

View from Olympia

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Political Landscape

2020 IS A ***MAJOR ELECTION YEAR:***

FEDERAL

- President plus all 10 WA Congressional seats
(No U.S. Senate seat up this year.)

STATE

- Governor
- All statewide offices (8)
- Supreme Court (3 of 9)
- 98 house members (currently 57 Ds, 41 Rs)
- 25 senators (currently 29 Ds, 20 Rs)
- Counties, judges and other local elections



2020 Legislative Session

State operates under a biennial cycle

- First year (odd year) is 105 days – all budgets adopted for 2 years
- Second year (even year) is 60 days – mid-biennium review + adoption of supplemental budgets



2020 Legislative Session Cont.

Short session – lower expectations:

- Supplemental budgets: Operating, Transportation, Capital
- New issues since last session
- Major election year – “get in, get out”

(Legislative Contribution Freeze: sitting legislators cannot receive campaign contributions from 30 days before legislative session and during regular and special sessions.)



Other Considerations

- State of the economy – outlook uncertain
- Hangover from nearly a decade of McCleary education funding pressures
- New Speaker of the House – Why does this matter to Ports??
- I-976 passage



WPPA Priorities

- Transportation
- Environment & Land Use
- Economic Development
- Governance



Opportunities for Engagement

- Plan to attend WPPA Port Day:
 - January 28, 2020
- Speak to your legislators **now** about important Port issues
- Participate in the 2020 legislative priorities adoption process (for 2021)
- Look for ways to provide input in the Executive Director's Engagement Initiative





QUESTIONS?

