

2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

TOP ISSUES

- Support the Joint Oregon-Washington Legislative Action Committee, Program Office, and early planning, funding and permitting efforts to replace the I-5 Bridge.
- Provide greater options for local jobs, economic development and infrastructure investment for border communities, rural areas and opportunity zones with tax-increment financing and related programs (e.g. Local Revitalization Fund (LRF), Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT)).
- Ensure COVID-19 relief is distributed quickly and efficiently. Consider stop-gap funding to protect the unemployment insurance system, local governments, schools, businesses and citizens affected by the pandemic. Pursue economic stimulus tools and relief measures to help the state recover.

KEY INVESTMENTS

- Promote infrastructure projects in the Clark County Transportation Alliance 2021 Policy Statement to support our growing economy and employers, work force and population. Direct proposed carbon fees to transportation and infrastructure.
- Assure a career-ready local workforce by supporting the WSU Vancouver Life Sciences capital request (\$52.6M), Clark College Boschma Farms Campus capital request (\$53.3M), Cascadia Tech Academy preconstruction design request (\$1.5M), and innovative IT3 Discovery Center by Port of Ridgefield (\$5.9M of \$50M project).
- Provide funding for the building deconstruction phase of the Port of Vancouver Terminal 1 waterfront development project (\$1.8M) to ensure readiness for dock replacement and further economic development.

MULTI-YEAR PRIORITIES

- Enhance diversity, equity and inclusion in state policy to address historical inequities.
- Further position Southwest Washington and the State with robust broadband infrastructure with continued state investment.
- Ensure energy policy is balanced, diversified and economically sustainable while protecting the hydropower system and navigation corridors on the Columbia and Snake River system.
- Facilitate local development of critical infrastructure through the Model Toxics Control Act, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, Public Works Trust Fund and related programs.



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