
Appropriations Committee

HB 1067

Brief Description: Making 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.

Sponsors: Representatives Ormsby and Jenkins; by request of Office of Financial Management.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes biennial operating budget appropriations for the 2017-19 biennium.
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Hearing Date: 1/9/17, 1/12/17

Staff: Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

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 K-12 public schools.

Summary of Bill:

Near General Fund-State (General Fund-State and Education Legacy Trust Account) plus Opportunity Pathways Account appropriations for the 2017-19 biennium are \$46.7 billion. Total budgeted funds are \$90.3 billion (includes state, federal, and other funds). Fund transfers and other provisions are made.

Some of the larger Near General Fund-State plus Opportunities Pathways Account appropriations for the biennium include:

- \$23.5 billion for K-12 public schools;
- \$6.3 billion for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS);

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- \$8.4 billion for other human services programs, including the Health Care Authority and the Department of Corrections; and
- \$4.1 billion for higher education institutions and financial aid.

Funding is provided for state employee and non-state employee collective bargaining agreements, arbitration awards, non-represented state employee compensation increases, Initiative 732 COLAs, and additional K-12 salary increases.

Enclosed is a document that summarizes major changes into broad categories. These policy changes, when taken together with the Governor's maintenance level, equal the total amounts referenced above.

Appropriation: The bill contains multiple appropriations.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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