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**SENATE BILL 5167**

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**State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session**

**By** Senator Robinson; by request of Office of Financial Management

AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters; amending RCW 15.76.115, 28B.92.205, 41.05.120, 41.50.075, 41.50.110, 43.19.025, 43.99N.060, 43.101.200, 43.101.220, 43.320.110, 43.330.250, 43.330.365, 50.16.010, 50.24.014, 69.50.540, 70.104.110, 70A.65.100, 70A.65.250, 70A.65.260, 70A.65.300, 70A.200.140, 72.09.780, and 79.64.040; reenacting and amending RCW 43.155.050, 70A.65.030, and 79.64.110; creating new sections; making appropriations; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  (1) A budget is hereby adopted and, subject to the provisions set forth in the following sections, the several amounts specified in parts I through IX of this act, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, are hereby appropriated and authorized to be incurred for salaries, wages, and other expenses of the agencies and offices of the state and for other specified purposes for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, except as otherwise provided, out of the several funds of the state hereinafter named.

(2) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this act.

(a) "Fiscal year 2026" or "FY 2026" means the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

(b) "Fiscal year 2027" or "FY 2027" means the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

(c) "FTE" means full time equivalent.

(d) "Lapse" or "revert" means the amount shall return to an unappropriated status.

(e) "Provided solely" means the specified amount may be spent only for the specified purpose. Unless otherwise specifically authorized in this act, any portion of an amount provided solely for a specified purpose which is not expended subject to the specified conditions and limitations to fulfill the specified purpose shall lapse.

**PART I**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $65,168,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $67,652,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $132,820,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SENATE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $47,568,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $51,246,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $98,814,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $315,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the payment of membership dues to the council of state governments, the national conference of state legislatures, the pacific northwest economic region, the pacific fisheries legislative task force, and the western legislative forestry task force.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Performance Audits of Government Account—State

Appropriation $13,690,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $13,690,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the joint legislative audit and review committee may adjust the due dates for projects included on the committee's 2025-2027 work plan as necessary to efficiently manage workload.

(2)(a) $400,000 of the performance audits of government account—state appropriation is for the joint legislative audit and review committee to review the department of children, youth, and families juvenile rehabilitation programs as listed on the committee's approved work plan, including:

(i) Review the department of children, youth, and families juvenile rehabilitation program's existing processes and staffing methodology used for determining adequate staffing ratios to meet the confinement and rehabilitative needs of the juveniles and ensure public safety;

(ii) Review procedures and protocols for professional development, hiring and recruitment, and training for staff serving youth in juvenile rehabilitation institutions, with a focus on how staff are trained to implement rehabilitative practices;

(iii) Review youth access to programming, treatment, and services including, but not limited to, educational programming, treatment and services for youth experiencing substance use disorder, behavioral health treatment, available reentry services such as housing, job training, and other supports, access to technology services, family and community connections, and other programming and services offered by the department to provide youth with rehabilitation and restorative interventions;

(iv) Review existing security and safety measures, including the use of disciplinary procedures for total isolation and room confinement, adopted by the department and their effectiveness in meeting the unique needs of the juvenile population in the custody of the department;

(v) Review how often and how many youth face new juvenile or adult criminal offense charges, convictions, or both while residing at juvenile rehabilitation institutions and potential future consequences that may occur as a result such as sentence extension, likelihood of recidivism, health impacts, and effects regarding criminal records;

(vi) Assess gender equity regarding education, employment, and career options for female youth;

(vii) Review how staffing impacts youth-on-youth conflict and safety;

(viii) Review best practices from other states regarding security and safety measures, programming opportunities, reentry supports, staff training and professional development, and staffing ratios, and identify options that may be feasible to adopt in Washington state to increase public safety and the security, programming options, treatment services, and rehabilitation mission of the department's juvenile rehabilitation institutions;

(ix) Review the department's existing processes for responding to critical incidents, including communication and cooperation with local law enforcement, and identify areas for improvement; and

(x) Review the impacts of changes in average daily population, longer lengths of stay, longer sentences, increases in maximum age of release, increases in more serious offense types and adult sentences, and related effects of chapter 322, Laws of 2019.

