



# CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR PORT COMMISSIONERS

## SMALLER PORT LOOPHOLE

Under today's laws, only Commissioners at the state's two largest ports (Seattle and Tacoma) have limitations on the amount of money individuals or outside groups can donate to their election campaign.

## ABUNDANCE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

It was never a problem at smaller ports – until it was a problem... In 2017, over one million dollars was spent in a port district election.

## CLARIFYING THE LIMITS

**HB 1375** and **SB 5309** remedy this by clarifying that all port commission candidates will be under the same campaign contribution limit amounts as city councils, county commissions, and the state legislature.

## GOOD GOVERNMENT CHANGE

The Washington Public Ports Association supports this common-sense, good government change to our state's election laws.

## HOUSE BILL 1375 and SENATE BILL 5309

would clarify that all port commissioner races in the state would adhere to the same campaign contribution limits as city councils, county commissions and the state legislature.