



# AIA WASHINGTON

A COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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*Founded in 1857 (WA chapter in 1894), The American Institute of Architects has long been an advocate for architects at the state and federal level. In Washington, AIA Washington Council (AIA | WA) is an architect's voice to the legislature. AIA | WA seeks to be an effective proponent of the balance between the natural, built and economic environments.*

## POLICY GOALS FOR 2010

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### **LIABILITY REFORM – OPPOSE – HB 1393 & 6701**

Provide protection for architects against increases to liability laws, especially for housing development

Support passage of a balanced law that provides consumers redress when residential construction professionals do not fulfill their contractual obligations

### **LICENSING – SUPPORT – ESSB 5529**

Support passage of a new law to modernize architecture licensing

- Stop illegal plan stamping
- Update qualification standards
- Simplify corporate registration
- Clarify confusing exemptions

### **TAXES**

Stop additional taxes on the profession, including prevention of a sales tax on professional services and raises to the Business & Occupation (B&O) tax

### **PUBLIC WORKS PROCUREMENT – SUPPORT – HB 1690**

Ensure that Washington's universities follow state law for the procurement of public works projects (including design and construction)

### **CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDING FOR DESIGN PROJECTS – HB 2836 & SB 6364**

Restore funding for pre-design and design projects instead of only "shovel-ready" projects

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Support adequate funding of transit as a comprehensive transportation solution

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Protect the gains made in 2009 on energy conservation and ensure implementation of the new Washington State Energy Code