(b) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by July 30, 2026. The report shall include recommendations on supporting the juvenile rehabilitation program's efforts to gradually move young people from carceral settings to least restrictive environments to improve positive reentry outcomes.

(3) $400,000 of the performance audits of government account—state appropriation is for the joint legislative audit and review committee to evaluate the ignition interlock device revolving account including the compliance and monitoring results associated with the device requirements, as listed on the committee's approved work plan. The evaluation must include but is not limited to the following:

(a) An assessment of the compliance rates for individuals with a legal requirement to have an ignition interlock device installed on their vehicle;

(b) A review of impediments of barriers to individual compliance with ignition interlock device installation and use requirements;

(c) An examination of state and local agency performance in monitoring and enforcing ignition interlock device requirements; and

(d) Prioritized recommendations of potential procedural, policy, or statutory changes, including additional fiscal resources to state or local agencies which will improve ignition interlock device compliance rates. The joint legislative and audit review committee must prioritize the evaluation of compliance and results associated with the state's ignition interlock device requirements in its work plan for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

(4) $150,000 of the performance audits of government account—state appropriation is for the joint legislative audit and review committee to review the department of natural resources long-term forest health planning and sustainable harvest approach as listed on the committee's approved work plan.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EVALUATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Performance Audits of Government Account—State

Appropriation $5,499,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,499,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE SYSTEMS COMMITTEE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $24,035,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $22,618,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $46,653,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: Within the amounts provided in this section, the joint legislative systems committee shall provide information technology support, including but not limited to internet service, for the district offices of members of the house of representatives and the senate.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE LEGISLATIVE LABOR RELATIONS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $966,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $961,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,927,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ACTUARY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $429,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $438,000

State Health Care Authority Administrative Account—

State Appropriation $312,000

Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account—

State Appropriation $7,540,000

School Employees' Insurance Administrative Account—

State Appropriation $259,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $8,978,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $6,753,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $6,472,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $13,225,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $6,772,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $7,050,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $13,822,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES**

In order to achieve operating efficiencies within the financial resources available to the legislative branch, the executive rules committee of the house of representatives and the facilities and operations committee of the senate by joint action may transfer funds among the house of representatives, senate, joint legislative audit and review committee, legislative evaluation and accountability program committee, joint transportation committee, office of the state actuary, joint legislative systems committee, statute law committee, redistricting commission, office of state legislative labor relations, and office of legislative support services.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPREME COURT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $17,537,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $17,689,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $35,226,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,985,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,888,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,873,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $29,078,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $29,490,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $58,568,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE COURTS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $149,101,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $146,016,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $2,209,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $681,000

Judicial Stabilization Trust Account—State

Appropriation $101,085,000

Judicial Information Systems Account—State

Appropriation $79,530,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $940,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $479,562,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $48,950,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state appropriation is provided solely to establish a direct refund process to individuals to refund legal financial obligations, collection costs, and document-verified costs paid to third parties previously paid by defendants whose convictions have been vacated by court order due to the *State v. Blake* ruling. Superior court clerks, district court administrators, and municipal court administrators must certify and send to the office the amount of any refund ordered by the court. The court order must either contain the amount of the refund or provide language for the clerk or court administrator to certify to the office the amount to be refunded to the individual.

(2) $1,739,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,739,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for activities of the office relating to the resentencing or vacating convictions of individuals and refund of legal financial obligations and costs associated with the *State v. Blake* ruling. In addition to contracting with cities and counties for the disbursement of funds appropriated for resentencing costs, the office must:

(a) Collaborate with superior court clerks, district court administrators, and municipal court administrators to prepare comprehensive reports, based on available court records, of all cause numbers impacted by *State v. Blake* going back to 1971. Such reports must include the refund amount related to each cause number;

(b) In collaboration with the office of public defense and the office of civil legal aid, establish a process that can be used by individuals seeking a refund, provide individuals information regarding the application process necessary to claim a refund, and issue payments from the refund bureau to individuals certified in subsection (1) of this section; and

(c) Collaborate with counties and municipalities to adopt standard coding for application to *State v. Blake* convictions and to develop a standardized practice regarding vacated convictions.

