

2024 EASC Legislative Agenda

For 2024, Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) asks the Legislature to partner with and act on the following priorities to ensure economic prosperity for all in Snohomish County:

Competitive Business Environment

Support state-level leadership and funding for economic development, including business recruitment, retention & expansion and innovation programs that would establish an ongoing competitive grant program for ADO's.

- Support WEDA's supplemental request for \$5 million per fiscal year for state-wide ADO funding.

Workforce & Talent

Support efforts to address immediate workforce needs and develop future pipeline through various programs, including apprenticeships. Critical areas include:

- Healthcare and nursing (e.g. LPN apprenticeship and continuation).
- Clean energy transition.
- Childcare
- Digital literacy and IT equity.

Infrastructure

Ensure funding and timeline for Snohomish County Regional Projects is retained and/or accelerated to meet project needs.

Thriving Communities

Housing affordability and supply:

- Support legislation that improves housing affordability, increases housing supply, and expands opportunities for housing at all income levels.

Support efforts to improve public safety through additional funding and tools such as:

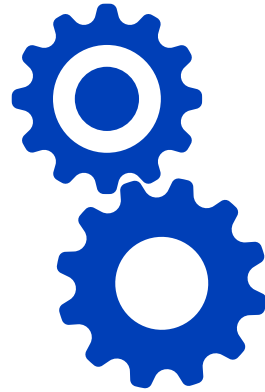
- Officer recruitment and retention.
- Auto theft prevention and enforcement programs.
- Address property crime for businesses.

In Snohomish County . . .

**\$55
Billion**



gross domestic product (GDP)
produced in Snohomish County



56,838

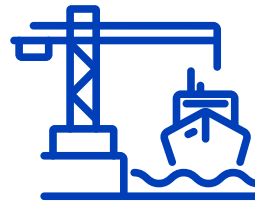
Manufacturing jobs
within Snohomish
County

50%



of all aerospace workers in WA
work in Snohomish County

5th largest



port on the West
Coast, with 60%
of jobs linked to
international trade

As the Snohomish County regional chamber of commerce and associate development organization (ADO), EASC brings together business and community partners to advocate for a competitive business environment.

Opportunity Lives Here.



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