

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESSB 5187

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### As of Second Reading

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

**Brief Description:** Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations and 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.

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

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

None.

**Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill**

- Makes biennial operating budget appropriations for the 2023-25 biennium and supplemental operating budget appropriations for the 2021-23 biennium.

**Staff:** Mary Mulholland (786-7391).

**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 2021-23 Biennial Operating Budget was enacted in 2021 and a supplemental operating budget was adopted in 2022. The 2021-23 Biennial Operating Budget, after the 2022

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Supplemental Operating Budget, appropriates \$64.0 billion from the Near General Fund-Outlook accounts (General Fund-State, 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 \$130.8 billion.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Near General-Fund Outlook appropriations for the 2023-25 biennium are \$69.3 billion. Total budgeted funds are \$130.3 billion (includes state, federal, and other funds).

Supplemental changes for fiscal year 2023 are made to the 2021-23 Biennial Operating Budget. These changes reduce Near General Fund-Outlook appropriations to \$63.9 billion and increase the total budgeted amount to \$133.2 billion total funds.

Changes to fund transfers and other provisions are made.

Additional detail can be found at [fiscal.wa.gov](http://fiscal.wa.gov).

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

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) None.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** None.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.