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The East King County Chambers of Commerce Legislative Coalition is pleased to present our 2007 Legislative Report Card. Representing over 22,000 Eastside businesses and 340,000 employees, our solidarity has a strong impact on the economic vitality and sustainability of the Puget Sound region.

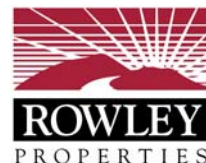
As a Coalition we strive to build stronger collaboration and two-way communication with our lawmakers. The Coalition works hard to reach consensus on issues that are critical to keeping the Eastside economy strong, healthy and with a critical eye toward the future. Through our events and interactions, we ensure that our unanimous positions are thoughtfully developed and our issues are heard and understood.

We have been diligent in creating an effective organization that aides in identifying important business priorities and communicates how our government can help ensure its Legislative Session each year meets and/or exceeds the needs of Eastside businesses. As one unified voice, our goal is to provide valuable feedback to our elected officials and to share the resulting impact their voting records have on business issues. Our elected officials have the responsibility to listen, probe, evaluate, and ultimately, make decisions that enable both a sustainable local economy and the infrastructure to participate in the global economy.

We appreciate the leadership of our Eastside legislative delegation and look forward to working with you as we champion business issues together in Olympia.

Kari Magill
2007-2008 Coalition Chair

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2007



Legislative Report Card

The Coalition Represents

11 Chambers of Commerce

Over 23,000 Businesses

Over 340,000 Employees

10 State Legislative Districts

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Bothell
Issaquah
Kirkland
Mercer Island
Newcastle
Redmond
Renton
Sammamish
Snoqualmie Valley
Woodinville

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Description	Final Passage																						2007 Score	Percentage	2006 Score
	Electrical Transmission	Capital Budget	Transportation Budget	LIFT - Local Infrastructure Finance Tool	Roads & Transit	Regulatory Fairness	Watershed Management	Health Care Mandates	Baccalaureate Pilot Programs	Unemployment Insurance	Economic Development Project	Homeowner's Bill of Rights	Paid Family Leave	Workers' Compensation	High Tech / R&D Tax Credits	Insurance Fair Conduct Act	High Demand Fields	Math & Science Education	Health Care Reform	Educator Preparation	Rainy Day Fund				
Bill Number	1037	1092	1094	1277	1396	1525	1561	1569	5104	5373	5508	5550	5659	5676	5685	5726	5731	5813	5930	5955	8206				
Coalition Position	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	S				
Representative Anderson	R - 5	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N		N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	15	94%	79%	
Representative Chase	D - 32	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	N	11	69%	67%	
Representative Clibborn	D - 41	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	12	75%	80%	
Representative Eddy	D - 48	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	13	81%	-	
Representative Ericks	D - 1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		N	Y	Y	11	69%	80%	
Representative Goodman	D - 45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	12	75%	-	
Representative Hasegawa	D - 11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	N	11	69%	73%	
Representative Hudgins	D - 11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	N	11	69%	80%	
Representative Hunter	D - 48	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	12	75%	80%	
Representative Jarrett	R - 41	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	14	88%	87%	
Representative Kagi	D - 32	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	N	11	69%	80%	
Representative O'Brien	D - 1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y		Y	Y	Y	13	81%	80%	
Representative Pettigrew	D - 37	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		E	Y		Y	Y	N	10	71%	-	
Representative Rodne	R - 5	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N		N	Y		N	Y	Y	15	94%	93%	
Representative Santos	D - 37	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	12	75%	-	
Representative Springer	D - 45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		N	Y	Y	11	69%	80%	
Senator Fairley	D - 32	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	12	60%	69%	
Senator Kline	D - 37	E	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	67%	-	
Senator McAuliffe	D - 1	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	14	70%	83%	
Senator Oemig	D - 45	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	14	70%	-	
Senator Pflug	R - 5	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	E	N	Y	N	Y	E	N	Y	Y	15	83%	85%	
Senator Prentice	D - 11	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	13	68%	85%	
Senator Tom	D - 48	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	14	70%	93%	
Senator Weinstein	D - 41	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	14	70%	85%	
Governor Gregoire	D	L	PV	PV	L	L	L	-	PV	-	L	L	-	L	L	-	L	L	-	PV	PV	-			

HB 1094 – Transportation Budget
 The Coalition commends legislators for passing the \$7.5 billion Transportation Budget and keeping their commitment to fully fund all previously approved transportation projects. Instead of postponing or removing projects, lawmakers' new approach to the budget helped retain critical Eastside infrastructure improvements. In addition, creating a "risk pool" contingency fund will ultimately help fund important mega transportation projects like the SR 520 bridge and corridor.

HB 1277 – LIFT & Tax Increment Financing
 Tax Increment Financing has been a priority on the Coalition's Legislative Agenda for many years and we are pleased that the Legislature took an important step toward expanding financial support for this critical economic development tool. Unfortunately, due to the limited criteria in the measure, many Eastside communities cannot take advantage of this vital resource. We encourage lawmakers to further develop the program in 2008 and advance more community projects to positively impact economic vitality in the region.

HB 1569 – Health Care Connector
 This sweeping and bureaucratic health care reform measure is very disappointing and will have severe consequences on the business community. While a public-private partnership study is now underway, the concept of pooling purchasing of small group health benefit plans and requiring small businesses to purchase their health insurance through a "connector", will only raise costs and limit choice and competition in the small group market. Small businesses need a more affordable and flexible, mandate-free benefit plan that focuses more on improving quality of care and cost transparency.

HB 5659 – Paid Family Leave
 The Coalition did not support the far-reaching "paid family leave" legislation and urges lawmakers to oppose an employee payroll or business tax to fund the program in the future. By requiring businesses with 25 or more employees to hold jobs open, companies are placed at a competitive disadvantage, not to mention the cost of operating a new state bureaucracy to oversee and implement this expensive and cumbersome program.

Legend
 S - Supported by EKCCCLC Y - Yes vote E - Excused L - Governor signed into law
 O - Opposed by EKCCCLC N - No vote A - Absent PV - Governor partial veto