

2002 **Legislative** **Report Card**

Compiled by the Association of
Washington Business

It is time once again for the Association of Washington Business' annual assessment of Washington's legislators. Each year AWB's Governmental Affairs Council draws up a list of the most important bills to the state's business community.

From the list, the Legislative Voting Record is compiled. The record reflects how well legislators have supported AWB's positions on these key bills and amendments.

In some cases, AWB opposed a bill, but supported amendments to it that brought it more in line with the Association's legislative position.

AWB determines its legislative position on how a bill or amendment reflects our legislative objectives. These objectives are drafted and approved by the members prior to the start of the legislative session.

This year's record also includes the House of Representatives. For the last three years, the House had been omitted because of the deadlock created by the 49-49 tie.

For further details and explanations of the bills described in the following pages, please reference AWB's 2002 Legislative Session Review online at www.awb.org.

Gov. Gary Locke's Voting Record Percentage: 46%

| Bill | Description | AWB Position | *Governor's Action |
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| HB 1005 | Public utility right of way | Y | Signed |
| HB 1248 | Unemployment Insurance For Domestic Violence Quits | N | Signed |
| HB 1268 | Collective Bargaining for State Employees – Final Passage As Amended By the Senate | N | Signed – partial veto |
| HB 2641 | Clarification of Investment Income Taxation – Final Passage | Y | Signed |
| HB 2846 | Funding for Buildable Lands Review | N | Vetoed |
| HB 2866 | Limiting Overlapping Jurisdictions for Storm Water Permits | Y | Signed – partial veto |
| HB 2969 | Statewide Transportation Investment | Y | Signed |
| SB 6140 | Regional Transportation Investment | Y | Signed – partial veto - null & void |
| SB 6387 | Supplemental Operating Budget – Final Passage | N | Signed – partial veto |
| SB 6630 | Specialty Electrician Certification | Y | Signed |
| SB 6819 | Initiative 601 Amendments – Final Passage | N | Signed |
| SB 6828 | Tobacco Settlement Securitization – Final Passage | N | Signed |
| SB 6835 | Use Tax – Final Passage | N | Signed |

** Governor's actions in bold signify actions against AWB's position.*

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| Issue Area of Bill: | Environmental | | | Human Resources | | | | | | Regulatory | | | Taxes | | | | Transportation | | | | | | |
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| AWB Position: | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | |
| Rep. Ida Ballasiotes (R-41) | 95% | Y | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | E | Y | Y | |
| Rep. Barbara Lisk (R-15) | 95% | Y | N | E | N | Y | Y | Y | E | E | Y | Y | Y | E | E | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Clyde Ballard (R-12) | 92% | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Kelly Barlean (R-10) | 92% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Bruce Chandler (R-15) | 92% | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Jim Clements (R-14) | 92% | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Larry Crouse (R-4) | 92% | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Doug Ericksen (R-42) | 92% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Luke Esser (R-48) | 92% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Janea Holmquist (R-13) | 92% | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Maryann Mitchell (R-30) | 92% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Joyce Mulliken (R-13) | 92% | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Toby Nixon (R-45) | 92% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Barry Sehlin (R-10) | 92% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Sarah Casada (R-25) | 91% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | E | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Cathy McMorris (R-7) | 91% | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Lynn Schindler (R-4) | 91% | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | E | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Dave Schmidt (R-44) | 90% | Y | N | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | E | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Mary Skinner (R-14) | 89% | Y | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | E | E | E | N | Y | Y | E |
| Rep. John Ahern (R-6) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Glenn Anderson (R-5) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Jim Buck (R-24) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Michael Carrell (R-28) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| Rep. Jerome Delvin (R-8) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| Rep. Dave Mastin (R-16) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Tom Mielke (R-18) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| Rep. Dave Morell (R-25) | 88% | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Ed Orcutt (R-18) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| Rep. Kirk Pearson (R-39) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| Rep. Cheryl Pflug (R-5) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Bob Sump (R-7) | 88% | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Gigi Talcott (R-28) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| Rep. Steve Van Luven (R-48) | 88% | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |

