SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON BUSINESS COMMUNITY 2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

TOP PRIORITIES

PUBLIC SAFETY



- Improve public safety outcomes for citizens, businesses, and guests.
- Advance planning efforts to secure a permanent public safety regional training center.
- Provide supplemental services and recovery resources for traditional and emerging homeless solutions to help our neighbors in need.
- Create a correctional facilities modernization fund to address aging infrastructure and systems.
- Support and strengthen business attraction and retention tools that support job creation (e.g. TIF, CERB, PWTF, TIB, MTCA, strategic reserve funds, federal alignment).
- Avoid new or expanded business or payroll fees and reconsider the capital gains tax to improve state economic competitiveness.
- Strengthen educational, training and housing alignment with workforce needs.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Washington Tax Climate Ranking Source: Tax Foundation (1 is best, 50 is worst)

2020

- Support planning and funding to keep I-5 bridge replacement proceeding on schedule to improve freight mobility, economic development, safety and seismic resilience.
- Support transportation projects, maintenance and safety priorities in the 2024 Clark County Transportation Alliance statement.
- Assign transportation sales taxes and Climate Commitment Act revenue to support transportation system project completion and maintenance.
- Protect commerce, climate and flood management benefits provided by the Columbia and Snake River system.



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE



CLIMATE & ENERGY





- Identify and fund necessary infrastructure capacity and delivery to support the transition to reliable clean energy.
- Ensure a diversified and economically sustainable energy system for residents and employers.
- Support voluntary Clark College facilities decarbonization program.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES





STATEMENT







