

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESSB 5950

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### As Passed House - Amended:

February 24, 2024

**Title:** An act relating to fiscal matters.

**Brief Description:** Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Robinson, Nobles and Trudeau; by request of Office of Financial Management).

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

None.

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/24/24, 58-37.

### Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill (As Amended by House)

- Makes supplemental changes to operating budget appropriations for the 2023-25 biennium.

### Background:

The state government operates on a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A two-year biennial operating budget is adopted every odd-numbered year. Supplemental budgets frequently are enacted in each of the following two years after adoption of the biennial budget. Appropriations are made in the biennial and supplemental budgets for the operation of state government and its various agencies and institutions, including higher education, as well as allocations for the funding of kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12) public schools.

The 2023-25 Biennial Operating Budget appropriates \$69.8 billion from the Near General

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Fund-Outlook accounts (General Fund-State and the Education Legacy Trust Account, the Opportunity Pathways Account, and the Workforce Education Investment Account). The total budgeted amount, which includes state, federal, and other funds, is \$133.6 billion including appropriations in other legislation.

**Summary of Amended Bill:**

Near General Fund-Outlook (NGF-O) appropriations for the 2023-25 biennium are increased by a net of \$2.2 billion to \$72.0 billion and the total budget is increased by a net of \$7.0 billion to \$140.6 billion including maintenance level and policy level changes. The largest net increases are in the Health Care Authority (\$641.1 million NGF-O and \$2.4 billion total budgeted), the Department of Social and Health Services (\$479.3 million NGF-O and \$802.8 million total budgeted), and K-12 schools (\$452.9 million NGF-O and \$1.1 billion total budgeted).

Other changes to the original 2023-25 Biennial Operating Budget are also made.

**Appropriation:** The bill contains multiple appropriations. Please refer to the bill and supporting documents.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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