

AGC of Washington

2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Associated General Contractors of Washington (AGC)
is the state's oldest and largest commercial
construction trade association.

Associated General Contractors of Washington is a professional association of contractors who join together to enhance the performance and representation of our members, promote the respect and integrity of the commercial construction industry, and improve the quality of life in our communities. Our projects improve our everyday lives, protect our environment and help create one of the highest standards of living in the world.



The construction industry employs more than 286,600 people in Washington State. Investment in infrastructure helps fuel our state's economy. Every \$1 invested in construction projects generates an additional \$2.09 in economic activity and increases earnings for all workers throughout the state.

The AGC and its members are concerned with many legislative and regulatory issues. Our highest priorities are outlined in this flyer. These goals will strengthen the economy and treat all interests fairly. Please contact any member of our Government Affairs Team if you have questions, or would like more detailed information on any issue.

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AGC WILL WORK FOR

- Ensuring that transportation investments, as passed by the 2022 Move Ahead Washington package, are realized. This includes commitments from the general fund and the Climate Commitment Act. Work to ensure that long term investments in transportation meet the state's needs, particularly as gas tax revenues decline due to mandated increased sale of electric vehicles.
- Proposals to increase investments in capital construction, including the State Capital Budget, Public Works Trust Fund, Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and efforts to increase school construction funding such as reduction in the 60% threshold to approve school bond measures.
- Programs and opportunities that increase and improve the construction-industry workforce including funding for Core Plus Construction, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in middle and high school and enhancements to STEM programs. Also promote apprenticeship programs, inclusive of State and/or Federally approved programs, while bringing awareness to and encouraging people to enroll in the training who are entering the construction industry.
- Proposals that fairly allocate risk in construction contracts.
- Proposals that support fair and open access to public works construction contracts.
- Achievable efforts to increase diversity in the construction industry.
- Reasonable and cost-effective measures to improve and/or reduce the embodied carbon of buildings and construction process while not burdening the contracting entity with undue risk
- Workers' Compensation system improvements.
- Rational and reasonable business regulation reforms.
- Rationale and reasonable permit and growth management act reforms that allow needed expansion of residential and commercial construction.
- Rational and reasonable prevailing wage reforms.
- Rational and reasonable approaches to stabilize the Unemployment Insurance trust fund.

AGC WILL WORK AGAINST

- Proposals to establish a margin tax in lieu of state B&O tax.
- Proposals that unreasonably increase taxes, business costs or regulations.
- Proposals that divert funds from dedicated construction programs or other dedicated programs to other unrelated purposes that were not the original intent.
- Unreasonable natural gas restrictions or outright immediate ban, either through legislation or building code requirements.
- Any legislative proposals that seek to divert 18th amendment-protected revenues to other government programs.
- EV car mandates that reduce gas tax revenues without enactment of a plan to replace those revenues.
- EV truck and heavy equipment mandates that are overly burdensome and costly to the construction industry.
- Public construction procurement methods that carry undue risk and which are not well vetted or do not have a consensus of support within the affected AGC contractor membership.
- Government mandated, or government negotiated Project Labor Agreements, Community Workforce Agreements and any similar requirements that are government mandated or government negotiated on public projects.
- Environmental proposals that impose unnecessary burdens and undue risk on contractors and are not practical or are not economically and technically feasible.
- Detrimental land use laws which make development efforts unreasonably difficult or costly.

If you have questions about AGC's priorities, or need more specific information on a particular issue, please contact the AGC Government Affairs Team in Olympia at 360.352.5000.



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