

A strong economy is the foundation for prosperous families and communities. Below are solutions Washington House Republicans support to create jobs, strengthen the economy and help personal incomes rise:

**Workers' compensation reform | [House Bill 1463](#), [House Bill 1464](#) and [House Bill 1465](#)**

- Additional changes to workers' compensation reforms passed in 2011 – addressing final settlement options and other reforms, and protecting earnings for those who suffer work-related injuries and illnesses.

**Regulatory Freedom and Accountability Act | [House Bill 1163](#)**

- Save taxpayer dollars by streamlining government operations and ending duplicative state services.

**Improve customer service for job creators | [House Bill 1403](#) (signed into law) and [House Bill 1757](#)**

- Require the Office of the Chief Information Officer to provide the Legislature with a plan for establishing performance benchmarks and measuring results of implementing a one-stop portal.

**Suspend Growth Management Act requirements in counties with persistent unemployment | [House Bill 1619](#)**

- Alleviate the cost and encumbrance of controlling growth when none is occurring and when those regulations stand in the way of economic development.

**Permit decisions in 90 days | [House Bill 1236](#)**

- Require state agencies to make permit decisions in 90 days or the permit is granted. This would create employer certainty, eliminate unnecessary delays and stimulate economic activity.

**Moratorium on rulemaking | [House Bill 1478](#)**

- Impose a moratorium on formal and informal rule-making by state agencies, except in certain specified instances, to last for three years – or until the state is no longer facing serious budget shortfalls.

**Regulatory Fairness Act | [House Bill 1162](#)**

- Require state agencies to determine whether compliance of a rule would result in a specified economic impact and, if so, the agency may not enforce the rule until the Legislature enacts the law.

**Improve permitting and review processes | [House Bill 2192](#)**

- Enhance transparency and predictability of state agency permitting and review processes by enacting State Auditor recommendations.

**Help counties struggling with unemployment | [House Bill 2204](#)**

- Reestablish the rural county sales and use tax exemption program, which would impact 31 counties.

**Create incentives to attract new employers and industries | [House Bill 2203](#)**

- Amend the definition of commercial airplane for specific tax preferences to include other types of commercial aircraft to encourage the migration of family-wage jobs in the state.

**Legislative approval of certain agency rules | [House Joint Resolution 4204](#)**

- Amendment to the state constitution to require certain agency rules to gain legislative approval.

**Require 2/3 vote of the Legislature to raise taxes | [House Joint Resolution 4206](#)**

- Amendment to the state constitution to place a higher legislative threshold to pass tax increases.