(3) $34,430,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account— state appropriation is provided solely to assist counties with costs of complying with the *State v. Blake* decision that arise from the county's role in operating the state's criminal justice system, including resentencing, vacating prior convictions for simple drug possession, and certifying refunds of legal financial obligations and collections costs. The office shall contract with counties for judicial, clerk, defense, and prosecution expenses for these purposes if requested by a county. A county may designate the office to use available funding to administer a vacate process, or a portion of the vacate process, on behalf of the county. The office must collaborate with counties to adopt standard coding for application to *Blake* convictions and to develop a standardized practice regarding vacated convictions.

(4) $11,362,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state appropriation is provided solely to assist cities with costs of complying with the *State v. Blake* decision that arise from the city's role in operating the city's criminal justice system, including vacating prior convictions for simple drug possession, to include cannabis and possession of paraphernalia, and certifying refunds of legal financial obligations and collections costs. The office shall contract with cities for judicial, clerk, defense, and prosecution expenses for these purposes if requested by a city. A city may designate the office to use available funding to administer a vacate process, or a portion of the vacate process, on behalf of the city. The office must collaborate with cities to adopt standard coding for application to *Blake* convictions and to develop a standardized practice regarding vacated convictions.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $132,568,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $139,075,000

Judicial Stabilization Trust Account—State

Appropriation $21,092,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $292,735,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the purpose of improving the quality of trial court public defense services as authorized by chapter 10.101 RCW. The office of public defense must allocate these amounts so that $450,000 per fiscal year is distributed to counties, and $450,000 per fiscal year is distributed to cities, for grants under chapter 10.101 RCW.

(2) $2,632,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,812,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense to administer contracts for appellate attorneys to cover a backlog of case assignments and increasing workload associated with indigent appeals. The office shall provide training for contracted attorneys.

(3) $8,615,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state appropriation is provided solely to assist counties and cities with public defense services related to vacating the convictions of defendants and/or resentencing for defendants whose convictions or sentences are affected by the *State v. Blake* decision. Of the amount provided in this subsection:

(a) $1,615,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of public defense to provide statewide attorney training, technical assistance, data analysis and reporting, and quality oversight, to administer financial assistance for public defense costs related to *State v. Blake* impacts, and to maintain a triage team to provide statewide support to the management and flow of hearings for individuals impacted by the *State v. Blake* decision.

(b) $7,000,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state appropriation is provided solely to assist counties and cities in providing counsel for defendants seeking to vacate a conviction and/or be resentenced under *State v. Blake*. Assistance shall be allocated to counties and cities based upon a formula established by the office of public defense. Counties may receive assistance by: (i) Applying for grant funding; and/or (ii) designating the office of public defense to contract directly with counsel. The office of public defense shall contract directly with counsel to assist cities under this subsection.

(4) $7,684,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $8,097,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense to administer statutory duties under RCW 2.70.200 through the simple possession advocacy and representation program.

(a) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, the office of public defense may utilize up to $10,000 for fiscal year 2026 and $10,000 for fiscal year 2027 to address emergency needs for clients served by the simple possession advocacy and representation program. Temporary, limited assistance may be made available to address short-term urgent needs that, if unaddressed, could cause clients to miss court dates or fail to engage in court-ordered services. The office of public defense shall establish eligibility criteria and an expedited process for reviewing financial assistance requests submitted by simple possession and advocacy representation program contractors.

(5) $40,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $40,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense to address emergency safety assistance and other urgent needs for clients served by the parents representation program. Temporary, limited assistance may be made available for short-term housing, utilities, transportation, food assistance, and other urgent needs that, if unaddressed, could adversely impact dependency case outcomes and impede successful family reunification. The office of public defense shall utilize eligibility criteria and an expedited process for reviewing financial assistance requests submitted by parents representation program contractors.

(6) $210,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $210,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense to contract with an experienced, objective, and independent subject-matter expert organization to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of trial-level adult criminal public defense systems in Washington. The evaluator shall use established evaluation methodologies grounded in federal and local law, United States and Washington case law, and state and national public defense standards. The contracted organization will engage with project advisors comprising public defense providers, city and county government representatives, state officials from the three branches of government, and community representatives experienced with and/or impacted by city and county public defense. The evaluation shall result in a report to the legislature detailing current levels of system structures and making recommendations to ensure constitutionally sufficient and equitable representation throughout the state.

