

SHARED BUSINESS COMMUNITY

2025 Legislative Priorities

Here are statewide legislative priorities to ensure a safe, vibrant and growing community in southwest Washington.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Attract and expand private sector employers providing meaningful job opportunities for every worker.

- Bring more employment land to shovel-ready status to drive job growth and optimize production capacity.
- Increase competitiveness by avoiding new or expanded real estate taxes, business taxes, or payroll fees.
- Ensure a diversified and economically sustainable energy system for residents and employers.
- Support and strengthen business attraction and retention tools that support job creation (e.g. TIF, CERB, PWTF, TIB, MTCA, strategic reserve funds, federal alignment).
- Strengthen and align housing availability with workforce needs and growth. Oppose arbitrary rent control legislation.
- Support local economic development services through expanded investments in Associate Development Organizations (ADOs).

PUBLIC SAFETY

Prioritize safe communities through investments in law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

- Secure a permanent public safety regional training center.
- Create a state program to modernize correctional facilities.
- Synchronize laws for police in border communities.
- Provide supplemental services and recovery resources for traditional and emerging homeless solutions to help our neighbors in need.
- Enhance the health, safety, and vibrancy of our community with a comprehensive approach to ease the fentanyl crisis.

INFRASTRUCTURE

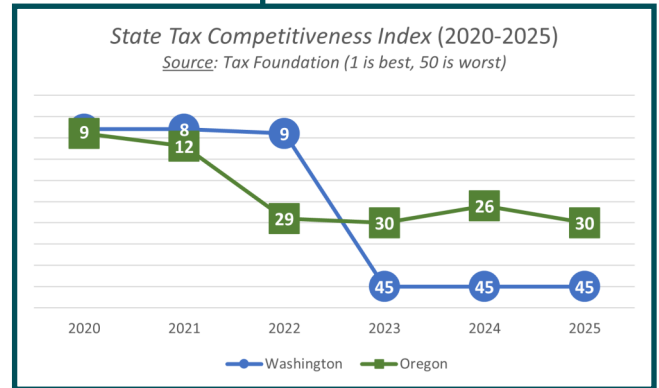
Safeguard the efficient movement of people and goods through system preservation and improvements.

- Support timely I-5 Bridge replacement and related corridor improvements.
- Support transportation projects and preservation in the **Clark County Transportation Alliance (CCTA) 2025** policy statement.
- Assign sales tax revenue generated by transportation projects to support transportation system project completion and maintenance.
- Protect commerce, climate, and flood management benefits of the Columbia and Snake River systems.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Invest in existing and emerging workforce talent to ensure a thriving economy and community.

- Champion an increase in state-registered apprenticeships and work-based learning programs.
- Support workforce development efforts to align existing programs and resources across the state, addressing workforce gaps for employers while helping job seekers address barriers to self-sufficiency.
- Ensure that early learning, K-12, and higher education reimbursement rate formulas reflect metropolitan regionality in bi-state border communities.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

To learn more about each organization's legislative priorities, please scan the QR codes below.

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