

# 2017 Federal Legislative Agenda

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## Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT)

Support reforming the HMT to ensure United States tax policy does not disadvantage United States ports and maritime cargo, and to provide greater equity for HMT donor ports through expanded use of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund revenues.

## WRRDA Section 2106

Support \$50 million appropriation for the “donor port” rebate program authorized under Section 2106 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) to address the HMT cost disadvantage relative to Canadian ports.

## Seattle Harbor Deepening Project

Support \$500,000 in FY17 for the final year of the feasibility study on deepening the federal channels serving T-18, T-30 and T-5. On completion of the study and Chief’s Report, support authorization and funding for design and construction.

## National freight policy

Support implementation and funding for a national multimodal freight strategy and related grant programs that recognize the significance of U.S. West Coast ports.

## Safe and efficient cargo screening

Support expedited deployment by Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) of radiation portal monitors capable of scanning containers in a more efficient manner for marine container terminals utilizing straddle carriers. Support adequate CBP staffing levels to ensure efficient movement of cargo through the Puget Sound gateway.

## Trade Liberalization and Expansion Policy Advancement

Engage with local, state and national partners to advocate for trade policies that open new markets and level playing fields for Washington employers and others who use the NWSA as their international gateway, while creating verifiable, measureable and enforceable standards to protect workers and the environment.

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