(7) $1,500,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of public defense to offer internships and to partner with law schools to introduce law students to the child welfare legal field and recruit them to pursue a public service child welfare practice, including parent representation program contracts. The office of public defense may collaborate with one or more Washington law schools to develop and implement a child welfare legal practicum that includes academic courses focused on child welfare law, clinical training programs, and internships.

(8) $40,449,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $40,416,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense to administer funds to counties and cities to improve the quality of public defense services for both juveniles and adults. These amounts are in addition to existing funds for public defense. State funds may not be used to supplant local expenditures on public defense services. Of the amounts provided in this subsection:

(a) $30,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $30,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for counties and cities pursuant to formulas established in RCW 10.101.050 through 10.101.080.

(b) $10,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $10,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for limited-term public defense innovation grants to counties and cities awarded on a competitive basis that considers factors such as local poverty rates, challenges specific to rural communities, collaboration with other justice system stakeholders, and demonstrated creative problem-solving.

(c) $432,368 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $415,920 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense to evaluate applications for funding and grants, administer awards, provide technical assistance, perform data analysis and reporting, and oversee compliance with the awards. The office of public defense may evaluate and report on local outcomes to help other jurisdictions make informed decisions about implementing similar innovations in their communities.

(9) $1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the parents for parents program, as established by RCW 2.70.060 through 2.70.090. Funds must be used to maintain and improve the parents for parents service model, including host organizations and county coordinators.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF CIVIL LEGAL AID**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $78,255,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $87,589,000

Judicial Stabilization Trust Account—State

Appropriation $6,960,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $172,804,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $12,883,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $15,617,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the appointed counsel program for children and youth in dependency cases under RCW 13.34.212(3) in accordance with revised practice, caseload, and training standards adopted by the supreme court commission on children in foster care.

(2) $2,708,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,843,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the provision of civil legal information, advice, and representation for tenants at risk of eviction but not yet eligible for appointed counsel services under RCW 59.18.640 and includes a vendor rate increase for contracted attorneys.

(3) $19,972,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $20,962,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the appointed counsel program for tenants in unlawful detainer cases established in RCW 59.18.640 and includes a vendor rate increase for contracted attorneys. The office of civil legal aid shall assign priority to providing legal representation to indigent tenants in those counties in which the most evictions occur and to indigent tenants who are disproportionately at risk of eviction, as provided in RCW 59.18.640.

(4) $5,496,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state appropriation is provided solely to continue legal information, advice, assistance, and representation for individuals eligible for civil relief under the supreme court's ruling in *State v. Blake*.

(5) An amount not to exceed $40,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and an amount not to exceed $40,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 may be used to provide telephonic legal advice and assistance to otherwise eligible persons who are 60 years of age or older on matters authorized by RCW 2.53.030(2) (a) through (k) regardless of household income or asset level.

(6) $509,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $516,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to the office of civil legal aid to maintain a kinship care legal advice phone line and support program. The program provides guidance and legal advice to kinship caregivers on topics including kinship care, guardianship, the child welfare system, and issues related to child custody.

(7) $2,206,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,319,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of civil legal aid to continue civil legal aid services for survivors of domestic violence, including legal services for protection order proceedings, family law cases, immigration assistance, and other civil legal issues arising from or related to the domestic violence they experienced.

(8) $1,073,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,127,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of civil legal aid to continue the statewide reentry legal aid project as established in section 115(12), chapter 357, Laws of 2020.

(9) $204,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $204,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 328, Laws of 2024 (children and families).

(10) $750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of civil legal aid to establish a pipeline program providing law students with the academic and practical experience to represent children involved in the child welfare system.

(11) $2,887,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,967,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of civil legal aid to establish a program for the provision of civil legal services to medicaid-eligible long-term care residents being discharged from a provider-owned setting pursuant to WAC 388-76-. . ., 388-78A-. . ., and 388-107-. . ..

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $27,354,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $27,311,000

Economic Development Strategic Reserve Account—State

Appropriation $2,359,000

GOV Central Service Account—State Appropriation $21,674,000

Performance Audits of Government Account—State

Appropriation $861,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $100,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $79,659,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $1,146,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,146,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the education ombuds.

(2) $21,674,000 of the GOV central service account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of equity.

(3) $100,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to the office of the governor to implement career connected learning.

