



2026 State Legislative Agenda

One County, One Voice

As the Snohomish County associate development organization (ADO), [Economic Alliance Snohomish County \(EASC\)](#) connects business and community partners to advocate as a unified voice for policies that drive economic success in Snohomish County.

Transportation & Infrastructure

Support efficient delivery of existing Move Ahead WA and Connecting Washington projects.

Advocate for permitting and procurement reform to reduce delays and cost overruns while minimizing unfunded mandates on local jurisdictions.

Protect regional mobility investments from reallocation or cuts, such as the US-2 trestle replacement and Everett Link extension.

Prioritize freight mobility and port access projects already within current funding packages.

Competitive Business Environment

Oppose new or increased taxes or fees that hinder economic development and small business growth.

Advance regulatory streamlining measures such as simplifying B&O tax filing or permitting, with an emphasis on reducing administrative burden at the local level rather than adding new compliance or reporting mandates..

Preserve proven incentives that promote innovation and job creation (for example, aerospace and clean energy).

Support export assistance programs through the Department of Commerce's existing trade budget.

Workforce & Talent

Expand use of existing workforce training grants and apprenticeship funding, prioritizing sectors with acute shortages (healthcare, advanced manufacturing, construction).

Support public-private partnerships for career-connected learning through existing K-12, CTC, four-year/postsecondary pathways.

Encourage reinvestment of existing state housing trust funds toward workforce housing projects.

Target existing behavioral health and rural healthcare funds to address workforce shortages.

Support ongoing investment in higher education and postsecondary institutions as core drivers of workforce development, talent retention, and regional economic growth.

Community Vitality & Resilience

Support policy reforms that increase housing supply within urban growth boundaries by streamlining permitting, modernizing zoning, and improving concurrency laws while ensuring reforms do not create additional unfunded administrative or staffing obligations for cities.

Protect existing childcare subsidy programs and reduce administrative burdens for providers.

Encourage employer partnerships through tax credits or pilot programs using existing allocations.

Advocate for permit modernization that includes revisiting burdensome state-level requirements that slow review timelines and drive local cost increases.

The 2026 Legislative Agenda is developed in collaboration with business and community leaders, local governments, educational institutions and non-profit leaders from across Snohomish County.



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