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Bill Descriptions

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

HB 1005: Public Utility Right-of-Way
AWB supported this bill controlling costs assessed to private utility companies and provides predictability and consistency for utility and infrastructure project fees. These projects are critical to our state's economy. Under the bill, private utilities may obtain easements with the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) over state-owned aquatic lands as long as the use is consistent with state statute and does not obstruct navigation and other uses. The bill passed the House 98-0 and the Senate 41-8. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

HB 2846: Funding for Buildable Lands Review
AWB opposed this bill exempting counties and cities from the buildable lands review program, unless the state provided a minimum of \$2.5 million per biennium. Under this program, counties and cities must ensure that they are achieving urban densities within urban growth areas (UGAs), and identify reasonable measures to adjust UGA boundaries if needed. This program is critical for businesses because it helps ensure that the density goals of the Growth Management Act are being met. If the evaluation shows that the densities are not being met, local

governments must take measures to increase consistency between the plan and what densities are actually occurring. Fortunately, the Governor vetoed this bill, which had passed the House 51-44 and the Senate 27-19. An "N" vote reflects the AWB position.

ESHB 2866: Limiting Overlapping Jurisdictions for Storm Water Permits
AWB supported this legislation clearly limiting the Dept of Fish and Wildlife's (DFW) authority up to the ordinary high water mark, while the Dept. of Ecology (DOE) is responsible for everything above the ordinary high water mark. The bill prohibits hydraulic projects from being unreasonably conditioned and mitigation on these projects is limited to their proportional

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Issue Area of Bill:

AWB Position:

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| | | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Beverly Woods (R-23) | 88% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Fred Jarrett (R-41) | 87% | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | E | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Mike Armstrong (R-12) | 86% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | E | E | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Brad Benson (R-6) | 83% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Marc Boldt (R-17) | 83% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | N |
| Rep. Roger Bush (R-2) | 83% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | N |
| Rep. Don Cox (R-9) | 83% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | N |
| Rep. Jim Dunn (R-17) | 83% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | N |
| Rep. Dan Roach (R-31) | 83% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | N |
| Rep. Mark Schoesler (R-9) | 83% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| Rep. Shirley Hankins (R-8) | 83% | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Gary Alexander (R-20) | 79% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| Rep. Jack Cairnes (R-47) | 79% | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Richard DeBolt (R-20) | 78% | Y | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
| Rep. Tom Campbell (R-2) | 67% | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N |
| Rep. Jean Berkey (D-38) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Frank Chopp (D-43) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Mark Doumit (D-19) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. William Eickmeyer (D-35) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Bill Fromhold (D-49) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Jeff Gombosky (D-3) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Bill Grant (D-16) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Kathy Haigh (D-35) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Brian Hatfield (D-19) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Lynn Kessler (D-24) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Aaron Reardon (D-38) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Phil Rockefeller (D-23) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Laura Ruderman (D-45) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos (D-37) | 29% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Dave Quall (D-40) | 26% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | E | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Maralyn Chase (D-32) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Mike Cooper (D-21) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Rep. Mary Lou Dickerson (D-36) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |

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impacts on the environment, rather than cumulative impacts. Finally, the legislation clearly states that DFW is not allowed to condition hydraulic project approvals based on water-quality standards, which are regulated by the DOE. While the legislation had broad support from business and local government organizations, there was significant opposition to this bill from the environmental community. The bill passed the House 61-35 and the Senate 27-19. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

HUMAN RESOURCES ISSUES
In the Human Resources arena key employer bills to clear up the current confusion surrounding workers' compensation benefits, enforcement of the state wage-and-hour laws,

and reference checks, did not even pass out of committee. AWB took no position on the Unemployment Insurance Tax Reform Bill, House Bill 2901, because of the varied impact on AWB members, and AWB reluctantly backed away from the expanded Family Care bill, SB 6426, in exchange for several key changes to protect employers.

