Regional Policy Priorities
Snohomish County

**Transportation & Infrastructure**
- Support efficient and timely delivery of Snohomish County regional projects funded in Connecting Washington and encourage any project cost savings to be reinvested in the region.
- Support the modernization of the Port of Everett’s International Seaport through capital investments in dock, rail, and surface transportation improvements.
- Develop planning and funding solutions for chokepoint and congestion relief in alignment with priorities of Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation (SCCIT).
- Provide options and tools to local governments and agencies to sufficiently fund local road, transit, and infrastructure improvements for community development.

**Education & Workforce**
- Identify and implement a framework that will ensure that the State fully funds basic education, while mitigating impacts of local levy authority cuts.
- Provide appropriate capital and program funding for UW Bothell, WSU North Puget Sound at Everett/Everett University Center, Everett CC, Edmonds CC and the WSU College of Medicine to expand STEM and other high-demand programs.
- Provide adequate resources and tools for school retrofits, construction and expansion due to population growth and seismic safety concerns.
- Support Career Connected Learning by fully funding CTE programs, continued funding of STEM Networks including Snohomish STEM, and allocation of funds for career pathway programs and facilities.

**Economic Prosperity & Competitiveness**
- Promote the importance our highly skilled workforce, educational institutions, and tax policies all play in attracting and retaining aerospace and non-aerospace companies and jobs in Snohomish County.
- Protect local economic development organizations’ state funding (i.e., protect funding for ADOs like EASC).
- Support programs and tools that promote tourism and recreation in Snohomish County.

**Community Vitality & Resiliency**
- Honor longstanding partnerships between the State and local governments by avoiding further reductions in shared revenues, and any other actions that hamper the ability of cities, counties and public agencies to provide essential services to citizens.
- Support the long-term funding in the MTCA account for the Port of Everett’s Mill A/Seaport Environmental Cleanup.
- Expand access and funding for services treating behavioral health needs and homelessness that enable citizens to fully participate and succeed in the local workforce and contribute to the community.
- Support programs and tools that ensure that adequate housing supply is available and accessible to the local workforce.
Quick Facts
Snohomish County

Transportation & Infrastructure

- 55% of residents work outside the county
- 44% of Snohomish County residents commute to King County
- There will be $3.2 bil in unmet transportation demands over the next decade, including $798 mil in priority needs
- 60% of jobs within Snohomish County are tied to international trade; 40% in Washington State

Education & Workforce

- 21% of Snohomish County jobs are in manufacturing - the highest in Washington State
- 84% of businesses in Snohomish County have difficulty finding qualified employees
- 90% of career jobs need a credential or some college. Currently only 31% of Washington State students receive one

Economic Prosperity & Competitiveness

- 280,000 jobs within Snohomish County
- $1 bil tourism industry, 4th largest in Washington State
- State’s 2nd fastest growing county
- 8,600 manufacturing jobs gained since 2008, #1 in the U.S.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF AEROSPACE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY
$8.2 bil in wages $39.85 bil in business revenues 92,450 jobs

Community Vitality & Resiliency

- 50% of all renters and more than 1/3 of all homeowners in Snohomish County are cost-burdened
- 1,000+ residents are homeless at any given time

Approximately 1,100 units of affordable housing are needed each year over the next 20 years