

AGC of Washington

2019 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 259,000 people in Washington State. Investment in infrastructure helps fuel our state's economy. Every \$1 invested in construction projects generates an additional \$1.97 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

- 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 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in middle and high school and enhancements to STEM programs.
- Proposals that fairly allocate risk in construction contracts.
- Proposals that support fair and open access to public works construction contracts.
- Achievable efforts to increase the diversity of the industry.
- Reasonable and cost-effective measures to improve the carbon-output of buildings and construction processes.
- Workers' Compensation system improvements.
- Protection of the transportation funding priorities established in the 2015 revenue package and other efforts to enhance and maintain the state's transportation system.
- Rational and reasonable business regulation reforms.
- Rational and reasonable prevailing wage reforms.

AGC WILL WORK AGAINST

- 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.
- Proposals that unreasonably increase taxes, business costs, or regulations.
- Proposals that divert funds from dedicated construction programs to other unrelated purposes.
- Any legislative proposals that seek to divert 18th amendment-protected revenues to other government programs.
- Public construction procurement methods which are not well vetted or do not have a consensus of support within the affected AGC contractor membership.
- Environmental proposals that impose unnecessary burdens on contractors which 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.