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As the Governor's Advisor for Trade Policy, Robert Hamilton has advised Washington governors on international trade issues, trade agreements and federal trade legislation for over two decades. He serves as the state's lead in collaborating with federal officials in defending state programs subject to legal challenge under international trade agreements, including the World Trade Organization (WTO) cases involving federal and Washington state subsidies for Boeing.

As Chair of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IGPAC), he provides state and local government views on international trade agreements to the United States Trade Representative, the federal trade-negotiating agency. In his role on IGPAC, Robert Hamilton reviews U.S. negotiating proposals to evaluate the potential exposure of state laws and regulations to legal challenge and to influence the final text of trade agreements.

Prior to working for the state, Robert Hamilton worked for the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC for five years, where he focused on the administration of U.S. fair trade laws and trade with countries of the former Soviet Union.

Robert Hamilton grew up in New York City and received a BA in history from Hamilton College and a Masters Degree in International Policy Studies from the Monterey of International Studies.