

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Washington Public Ports Association



Collaboration, Advocacy, Education, Research

The Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) represents all 75 port districts across the state. We work to advance and support policies that strengthen Washington's ports as engines of trade, economic development, environmental stewardship, and community vitality. WPPA's 2026 advocacy focuses on keeping ports competitive, sustainable, and capable of supporting statewide economic growth.

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Legislative Priorities:



Economic Development & Trade Competitiveness

Support state tools that drive port-led job creation, industrial growth, and trade.

Support the WA State Trade Strategy and policies that improve supply chain competitiveness.



Transportation & Freight Infrastructure

Protect and expand funding for freight mobility, port-related transportation projects, and maintenance of critical corridors and waterways.



Energy & Decarbonization

Support port electrification grants and investments in grid capacity, transmission, and energy reliability.

Prioritize practical, flexible pathways to decarbonization that recognize port operations and regional constraints.



Environment & Cleanup

Protect dedicated MTCA and hazardous substance tax revenues for environmental cleanup and redevelopment.

Maintain progress on cleanup projects that are workable, timely, and cost-effective.



Governance & Affordability

Preserve existing port statutory authorities and economic development tools.

Do no harm - oppose new or expanded taxes and regulations that undermine port competitiveness and challenge affordability.



Workforce & Industry

Support workforce development, training, and education programs aligned with maritime, logistics, and industrial needs.

Build and retain a skilled workforce to support evolving port industries.