

# 2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## TOP ISSUES

- Advance efforts to replace the Columbia River I-5 Bridge. Support the Joint Oregon-Washington Legislative Action Committee, Program Office efforts to achieve bi-state consensus, supplemental studies, and development of a replacement project.
- Provide greater options for local jobs, economic development, and infrastructure investment for border communities, rural areas, and opportunity zones.
- Pursue economic stimulus tools and relief measures to help employers recover from COVID-19 impacts.
- Acknowledge implementation challenges with the Long-Term Care Payroll tax and provide options for voluntary coverage in lieu of mandates.
- Support approaches to provide shelter for the homeless while protecting business from unintended consequences.

## KEY INVESTMENTS

- Promote projects in the Clark County Transportation Alliance 2021 Policy Statement to support our growing economy, employers, workforce and population. Direct proposed carbon fees to transportation and infrastructure.
- Support Cascadia Technical Academy campus modernization with pre-construction design of high-bay building (\$4M), Industry 4.0 leadership through the IT3 Innovation Center by Port of Ridgefield, and funding for the Small Business Development Center (\$1M).
- Provide funding for the dock design and permitting phase of the Port of Vancouver Terminal 1 waterfront development project to ensure readiness for dock replacement and further economic development.
- Increase investment in employer training programs for career and technical training and career connected learning programs to address labor shortage across industries.

## 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 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 development of infrastructure through the Model Toxics Control Act, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, Public Works Trust Fund, Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) and related programs.
- Protect and establish incentives to foster innovation and stimulate private investment. Enhance technical assistance programs for business and entrepreneurs.