

# Legislative Positions 2008

## **Transportation**

### **Support Third-Year Approval of GARVEE Bonding for Transportation Projects**

The Chamber supports Legislative approval for third-year authorization of GARVEE bonds to accelerate funding for transportation projects, including construction of the Ten Mile Interchange.

### **Support Local Funding Options for Regional Transportation**

The Chamber supports approval of local option sales tax authority for additional funding for public transportation, roads and bridges. The Chamber will consider all options presented by the Coalition for Public Transportation or the Legislature.

### **Transportation Funding**

The Chamber supports reasonable and balanced revenue increases for state transportation needs.

## **Taxation**

### **Support the Retention of Sales Tax Exemptions.**

The Chamber supports maintaining existing sales and use tax exemptions (including, but not limited to, the production exemption) and the exclusion for services.

### **State Conformance with Federal Tax Law**

The Chamber supports the State maintaining conformance with Federal Tax Laws.

### **Personal Property Tax**

The Chamber supports the elimination of the personal property tax.

## **Local Government**

### **Municipal Funding**

The Chamber supports clarification of the “ordinary and necessary expenditures” clause in Article 8, Section 3, of the State Constitution.

## **Environment**

### **Air Quality**

The Chamber supports legislation to sustain or improve the air quality throughout the State, especially in the Treasure Valley, based upon scientific methods, testing and data.

## **Issues Under Consideration**

Urban Renewal Legislation, Healthcare for the Uninsured, Education Issues, Election Consolidation, Property Tax Exemption for new industrial construction until occupied