2026 State Legislative Priorities

The Port of Anacortes (Port) was founded in 1926 and is one of 75 Port Districts in the State of Washington. Ideally situated between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia, this natural deep-water port is perfect for shipping to the Pacific Rim, has excellent access to inland transportation, is close to Interstate 5, and is strategically situated for Alaska-related maritime logistics and operations. Currently the Port employs 38 full- time, 21 seasonal, and 9 on-call employees. The Port is governed by a five-member elected Commission and administered by an Executive Director.

Promoting a Competitive, Affordable Business Environment

The Port recognizes the escalating costs facing businesses and is committed to strategies that help keep our local economy affordable and competitive.

Support the Trade & Maritime Ecosystem

Washington's ports and trade-related industries are critical economic engines that support jobs and communities across the state. As the state faces exceptional funding challenges, the Port hopes to partner with the state to evaluate potential impacts on the competitiveness and vitality of these sectors when developing or considering new revenue proposals.

Pier 61 Replacement Budget Request

The Port is requesting support from the Legislature to fund a design, permitting, and mitigation package for the Pier 61 replacement. The partially dilapidated pier serves local islands with one barge service, bringing items the state ferries can't carry (propane, oxygen, construction supplies, etc.). To better support the needs of the community, the Port seeks to replace the pier with a facility that can support four barges. The Port will also seek federal Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding for this project. The Port requests $1.2M for this work.

Energy Supply & Grid Resiliency

There is uncertainty around sufficient available power and the grid's ability to meet the Port's economic development goals. The Port will continue to work with the Washington Public Ports Association to identify potential actions to be considered, including potential legislative proposals.

Model Toxics Control Act Support

The Port supports continued funding for Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup projects and the reduction of barriers to apply for MTCA funding. The Port will advocate for full funding of port capital projects from MTCA and continue to work with other stakeholders to support funding for cleanup projects.

Support Funding for Derelict Vessel Removal Program

The Port supports and relies on continued funding for derelict vessel remediation in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and will continue to advocate for funding for this program.

We are also supportive of WPPA's 2026 Legislative Priorities & Trade Strategy and Washington Maritime Federation 2026 Legislative Priorities.

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