

## Senator Mike Hewitt

State Senator Mike Hewitt, a lifelong resident of southeast Washington, has represented the state's 16th Legislative District in the Senate since 2001. He became a voting member of the State Investment Board in January 2015.

Hewitt serves on the Senate Ways and Means Committee, which handles budget issues, and the Natural Resources and Parks Committee. From 2005 through 2012 he was Senate Republican Leader.

He and reside in Walla Walla, where he owned a small business for 23 years. His business experience has made Hewitt a respected voice on business and economic-development policy issues. Hewitt is a member of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy, and the Community Economic Revitalization Board. He also is an ex officio member of the state Gambling Commission. Hewitt is also a former chairman of the Walla Walla Planning Commission and former executive director of the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce. He has received the Association of Washington Business's "Cornerstone" award and, in 2009, the highest honor AWB bestows on legislators: the Jim Matson Award for "demonstrating time and again his first-hand understanding of the challenges faced by Washington employers."

Hewitt has a passion for veterans' issues, and is a recipient of the Glenn Galbreath Spirit Award from the Northwest Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans. He also works closely with Washington's Hispanic community and has received the Dr. Pedro Celis FUERZA award.