HB 1248: Unemployment Insurance for Domestic Violence Quits
By a vote of 88-10, the House passed a bill expanding the situations where employees may quit their jobs and still receive unemployment insurance benefits. In this case, a loosely defined set of "victims" of domestic violence will be entitled to benefits and will not have to

satisfy normal job-search requirements. AWB opposed the bill because it made improper use of the unemployment insurance fund and should have been funded from other more general taxes. An "N" vote reflects AWB opposition to the bill, which was signed by the Governor.

HB 1248: Unemployment Insurance for Domestic Violence Quits (Honeyford Amendment)
In a close 23-25 vote, with one excused, the Senate rejected this amendment by Sen. Jim Honeyford (R-Sunnyside) providing the equivalent of unemployment benefits for domestic violence victims from a more appropriate funding source, and not the unemployment insurance fund. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB support for this amendment.

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| Issue Area of Bill: | | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| AWB Position: | | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Hans Dunshee (D-39) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Sam Hunt (D-22) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Brock Jackley (D-26) | 25% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Kelli Linville (D-42) | 25% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. John Lovick (D-44) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Joe McDermott (D-34) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Mark Miloscia (D-30) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Jeff Morris (D-40) | 25% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Ed Murray (D-43) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Al O'Brien (D-1) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Val Ogden (D-49) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Sandra Romero (D-22) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Shay Schual-Berke (D-33) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Geoff Simpson (D-47) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Helen Sommers (D-36) | 25% | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Brian Sullivan (D-21) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Dave Upthegrove (D-33) | 25% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Jeanne Edwards (D-1) | 22% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | E | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Eileen Cody (D-11) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Steve Conway (D-29) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Jeannie Darneille (D-27) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Ruth Fisher (D-27) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Christopher Hurst (D-31) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Ruth Kagi (D-32) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney (D-46) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Steve Kirby (D-29) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Patricia Lantz (D-26) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Toni Lysen (D-34) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Jim McIntire (D-46) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Kip Tokuda (D-37) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Velma Veloria (D-11) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Rep. Alex Wood (D-3) | 21% | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |

HB 1268: Collective Bargaining for State Employees—

Final Passage as Amended by the Senate

The House voted 56-40 and the Senate voted 29-19 to allow state employees the right to collectively bargain over wages, benefits and other working conditions. The bill made modest improvements to the state's civil services system and allowed limited contracting-out of state services. In essence, this bill locks 35-40 percent of the state's budget behind closed-door negotiations between the governor and state-employee union leaders. In addition, contracting-out remains subject to collective bargaining leaving the decision to contract-out in the hands of the union negotiators. The legislature has no amendatory authority over any collective

bargaining agreement and must simply vote yes or no. An "N" vote reflects the AWB position.

HB 1268: Collective Bargaining for State Employees—Chandler Amendment

By a vote of 47-51, the House rejected an amendment by Rep. Bruce Chandler (R-Zillah) that would have removed contracting-out from being subject to collective bargaining process. This amendment would have given agency management the sole discretion to contract with private industry to provide state services. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

HB 1268: Collective Bargaining for State Employees—Cox Amendment

By a vote of 47-51, the House rejected an

amendment by Rep. Don Cox (R-Colfax) that would have prohibited campaign contributions to gubernatorial candidates by state employee unions involved in the collective bargaining process. Violation of the prohibition was a gross misdemeanor and the violator would be fined. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

HB 1268: Collective Bargaining for State Employees—McMorris Striker

By a vote of 47-51, the House rejected a rewrite (striking amendment) of the collective bargaining bill by Rep. Cathy McMorris (R-Colville). It would have provided more meaningful civil service reforms and instituted "managed competition" in the contracting-out of government services to the private sector. The

amendment would have also removed all collective bargaining provisions. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

HB 2604: Unemployment Insurance New Employer Tax Changes

In a 53-44 vote, with one excused, the House passed this bill addressing the existing inequity between new and established companies in unemployment insurance premiums. It would have changed the unemployment insurance contribution rate for certain new employers to the average industry rate plus 20 percent. This is a rate that AWB determined would more accurately reflect the actual experience of new employers and a rate that would have reduced the subsidization by established firms. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position. The bill died in the Senate but one component was included in another bill that was signed by the Governor.

