

2021 State Legislative Session Review

Briefing to Port of Seattle Commission

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Overview

- High-level recap of 2021 Legislative Session, which adjourned on Sunday, April 25th
 - Adopted three budgets: transportation, operating, and capital.
 - LCFS and Operating Budget pass in final hours of session
- Port priority items – Big successes! But more work to be done
 - Finally successful in push for low carbon fuel standard
 - Secured state funding partnership for Quiet Sound program
 - Swift passage of technical correction to airline catering legislation passed in 2020
- Additional items of interest
 - Juneteenth
 - Tourism funding
 - Environmental cleanup projects

Priority Agenda Items

Low Carbon Fuel Standard: In final hours of the 2021 session, this long-held Port of Seattle priority was negotiated and passed and sent to the Governor for his signature. Major step forward in Washington's– and the Port's– efforts to fight climate change and reduce air pollution in communities.



Airline catering workers: With only a few days till session, the Port brought a technical issue to Senator Keiser, and asked her to help clarify that the Port had the authority to implement minimum labor standards for certain employees. The bill sailed through with little opposition and will be big for our flight kitchen employees.



Quiet Sound funding: In spite of not being included in Governor Inslee's budget request, the Port led a coalition of maritime industry leaders, environmental advocates, and more to push for \$250,000 in annual funding for each of the next two years to implement the Quiet Sound voluntary vessel noise reduction program.

Additional Port Priorities

- Cap-and-invest (SB 5126)
- Streamlined sales tax mitigation
- Model Toxics Control Act funding
- Juneteenth
- CPARB reauthorization
- Port districts retail broadband authority
- HEAL Act

More Work to be Done

- Transportation revenue package
- 2:1 match for local improvement projects
- Tax increment financing bill



Next Steps

- Funding and other follow ups: LCFS next steps; Quiet Sound implementation; transportation special session?
- Interim meetings with lawmakers (July-December 2021)
- Potential small group tours with legislative stakeholders (July-September 2021)
- 2022 Legislative Agenda Development (now through November 2021)

Questions?

On to the Interim!