

2024 EASC Federal Priorities



Economic Development & International Trade

Support restoration of the election for businesses to fully deduct their current-year R&D expenses by supporting *The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024*.

Support free and open global trade with strong U.S. leadership to increase economic prosperity, promote inward investment, and job creation.

Support investments in trade and export infrastructure to increase freight mobility and reduce supply chain challenges.

Seek opportunities to compete for investments in science, research and technology from the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 for Snohomish County.

Transportation & Infrastructure

Ensure the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding and congressionally directed spending appropriations reflect community priorities for Snohomish County.

Strengthen freight mobility by investing in and supporting the movement of goods along all modes of transportation including highways, railways, airways and waterways.

Continued investment for public transit including bus systems and light rail.

Support federal funding for Westbound U.S. 2 Trestle bridge.

Continue to reform and streamline the federal permitting process for infrastructure, including transportation and broadband and energy projects to balance environmental protection, while accelerating project reviews to make the process cost-effective, predictable, and transparent.

Support clean energy and CO2 emission reduction federal research programs, resources, and incentives that will accelerate sustainability in transportation, energy efficiency of infrastructure, Sustainable Aviation Fuels, and use of sustainable building materials.

Support investments to modernize the power grid and improve reliability and resiliency with new technologies and additional transmission capacity.

Fund broadband affordability through the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Support efforts to increase supply chain resiliency and energy efficiency standards

Workforce & Talent

Support immigration reform that will spur economic growth and address workforce shortages.

Support new and innovative ways to recruit, retain and upskill workers in the transportation, IT, construction, advanced manufacturing and cleantech sector.

Fund Career and Technical Education and apprenticeship programs to access and develop work-based learning opportunities.

Expand and fund the Childcare for Working Families Act so low- and moderate-income families can have access to affordable childcare.

Increase funding for pre-K, head start and early head start programs, especially underserved areas.

Support federally funded research around bioproducts including sustainable aviation fuels, grid security, national security, materials science, smart manufacturing, nuclear waste cleanup, and hydrogen research.

Increase federal funding and support for K-12 school safety programs and capital infrastructure.

Support federal funding for university/college programs across the State and in Snohomish County.

Fund the Pell Grant program to increase access to apprenticeship and education opportunities for students.

Childcare support efforts with industry and businesses to develop strategies for a strong, safe, affordable and accessible childcare industry for Washington State families and enhances the future workforce.

Military & Veteran Affairs

Support continued growth of Navy assets to reach goals of an expanded fleet at Naval Station Everett.

Expand research and training opportunities through the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve veteran health and enhance military preparedness.

Support federal fixes to facilitate employment for military spouses that eases inter-state restrictions in licensure.

Implement a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) program for childcare expenses for military families.

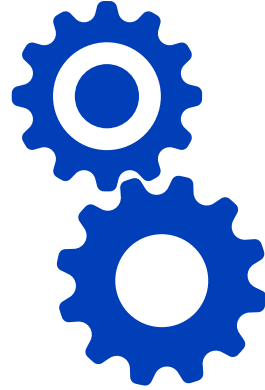
Support federal initiatives that increase food security for our service members and their families.

In Snohomish County . . .

**\$55
Billion**



gross domestic product (GDP)
produced in Snohomish County



56,838

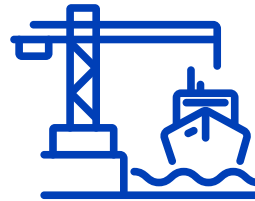
Manufacturing jobs
within Snohomish
County

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

The 2024 Federal Agenda is developed in collaboration with business and community leaders, local governments, educational institutions, and non-profit leaders from across Snohomish County.

**Your Trusted Connection Between Business
and Government.**



Economic Alliance
SNOHOMISH COUNTY