HB 2966: Ergonomics Rule Repeal

By a vote of 48-52, the House rejected HB 2966 offered by Rep. Jim Clements (R-Selah) repealing the Dept. of Labor and Industries Ergonomics Rule. Washington State is currently at a competitive disadvantage by being the only state in the nation with an untested comprehensive ergonomics rule. AWB believes ergonomics policy should be established by the Legislature, not by regulatory agencies; any ergonomics approach must be based on sound science and demonstrate injury reduction and cost effectiveness. While

the Governor ultimately provided a two-year delay to the enforcement of the rule, that action is not enough to provide certainty to employers in Washington State and a legal challenge led by AWB is proceeding. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

SB 5329: Crime Victims Leave

With a 27-22 vote the Senate passed the bill requiring employers to provide leave to crime victims and specified family members, in addition to the applicable medical and disability leaves that are already mandated. AWB opposed this ambiguously worded bill that would also have authorized private lawsuits to resolve disputes. An "N" vote reflects AWB opposition to this bill, which died in the House.

SB 6630: Specialty Electrician Certification

In a 95-1 vote in the House, with two excused, and a 43-0 vote in the Senate, with one absent and five excused, both houses passed this bill creating a reduced training requirement for certain repair and maintenance workers so that they do not have to take the normal four years of training required for certification as an electrician. It also expanded the types of plug-in electrical equipment that can be worked-on without having to obtain any certification. AWB supported this reduction in unnecessary regulatory requirements that did not go far enough. A "Y" vote reflects AWB support. The Governor signed this bill into law.

REGULATORY REFORM

HB 2855: Regulatory Reform for Small Business

This bill directs state agencies to make a good faith attempt to notify businesses of rules that they are expected to comply with. It also requires the governor's signatures on new agency rules to promote accountability and reduce future regulatory burdens on small businesses. The Governor's office opposed this measure that worked to implement the Governor's Competitiveness Council recommendations. The measure failed to pass the House and was defeated on a procedural motion by a vote of 46-50. AWB believes the cost of understanding and complying with regulations is placing Washington at a competitive disadvantage, a "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

HB 2962: Limits on Agency Rulemaking

The House of Representatives defeated this bill by a vote of 48-50. This bill prohibits an agency from adopting a proposed rule until the legislature has had the opportunity to review it during a regular or special legislative session. The bill further limits agency rulemaking to the minimum delegation necessary to administer legislation. AWB believes that the legislature is responsible for adopting new laws and that agency officials should only administer policy not create it. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

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HB 2964: Delaying the Effect of Significant Legislative Rules

This bill would restrict agency rules from going into effect until after the following legislative session. This would allow time for the legislature to review rules to ensure they are issued as intended by the legislature. AWB believes that greater legislative oversight of agency rules is needed to ensure legislative intent and authority for rule adoption is met. The bill was opposed by the Governor's office and was rejected by the House of Representatives by a vote of 48-50. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

SB 6252: Rulemaking Authority

This bill would require state agencies to cite the text of law that they are relying on when proposing a new rule rather than vague statements of intent. The bill would put a greater burden on the agency to justify its actions under the current law. The bill passed the Senate 25-23 and died in the House of Representatives after failing to get a public hearing. The Governor opposed this measure that worked to implement the regulatory reform recommendations of the Governor's Competitiveness Council Report. AWB believes that state agencies should rely on specific legislative authority when adopting new rules. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

SB 6564: Delaying the Effect of Significant Legislative Rules

By a vote of 31-16 the Senate passed this bill to restrict agency rules from going into effect until after the following legislative session. This would allow time for the legislature to review rules to ensure they are issued as intended by the legislature. This bill also directs state agencies to make a good-faith attempt to notify businesses of rules that they are expected to comply with. AWB believes that greater legislative oversight of agency rules is needed to ensure legislative intent and authority for rule adoption is met and that greater notification of rules will assist in compliance. The bill failed to receive a public hearing in the House of Representatives and was opposed by the Governor's office. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

