Washington's Trucking Industry Issues Update

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Industry at a Glance - Jobs

- Trucking supports **177,580 jobs** in Washington
- Represents **1 in 17 jobs** in the state
- **Essential** to agriculture, retail, manufacturing, and construction supply chains
- Intermodal carriers **support** Port and Rail activities

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Industry at a Glance - Modal Share

- Trucks haul over half of commodities moved in the state; 55% by tonnage, 57% by value
- Modal share for domestic freight is higher; 65% by tonnage, 62% by value
- Trucks are most cost-effective way to move freight for distances under 500 miles

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Impacts of Trending Policy - National

English Language Proficiency

- 49 CFR § 391.11(b)(2) – CMV Drivers Read, Speak and Write (relevant reports) in English
- June 25, 2025, Elevated to “Out of Service” Violation

Non-Domiciled CDL

- FMCSA Final Rule, effective March 16, 2026
- Severely restricts eligibility to:
  - H-2A (Temporary Ag Workers)
  - H-2B (Temporary Non-Ag Workers)
  - E-2 (Treaty Investors)
- Detrimental to CMV drivers with non citizenship status

Dahlilah’s Law (H.R. 5688)

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WTA Policy Priorities – State

- Safety - SHB 2410; PASSED!
  - Establishes the Truck Safety & Education Council in Washington State
  - Goal: reduce incidents & accidents involving large trucks
- Sustainable Roadway Funding – How will ZE Trucks be Taxed?
- Truck Parking - Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act
- Affordability – Industry cost pressures
- Workforce Development

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