



**“State government
doesn’t have a revenue problem;
it has a spending problem.**

**I don’t mind paying my fair share
of taxes, but I want to know
it’s being spent wisely.**

**What they do to business
has a ripple effect
throughout the state’s
entire economy.”**

Amy Igloi-Matsuno, Owner
Amy’s on the Bay, Port Orchard

Our State’s Business Climate is Tough. But you can do something about it.

Amy Igloi-Matsuno and thousands of business owners are doing everything they can to survive in this economy. They’re cutting costs, finding ways to innovate and getting by with less.

But sometimes it feels like the cards are stacked against them. Business taxes have jumped. An income tax is headed to the ballot this fall. And, this past legislative session, policymakers failed to make critical, systemic changes to get spending under control.

The result? A massive \$3 billion budget deficit. Which means lawmakers will be looking for ways to bridge the gap. That could raise costs on employers—again—and jeopardize jobs.

We can’t control the ups and downs of the economy. But we can promote a more business-friendly climate in Washington state.

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