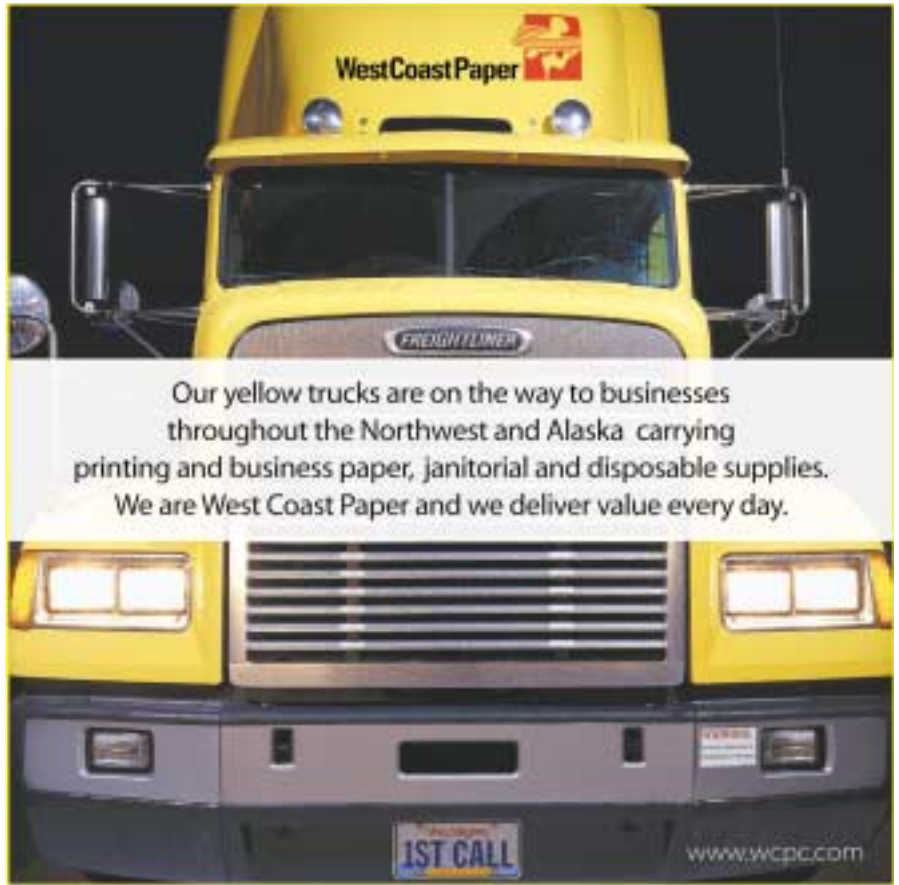
SB 6749: Invalidity of Agency Rules

This legislation provides that if a lawsuit is brought against an agency challenging the authority to adopt a rule, then the burden of proof is on the agency to establish the validity of the rule. The Senate passed the measure 33-16 but it died in the House of Representatives after failing to get a public hearing. The Governor opposed this measure that worked to implement the Governor's Competitiveness Council recommendations on regulatory reform. AWB believes that state agencies should have a greater burden in demonstrating the validity of new rules. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

TAX ISSUES

HB 2641: Clarification of Investment Income Taxation—Final Passage

The House voted 94-0 and the Senate voted 39-10 to clarify what types of investment income fall under Washington's Business and Occupation (B&O) tax rules. Under the bill, the term




