

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESSB 6168

As Passed House - Amended:
February 28, 2020

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making 2019-2021 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes and Braun; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

None.

Floor Activity:

Passed House - Amended: 2/28/20, 55-39.

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

- Makes supplemental changes to operating budget appropriations for the 2019-21 biennium.

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 kindergarten through grade 12 public schools.

The 2019-21 Biennial Operating Budget appropriates \$52.5 billion from the Near General Fund-Outlook accounts (General Fund and the Education Legacy Trust Account and the

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Opportunity Pathways Account). The total budgeted amount, which includes state, federal, and other funds, is \$99.3 billion (\$99.7 billion including appropriations in other legislation).

Summary of Bill:

Near General Fund-Outlook (NGF-O) appropriations for the 2019-21 biennium are increased by a net of \$1.2 billion; the total budget is increased by a net of \$2.6 billion. The larger net NGF-O increases are in the Health Care Authority (\$283 million), the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (\$219 million), and the Department of Social and Health Services (\$97 million). The larger net total budgeted increases are in the Health Care Authority (\$1.4 billion), the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (\$207 million), the Department of Social and Health Services (\$108 million), and the Department of Commerce (\$84 million). In addition, special appropriations includes \$100 million NGF-O for deposit in the Housing Trust Fund and \$75 million NGF-O for permanent supportive housing.

Other changes to the original 2019-21 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.