



## WPPA 2013 Legislative Priorities

**WPPA is focused on improving the state's economic outlook by targeting investment in the infrastructure that fosters long-term, sustained job-creation, while maintaining transparent, cost-effective, and efficient governmental operations within our ports.**

- **CERB Funding/Reform:** CERB funding remains a top priority for the WPPA, and we support a fund target of \$20 million for the upcoming biennium. We also support policy updates to allow the board more flexibility and discretion in funding rural job creation opportunities.
- **Transportation Revenues:** Freight mobility is an essential component in efforts to "get our state economy moving again." We will work with the Inslee administration, legislators and transportation policy leaders to build a fair and balanced package that funds our most pressing freight mobility needs.
- **Cleanup Funding:** Gov. Gregoire's recent budget proposal included \$71.5 million to pay for remedial action grants. A diverse coalition of stakeholders continues to support full funding of MTCA and will advocate for these job-creating projects.
- **Port Elections:** Under current law, a petition to change port commissioner terms from six to four years must be placed on the next election ballot – regardless of whether or not it is a general election. As a result, one small port district was recently forced to pay for an entire election where commissioner terms were the only issue on the ballot. In response, WPPA is supporting legislation to clarify that the question should appear on the ballot at the next general election in order to help control costs.
- **Public Records Act:** A coalition of local governments, including ports, continues to advocate for tools that will help limit the level of resources committed to meeting demands from "serial requesters." These tools include court injunctions as well as a statutory clarification that would limit resource expenditures when requests begin intruding on an organization's ability to carry out its core functions.

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