



# *2022 Legislative Session*

*In Review*

AWB Government Affairs | March 29, 2022

# *History*

*1904-07      The Citizen's Alliance*

*1907-11      The Employers Association of Seattle*

*1911-20      Employers Association of Washington*

*1920-44      Federated Industries of Washington*

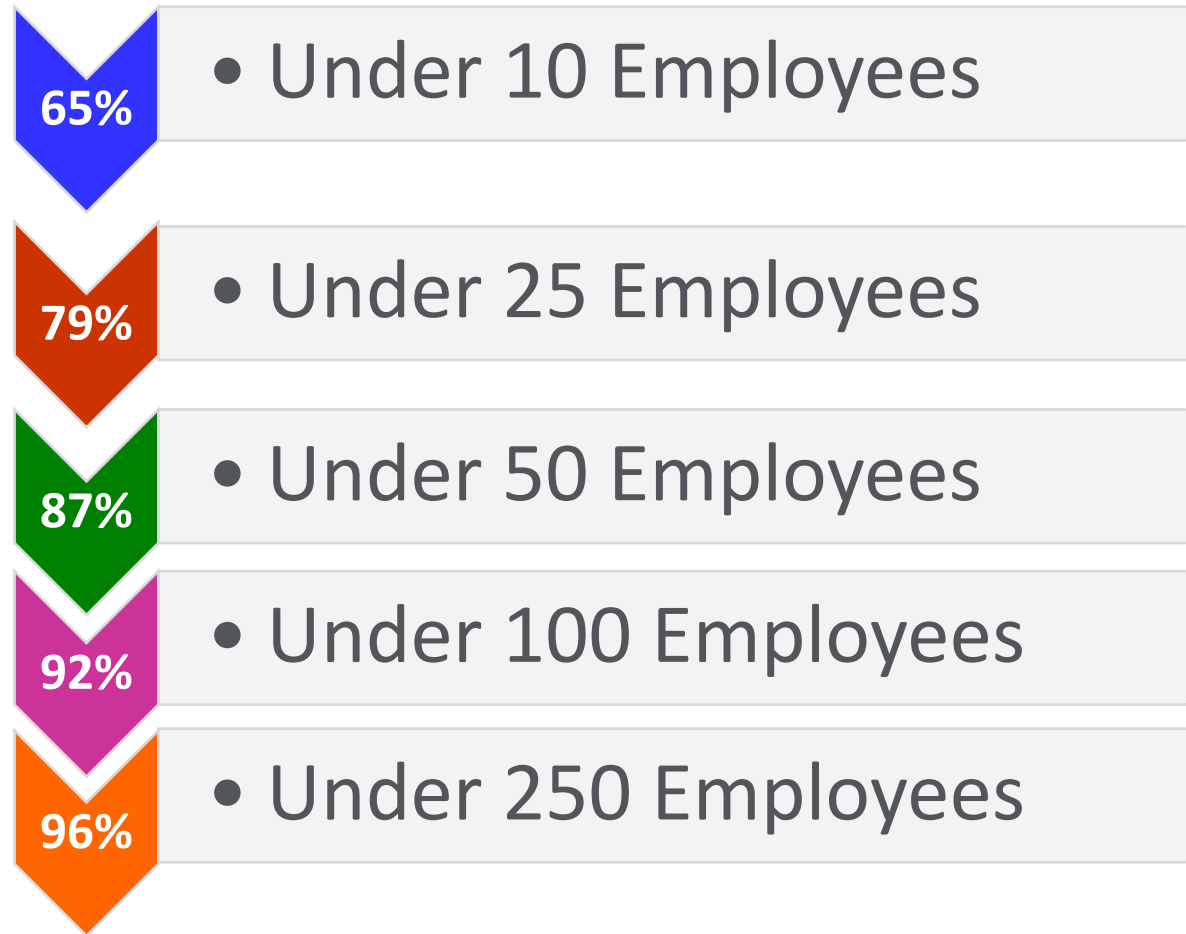
*1944-69      Associated Industries of Washington*

*1969          Association of Washington Business*

# *Association of Washington Business*

- *State Chamber of Commerce*
- *State Manufacturing & Technology Association*
- *All Industry Sectors*

# Membership



*as of Sept. 30, 2021*

## *AWB Mission & Vision*

### Mission

AWB is the catalytic leader and unifying voice for economic prosperity throughout Washington state.

## *AWB Mission & Vision*

### Vision

Washington will excel as a globally competitive state built on a solid foundation of innovation, a world class workforce, and a quality of place second to none.

# 2022 Session Recap

**\$15 billion surplus in revenue -- \*No sales tax or B&O tax reduction\***

**\$15 billion surplus in revenue -- \*24% increase in budget\***

**Adopted a \$17 billion transportation package**

**No meaningful housing or GMA reform**

**No Emergency Powers reform**

**Extended implementation Long Term Care July 2023**



# *Transportation and Infrastructure*

*Move Ahead Washington, 16 years, \$17 billion*

- Fourth transportation package in 20 years
  - No gas tax but allocates \$5.4 billion of future revenue from Climate Commitment Act
  - All remaining revenues allocated to roads
  - Funds \$1 billion for I-5 crossing in Vancouver
  - Backfills revenue losses in Connecting Washington projects
  - Allocates \$3 billion to maintenance and preservation
  - Removes fuel export tax and the local option utility tax
  - Transfers \$2.8 billion from the operating budget
  - Fully funds fish passage barriers as mandated by the court
  - Funds four new ferry vessels
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- Raises about \$2.4 billion in new fees
  - Removes the gas tax link to LCFS
  - Funds very few projects in Eastern Washington
  - Sweeps \$800 million from the public works trust fund



# *Land Use and Construction*

Addressing the housing crisis and GMA reform were priorities this session for the majority party  
But all major bills died

- Governor's missing middle housing, HB 1782/SB 5670, AWB supported
- Riparian buffer bill, HB 1838/SB 5727
- Adding salmon recovery to local government planning, HB 1117
- Adding climate change to local government planning, HB 1099

# *Looking ahead --*

## November Elections

- 4 open Senate seats

- 16 open House seats

## Long Session in 2023

- New or narrower majority?

- Back to in-person?

- Biennial budgets

- Road Usage Charge

- Housing & GMA reform

# Q & A



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