



# Tri-Cities Legislative Priorities

**Jason Herbert**

**Chair, Tri-Cities Legislative Council**

**March 28, 2019**

# Our Mission



“Keeping a bridge of communication between the  
Tri-Cities and Olympia”

Serving our community since 1987.



# Who We Represent

- Pasco Chamber of Commerce
- Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC)
- Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Visit Tri-Cities
- West Richland Chamber of Commerce



# Our Process



- Annual letter requesting input
- Focus on community at-large issues benefiting Tri-Cities
- Unanimous support from all TCLC members
- Develop priority and standing issue papers
- Annual trip to Olympia with Leadership Tri-Cities
- Olympia meetings with legislators to exchange information
- Reception for legislators

# TCLC with Leadership Tri-Cities

## *Senate Chambers 2019*



# 2019 Priority Issues



- Clean Energy Future
- Economic Development & Infrastructure Financing
- Higher Education in Tri-Cities
- Orca Task Force and Lower Snake River Dams

# 2019 Standing Issues

- Manhattan Project
- Support for Washington's Rural Regions
- Tourism in the Tri-Cities & Washington
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Water Policy



# Legislative Activity



## Key Proposals & Policies of Interest

- Clean Energy Standard (*S.B. 5116*)
- Clean Fuel Standard (*H.B. 1110*)
- Public option health insurance (*S.B. 5822*)
- Long-term care (*H.B. 1087*)



# Legislative Activity

## Key Proposals & Policies of Interest

Budget Proposed for FY 2019-2021

- Capital Gains Tax
- Graduated Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)
- Tax Preferences Repeal
- Increased B&O Tax





# Questions?