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| Sen. Mike Hewitt (R-16) | 100% | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Jeanine Long (R-44) | 100% | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Linda Evans Parlette (R-12) | 100% | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Harold Hochstatter (R-13) | 95% | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y |
| Sen. Stephen Johnson (R-47) | 95% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Dan McDonald (R-48) | 95% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Bob Morton (R-7) | 95% | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Dino Rossi (R-5) | 95% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y |
| Sen. James West (R-6) | 95% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Joseph Zarelli (R-18) | 95% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Patricia Hale (R-8) | 95% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Dan Swecker (R-20) | 95% | Y | N | Y | E | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Bob McCaslin (R-4) | 94% | Y | E | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | E | E | Y |
| Sen. Bill Finkbeiner (R-45) | 90% | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Jim Honeyford (R-15) | 90% | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | N |
| Sen. Larry Sheahan (R-9) | 90% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y |
| Sen. Val Stevens (R-39) | 90% | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | N |
| Sen. Jim Horn (R-41) | 85% | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Don Benton (R-17) | 84% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | N | N | Y | N |
| Sen. Bob Oke (R-26) | 84% | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | E | Y |
| Sen. Alex Deccio (R-14) | 83% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | A |
| Sen. Pam Roach (R-31) | 75% | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | N |
| Sen. Tim Sheldon (D-35) | 68% | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Sen. Don Carlson (R-49) | 65% | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y |
| Sen. Shirley Winsley (R-28) | 50% | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |

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“other financial business” is no longer used for B&O tax purposes. Instead, the tax is specifically applied to investment income earned by a banking, security or lending businesses as well as investment income derived from loans or the extension of credit, revolving credit agreements, installment sales or the acceptance of payment for goods or services over time. A “Y” vote reflects the AWB position.

HB 2658: Municipal Tax Fairness—Cairnes Striker

By a vote of 47-50, the House rejected a rewrite (striking amendment) to Governor Locke’s Municipal Tax Fairness bill by Rep. Jack Cairnes (R-Renton). The amendment would have required cities levying Business and Occupation (B&O) taxes to adopt a model ordinance that contained uniform definitions identical to the state’s. The amendment would have provided a method for apportioning income so as to eliminate any chance of a business being taxed on more than 100 percent of its income. In addition, the amendment would require the model ordinance contain consistent administrative provisions regarding statutes of limitation, interest and penalties, and due dates among the cities. A “Y”

vote reflects the AWB position.

HB 2897: Estate Tax Repeal—Procedural Motion

By a vote of 46-50, the House rejected a procedural motion by Rep. Dave Mastin (R-Walla Walla) to relieve the Finance Committee of HB 2897 and bring the bill up for a vote on the House floor. The bill would have revised state law to fully conform to the 10-year phase-out of the Federal Estate Tax. A “Y” vote reflects the AWB position.

SB 6387: State Supplemental Operating Budget—Honeyford Amendment

By a vote of 28-21, the Senate rejected an amendment by Sen. Jim Honeyford (R-Sunnyside) eliminating the sweeping of \$4 million from the Model Toxics Control Act to the General Fund. (Amendments to the budget on the floor of the Senate require 30 votes for passage.) The supplemental budget contained a number of fund transfers aimed at plugging the nearly \$1.6 billion budget hole. This amendment is a reflection of the long-standing AWB policy principle that user fees not be used to fund programs or services that generally benefit the citizenry as a whole. A “Y” vote reflects the AWB position.

SB 6387: Supplemental Operating Budget—Final Passage

The House voted 50-47 and the Senate voted 26-22 to enact a supplemental operating budget for the 2001-2003 biennium. The inclusion of this vote was necessary to highlight the fact the adoption of this budget left the state spending nearly \$1.4 billion more this biennium than it is collecting in taxes and fees. This budget cannot be sustained and will most certainly lead to a large budget deficit during the 2003-2005 biennium that will require significant tax increases and severe cuts in services. An “N” vote reflects the AWB position.

SB 6785: Estate Tax Repeal—Sheahan Striker

By a vote of 24-25, the Senate rejected an amendment by Sen. Larry Sheahan (R-Spokane) that would have revised state law to fully conform to the 10-year phase-out of the Federal Estate Tax. The underlying bill would have established a new state estate tax once the Federal Estate Tax was phased out. A “Y” vote reflects the AWB position.

