



## **STATE SENATORS DEAN TAKKO AND JUDY WARNICK RECIPIENTS OF FIRST ANNUAL WPPA COMPASS AWARD**

*Washington's Port Officials Commend Senators for Strengthening Communities through Job Creation, Trade*

**OLYMPIA, WA (May 15, 2018)** — Washington Public Ports Association has awarded their inaugural Compass Award to **State Senator Dean Takko** (D-Longview), and **State Senator Judy Warnick** (R-Moses Lake). WPPA presents this award once a year to both a Republican and Democrat who have shown exemplary support for Washington's ports and their job-creating efforts in the previous legislative session.

"Senator Takko has been a tireless advocate for local port districts for many years," said Eric Johnson, WPPA Executive Director. "His long-term approach on good government, creating jobs, supporting trade and building the economy of local communities strengthens the quality of life in Washington state."

"Senator Warnick's strategic vision on keeping Washington state competitive for international trade is a huge asset, in the most trade-dependent state in the union. Her work on rural economic development ensures we'll continue to grow our economy in a thoughtful and forward-looking way."

The award, chosen as a symbol of direction and guidance, consists of a working desktop compass, and was presented at the Washington Public Ports Association's Annual Spring Meeting in Vancouver before an audience of several hundred port officials from throughout the state.

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### **About Washington Public Ports Association:**

The Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) was formed in 1961 and represents 75 public port districts throughout the state of Washington, serving as the hub through which ports work cooperatively to share information and address issues on trade, transportation, and the environment. These public port districts offer a wide range of locally governed services including; marine terminals, barge facilities, industrial development, marinas, airports, railroads, and tourism promotion.

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*(Left to Right: State Senator Dean Takko (D - Dist. 19), WPPA Executive Director Eric Johnson, State Senator Judith Warnick (R - Dist. 13))*