

# Supply Chain Competitiveness

*SUPPORT: HB 1860/SB 5649 creates a supply chain competitiveness infrastructure grant program designed to fund port and port-adjacent infrastructure that supports Washington's trade-driven economy.*



## Port Districts:

Washington's 75 port districts are economic engines for their communities. Ports rely on an efficient, safe and well-maintained transportation system in order to achieve our mission.

## Washington's Economy

Agriculture and food processing is Washington's 2nd largest trade-driven export industry with over 300 crops grown in Washington. The industry generates over \$21 billion in revenue and supports over 171,000 jobs.



Washington is the 3rd largest food and agricultural exporting state in the US. A competitive port network is vital to the ongoing vitality of farmers and rural communities across the state.



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## CHALLENGES



Washington's trade-driven economy relies on a transportation system that operates efficiently. Barriers and bottlenecks to goods movement increase cost and deter job growth and private sector investment, reducing our state's overall competitiveness.

## SOLUTIONS



Ports seek additional infrastructure spending focused on port and port-adjacent projects that reduce barriers and support critical supply chains including agriculture, manufacturing, aerospace, clean energy and more.

## BENEFITS



### Fosters Collaboration

Supply chain bottlenecks can span multiple owners and be complicated by a lack of alignment. HB 1860 and SB 5649 addresses this by fostering collaboration to address the underlying conflict and providing resources to resolve it.



### Multimodal Solutions

Truck, rail and waterborne transport each serve a purpose in moving goods in Washington. This program focuses on resolving conflict and supporting the mode of transport most efficient for the job.



### Port Freight Development Plans

Projects must be included in a port's Freight Development Plan. This ensures the project has been vetted by local, regional and state transportation partners prior to seeking funding through this program.

