



2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Request Funding for Jefferson County International Airport Industrial Park

The Port requests **\$2 million** of Capital Budget funding to support the development of a rural light industrial park on an undeveloped 24-acre parcel of Port-owned land adjacent to the Jefferson County International Airport. The project will provide “pad-ready” sites provided with supporting infrastructure to attract new businesses and allow existing businesses to expand. The project also includes construction of at least one 10,000 square foot structure to “built to suit” within the Eco-Industrial Park to accommodate an existing local business. Overall, the project will lead directly to the creation of good jobs, particularly value added, more sustainable businesses.

Request Funding for Boat Yard Expansion Project – Phase 1

The Port hopes to expand the boatyard to meet the current and increasing space demands of a myriad of small and medium-sized maritime businesses and allow new businesses to be established. The expansion project will also ensure that the Boat Yard meets rising regional demand following a recent string of boat yard closures in the region. Phase I of this project includes 100% design/engineering and permitting and construction of a 2.0-acre expansion to the existing yard, together with construction of stormwater improvements to handle runoff from SR-20 that has been directed onto the Port’s property. Future phases will add an additional 4.1 acres to the yard. The Port requests \$2 million from the state for this \$5,150,000 project.

Support Heritage Capital Grants Ranked Project List: Point Hudson Weatherization Project

The Port needs to replace the roof of eight buildings of the original Station Buildings at Point Hudson. This is the next step to the overall efforts to preserve and revitalize the Point Hudson Marina. The Port is ranked number 18 of 19 projects in the Heritage Capital Grant program and supports full funding in the 2025-2027 biennial budget.

Support Electrification Efforts at Ports

The Legislature established and funded the Port Electrification Grant Program at WSDOT with \$26.5M in the 2024 legislative session. As the Port continues to look for ways to electrify the shipyard, it will advocate for continued funding for this newly created grant program, increasing access, and any needed clarification around how the funds can be used.

Support Funding for Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)

The Port supports funding for MTCA clean-up projects and the reduction of barriers to apply for MTCA funding. As more demands of the program funding continue each legislative session, maintaining funding for cleanup projects is critical. 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 Full Ferry Service

The Port supports full ferry service for the Port Townsend-Coupeville and Kingston-Edmonds ferry routes as well as investments in the ferry workforce and fleet. The Port supports efforts to elevate ferry issues as a top priority within the incoming gubernatorial administration.



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.

Match Act 2.0

The Port supported the passage of the Match Act by the Legislature during the 2024 session which aims to ensure the state is helping local governments and special purpose districts better compete for federal funding. The Port supports the proposed Match Act 2.0 which seeks to provide state funding to increase the competitiveness of existing local government grant applications.

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