

2024 Legislative Priorities Top Priorities

WASHINGTON PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION



SUPPORT
SB 6302

SUPPLY CHAIN COMPETITIVENESS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

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FINISH WHAT WE STARTED

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SUPPORT
HB 2039

Improve Clean
Energy Siting

\$50 MILLION FOR MTCA

Remove the \$50 million general fund transfer. Restore funding to support the intended purpose for important environmental clean up projects.

SUPPORT A HOLISTIC CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

A streamlined energy siting and permitting process;
Investments in port electrification projects;
Supporting energy capacity needs and infrastructure;
Incentivizing local technology developments;
Assistance in climate and emission reduction planning.

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2024 Legislative Priorities Transportation

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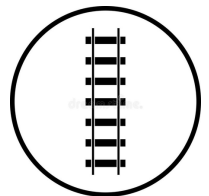
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FREIGHT RAIL MODERNIZATION TAX CREDIT

HB 1371/SB 5494 create tax incentives designed to encourage more private and public sector investment into the state's shortline railroads. The tax incentive requires an investment trigger and seeks to overcome more than \$600 million in underinvestment in the state's rail network.



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2024 Legislative Priorities Economic Development

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ENERGY SUPPLY & GRID RESILIENCY

Ports are key partners in Washington's clean energy transformation but have been met with challenges on the path of decarbonization.

Because of inefficiencies and energy capacity concerns we support:

- ✓ Investments in critical electrification infrastructure
- ✓ Development of locally supported clean energy technologies
- ✓ Assistance for climate and emission reduction planning
- ✓ An efficient, streamlined clean energy siting and permitting process

**SUPPORT
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Improve Clean
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**SUPPORT
HB 2417**

Renewable Energy
Loan Program

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TOURISM IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ports are instrumental in strengthening and building the tourism businesses that help many local communities thrive. Ports are key partners to attract growth and serve as hubs for community activity. **SUPPORT:** SB 6080/HB 1896, legislation that simplifies the funding of our state's Tourism Marketing Authority.



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2024 Legislative Priorities Environment and Energy

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PORT ELECTRIFICATION

To meet Washington's emissions goals, ports will be a critical partner in state electrification and decarbonization efforts.

SUPPORT: funding for a port decarbonization grant program to assist ports with critical emission reduction projects.



Port of Tacoma electric drayage vehicle

7400+

Contaminated sites have been cleaned up with MTCA since it became law in 1989.

MODEL TOXICS CONTROL ACT FUNDING

Last session, the Legislature adopted a transfer of \$50 million from the MTCA operating account to the general fund for 2025.

Remove the \$50 million transfer: Restore funding to support the intended purpose for important clean up projects.

CLEAN ENERGY SITING & PERMITTING

A sustainable clean energy economy needs an efficient permitting process. Ports are seeing cost increases and delays making it difficult to pursue critical clean energy projects in our communities.

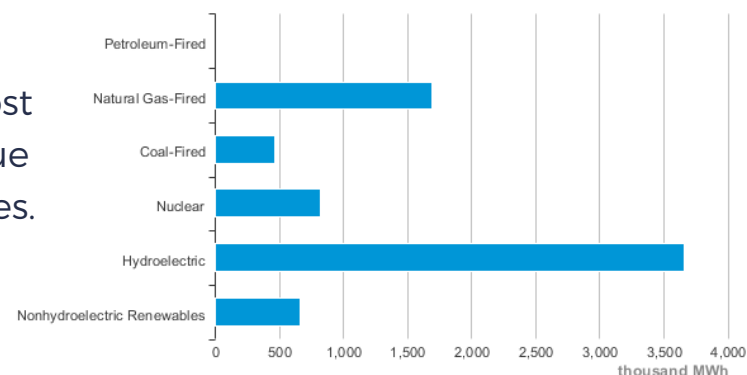
SUPPORT HB 2039: improve the lengthy permitting process for hard-to-permit clean energy facilities.

SUPPORT BUDGET INVESTMENTS

\$136.5 million for Green Jobs and Infrastructure grants

\$100 million for Clean Energy Community Decarbonization grants

Washington Net Electricity Generation by Source, Oct. 2023



Source: Energy Information Administration, Electric Power Monthly

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2024 Legislative Priorities Supply Chain Competitiveness

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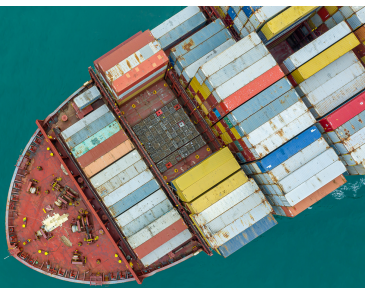
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SB 6302 fosters collaboration to identify supply chain needs and creates the grant and loan program for public ports.



Washington has consistently ranked in the top 5 states in exports during the last decade.

In 2022 ranked 8th in total value of exports.



SB 6302 would form a new grant and loan program designed to fund supply chain infrastructure projects for ground, rail, and maritime.

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