SB 6819: Initiative 601 Amendments—Final Passage

The Senate voted 26-23 and the House voted

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| Sen. Jim Kastama (D-25) | 45% | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Tracey Eide (D-30) | 40% | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Marilyn Rasmussen (D-2) | 40% | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen (D-10) | 37% | Y | A | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Paull Shin (D-21) | 37% | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | E | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Jim Hargrove (D-24) | 33% | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | E | E | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Georgia Gardner (D-42) | 32% | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | E | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Sid Snyder (D-19) | 32% | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | A | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Lisa Brown (D-3) | 28% | Y | Y | E | N | A | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Karen Keiser (D-33) | 25% | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Margarita Prentice (D-11) | 25% | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Betti Sheldon (D-23) | 25% | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe (D-1) | 20% | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Darlene Fairley (D-32) | 16% | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | E | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Jeralita "Jeri" Costa (D-38) | 15% | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sen. Rosa Franklin (D-29) | 15% | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Karen Fraser (D-22) | 15% | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Ken Jacobsen (D-46) | 15% | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Harriet Spanel (D-40) | 15% | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Debbie Regala (D-27) | 11% | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | E | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles (D-36) | 10% | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Adam Kline (D-37) | 5% | N | A | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Pat Thibaudeau (D-43) | 5% | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Sen. Erik Poulsen (D-34) | 0% | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | E | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N |

50-46 to suspend super-majority (two-thirds) vote requirements contained in Initiative 601 (state's spending limit) regarding raising taxes and spending money out of the rainy-day fund. The bill allowed the legislature to vote to raise taxes and spend rainy day resources with a simple majority vote. An "N" vote reflects the AWB position.

SB 6828: Tobacco Settlement Securitization—Final Passage

The Senate voted 25-23 and the House voted 50-46 to bond a portion of the future state receipts from the National Tobacco Settlement. In essence, the bill dedicated \$1.5 to 2.0 billion in future receipts to pay off nearly \$425 million in bonds that will be sold to help balance the 2001-2003 biennial budget. Not only does this policy generate a meager 25 cents return on the dollar for these hard fought funds, it violates a longstanding AWB principle that budgets not commit one-time revenues to ongoing expenditures. An "N" vote reflects the AWB position.

SB 6835: Use Tax—Final Passage

The Senate voted 28-19 and the House voted 56-42 to expand the reach of the state's use tax.

Under the bill, the use tax will now apply to the cost of delivery charges, repair of machinery equipment performed out of state, and the distribution of promotional materials printed out of state. The bill raised more than \$30 million in new taxes. An "N" vote reflects the AWB position.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

SHB 2304: Transportation Efficiencies—Ericksen Striker

By a vote of 46-51 the House rejected a striking amendment offered by Rep. Doug Ericksen (R-Bellingham) significantly strengthening the bill by removing restrictions placed on contracting out for construction-engineering services and on how prevailing wage rates are established. The bill ultimately passed and was signed into law, however because the striking amendment was not accepted the changes to contracting out and prevailing wage law are contingent on the passage of a statewide funding package for transportation. AWB believes that cost savings must be a significant and measurable part of any transportation finance package. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

SHB 2969: Statewide Transportation Investment

The House voted 75-23 and the Senate voted 30-17 to pass a statewide transportation investment package subject to voter approval. SHB 2969 provides a \$7.8 billion investment package that includes a 9 cents gas tax increase that is phased in over two years, 5 cents on Jan. 1, 2003, and 4 cents on Jan. 1, 2004. It also increased the sales tax by 1 percent for new and used vehicles and increases truck weight fees by 30 percent. AWB supports greater investment in the state's transportation system to reduce traffic congestion, improve the movement of people and goods, and promote a healthy economy. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.

2SSB 6140: Regional Transportation Investment

The House voted 64-33 and the Senate voted 34-14 to allow major counties to form regional transportation investment districts to provide funding for regional transportation projects. AWB supports allowing different regions to fund local transportation improvements as a way to supplement a statewide package where current transportation authorities are consolidated or coordinated to prevent duplication of services. A "Y" vote reflects the AWB position.