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2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Economic Development

- Secure funding for the building deconstruction phase of the Terminal 1 waterfront development project (\$2.3M Total with \$0.5M Port Match) to ensure readiness for dock deconstruction, replacement, and further economic development.
- Maximize economic development and investment in the Terminal 1 waterfront rehabilitation project and other Opportunity Zones by promoting tools such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and ensure adequate funding of CERB.
- Protect, preserve, and promote access to ports, essential public facilities and industrial lands that support Washington's trade-based, commercial, and regional economies.
- Support legislation that increases competitiveness for tourism, manufacturing, trade, and industrial development.
- Support broadband capacity initiatives and investment.
- Increase career-connected learning opportunities and apprenticeship programs for ports.

Freight Infrastructure

- Continue investment for the replacement of the Columbia River I-5 bridge and other SW Washington transportation projects that facilitate freight movement, economic development, job growth, address key chokepoints, and grade-separation.
- Support efforts to close transportation funding gaps and meet freight mobility needs throughout Washington State.
- Support Columbia River ports' efforts to maintain 43' shipping channel including use of pre-approved sites for dredged materials.
- Promote a high, wide, and heavy corridor through the Columbia River region and support funding for the planning and construction of the corridor.
- Support reliable freight funding for infrastructure and construction programs.

Environmental Policy

- Support efforts to establish carbon policy standards and efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining the port's ability to increase economic opportunity and grow jobs in Southwest Washington.
- Establish grant programs that incentivize ports and their partners to become more environmentally sustainable and efficient.
- Amend the Climate Change Grant program (RCW 36.70a.190) to allow Port participation.
- Provide greater certainty and timeliness in permitting decisions and environmental reviews.
- Evaluate rulemaking by Ecology on SEPA as it relates to assessment and mitigation of project-related greenhouse gas emissions and seek legislative clarity where needed.
- Protect navigation corridors and hydropower, both key to the economy and protection of jobs.
- Protect funds in the Model Toxics Control Account for cleanup activities.