# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

## **Appropriations Committee**

### **HB 1037**

**Brief Description:** Making 2003-05 supplemental operating appropriations.

**Sponsors:** Representative Sommers; by request of Governor Locke.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

Revising biennial operating appropriations.

**Hearing Date:** 1/19/05

**Staff:** Dave Johnson (786-7154).

#### **Background:**

State government operates on the basis of a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. Appropriations are made in the biennial budget for the operation of state government and its various agencies and institutions. The biennial budget is typically amended each year by a supplemental budget. Total state general-fund appropriations for the 2003-05 biennium are currently \$23.2 billion.

#### **Summary of Bill:**

Total state general fund spending for the 2003-05 biennium would increase by \$141 million to \$23.4 billion. Appropriations are also amended for a variety of accounts. For additional information, see the budget summary and detail documents.

**Appropriation:** Please refer to the bill.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.