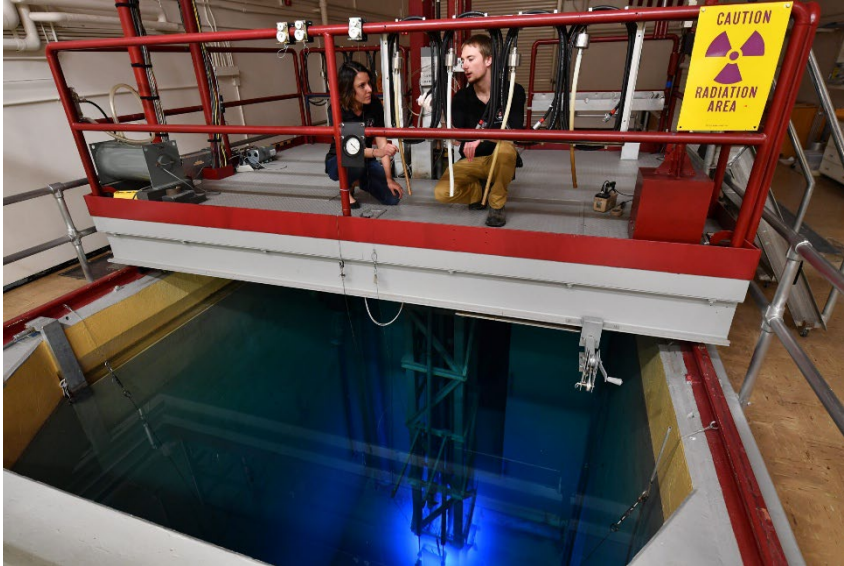
- New revenue (again!)
- Regional projects
  - Gateway | Revive I-5 | High-speed rail
- EV Direct Sales | EV Infrastructure
- Clean trucking

## Works in-progress:

- Stable revenue (for sure this time!)
  - Highway User Fee (HUF)
- WOSCA
- Options for SEA workers
  - Commute Trip Reduction Credit



# PRIORITY ITEMS | Energy



## Successes:

- Transmission
- Siting & Financing
- Clean Buildings
- SEA utility & CETA

## Works in-progress:

- Regional Green Economy Cluster

# PRIORITY ITEMS | Environment

## Successes:

- Conservation
- Quiet Sound

## Work in-progress:

- Environmental Justice & SEPA
- MTCA
- Contaminants (PFAS, 6PPD)
- Mitigation banking



# PRIORITY ITEMS | Taxes, Revenue, General Govt.

## Successes:

- Tax increment financing
- Regulating AI



## Works in-progress:

- Property tax levy cap
- Public records reform
- STOC double taxation issue
- Automated license plate reader use

# NEXT STEPS

June & August  
Updated Revenue  
Forecasts

June/July  
Internal feedback  
Ongoing work with  
state lawmakers

Aug/Sept  
Refine priorities  
Finalize bill and  
proviso language  
where possible

Oct/Nov  
Present Draft 2027  
Legislative Agenda  
to Commission



# Questions?

Thank you for your engagement in our expansive advocacy work