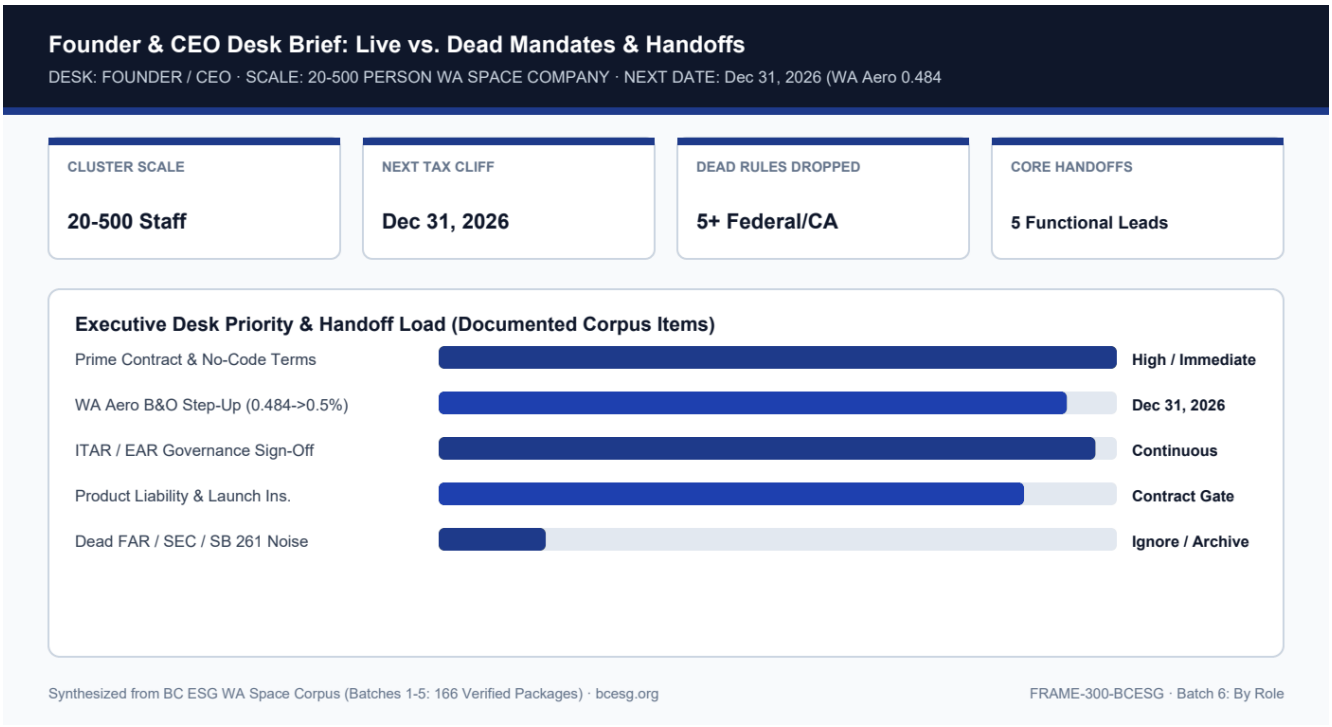
Founder & CEO Desk Brief: What Actually Lands on the Executive Desk at a WA Space Company

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Role: Founder / CEO | **Top Live Mandate:** Prime Contract Gates, ITAR/EAR & WA Aerospace B&O Tax | **Dead Rule to Ignore:** FAR 2021-015, DoD 2025-O0004, SEC Climate, CA SB 261 | **Next Deadline:** Dec 31, 2026 (WA Aero 0.484% B&O End & CCA Period 1)

Desk Summary: At a 20–500-person Washington space company, the CEO desk filters out dead federal climate mandates while signing off on prime contract terms, export-control governance, launch/product insurance, and WA tax/siting capital decisions.



Obligation / Rule	Status	Hard Date	Primary Instrument
WA Aerospace B&O Rate (0.484%)	LIVE	Dec 31, 2026 end (0.5% Jan 1, 2027)	RCW 82.04.260(11)
WA CCA Period 1 Close	LIVE	Dec 31, 2026	RCW 70A.65 / WAC 173-446
FAA Part 450 Transition Cutoff	LIVE	Mar 9, 2026 (mandatory)	14 CFR Part 450 (85 FR 79566)
CA SB 253 Scope 1+2 (>$1B CA)	LIVE	Nov 10, 2026 (customer flow-down)	Cal. H&S Code § 38532
CA SB 253 Scope 3	PARTIAL	Jan 9, 2026 Oral Arg. / 2027 Target	9th Cir. No. 25-5327
FAR Case 2021-015 / SEC / SB 261	DEAD / ENJOINED	Withdrawn / Enjoined	90 FR 2663 / 9th Cir. Nov 18, 2025

1. What Arrives on This Desk (Live Asks & Rules)

Across the 67 core WA space companies documented in the BC ESG census, executive teams operate at 20–500-person scale rather than prime-contractor headcount. What actually reaches the Founder/CEO desk is governed by commercial

contract acceptance, statutory tax/siting commitments, and board-level risk governance (see also Board ESG Oversight and Board Oversight & Executive Compensation).

Specifically, founders sign off on prime customer onboarding and terms—distinguishing SpaceX & Blue Origin (no standalone supplier ESG code) from Boeing, Amazon Leo, and L3Harris/Lockheed/Northrop codes—as well as Aerospace Product Liability Insurance, ITAR registration/governance, and WA Aerospace Tax Preferences.

2. What Is Dead or Enjoined and Can Be Ignored

Do not allocate executive budget or board time to withdrawn federal climate mandates. FAR Case 2021-015 was formally withdrawn on January 13, 2025 (90 FR 2663), DoD Class Deviation 2025-O0004 prohibits FAR GHG solicitation clauses, and the claimed federal Scope 3 mandate is dead.

Similarly, the SEC Climate Disclosure Rule (89 FR 21668) was abandoned by the SEC on March 27, 2025 (with full rescission proposed May 29, 2026), California SB 261 remains enjoined by the Ninth Circuit (Nov 18, 2025), and OMB M-22-18 blanket software attestations were rescinded in January 2026.

3. What Carries a Date (Deadlines & Instruments)

Every statutory date on the executive calendar comes directly from verified Batch 4 and Batch 5 instruments:

Corpus References & Cross-Role Links

• WA Space Cluster Census Hub: https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-census/

• Founder Duty: Prime Contracts & Liability: https://bcesg.org/wa-space-role-founder-prime-contracts-liability/

• Founder Duty: WA Tax, Siting & Capital: https://bcesg.org/wa-space-role-founder-wa-tax-siting-capital/

• SpaceX & Blue Origin No-Code Boundary: https://bcesg.org/wa-space-ask-spacex-blue-origin-no-esg-code/

• WA Aerospace Tax Preferences (LIVE): https://bcesg.org/wa-space-rule-wa-aerospace-tax-preferences-live/

• Board ESG Oversight (BC ESG Anchor): https://bcesg.org/board-esg-oversight-committee-structures-director-competence-fiduciary/