(4) $3,020,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,023,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (H-0201.1/25) (extending the program to address complex cases of children in crisis). Uses of the funding include, but are not limited to:

(a) Residential, housing, or wraparound supports that facilitate the safe discharge of children in crisis from hospitals;

(b) Support for families and caregivers to mitigate the risk of a child going into or returning to a state of crisis;

(c) Respite and relief services for families and caregivers that would assist in the safe discharge of a child in crisis from a hospital, or prevent or mitigate a child's future hospitalization due to crisis; or

(d) Any support or service that would expedite a safe discharge of a child in crisis from an acute care hospital or that would prevent or mitigate a child's future hospitalization due to crisis.

(5) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the Washington state office of equity must cofacilitate the Washington digital equity forum with the statewide broadband office.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,393,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,434,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $90,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,917,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $6,101,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $5,873,000

Public Disclosure Transparency Account—State

Appropriation $2,743,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $14,717,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) No moneys may be expended from the appropriations in this section to establish an electronic directory, archive, or other compilation of political advertising unless explicitly authorized by the legislature.

(2) $2,170,000 of the public disclosure transparency account—state appropriation is provided solely for the public disclosure commission for the purpose of improving the ability of the public to access information about political campaigns, lobbying, and elected officials, and facilitating accurate and timely reporting by the regulated community. The commission must report to the office of financial management and fiscal committees of the legislature by October 31st of each year detailing information on the public disclosure transparency account. The report shall include, but is not limited to:

(a) An investment plan of how funds would be used to improve the ability of the public to access information about political campaigns, lobbying, and elected officials, and facilitate accurate and timely reporting by the regulated community;

(b) A list of active projects as of July 1st of the fiscal year. This must include a breakdown of expenditures by project and expense type for all current and ongoing projects;

(c) A list of projects that are planned in the current and following fiscal year and projects the commission would recommend for future funding. The commission must identify priorities, and develop accountability measures to ensure the projects meet intended purposes; and

(d) Any other metric or measure the commission deems appropriate to track the outcome of the use of the funds.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $33,111,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $42,976,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $8,900,000

Public Records Efficiency, Preservation, and Access

Account—State Appropriation $11,125,000

Charitable Organization Education Account—State

Appropriation $1,305,000

Washington State Library Operations Account—State

Appropriation $17,775,000

Local Government Archives Account—State

Appropriation $12,385,000

Election Account—Federal Appropriation $4,499,000

Personnel Service Account—State Appropriation $1,700,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $133,776,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $16,998,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $21,450,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to reimburse counties for the state's share of primary and general election costs and the costs of conducting mandatory recounts on state measures. Counties shall be reimbursed only for those costs that the secretary of state validates as eligible for reimbursement.

(2) Any reductions to funding for the Washington talking book and Braille library may not exceed in proportion any reductions taken to the funding for the library as a whole.

(3) $75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for humanities Washington speaker's bureau community conversations.

(4) $114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for election reconciliation reporting. Funding provides for one staff to compile county reconciliation reports, analyze the data, and to complete an annual statewide election reconciliation report for every state primary and general election. The report must be submitted annually on July 31, to legislative policy and fiscal committees. The annual report must include statewide analysis and by county analysis on the reasons for ballot rejection and an analysis of the ways ballots are received, counted, rejected and cure data that can be used by policymakers to better understand election administration.

(5) $1,206,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,206,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for staff dedicated to the maintenance and operations of the voter registration and election management system. These staff will manage database upgrades, database maintenance, system training and support to counties, and triage and customer service to system users. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $336,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $336,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided for additional system improvements for system reliability and cybersecurity.

(6) $8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for:

(a) Funding the security operations center, including identified needs for expanded operations, systems, technology tools, training resources;

(b) Additional staff dedicated to the cyber and physical security of election operations at the office and county election offices;

(c) Expanding security assessments, threat monitoring, enhanced security training; and

(d) Providing grants to county partners to address identified threats and expand existing grants and contracts with other public and private organizations such as the Washington military department, national guard, private companies providing cyber security, and county election offices.

(7) $580,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $580,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office's migration of its applications and systems to Azure cloud environments.

(8) $154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state library branch at Green Hill school.

(9) $81,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $81,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for intrusion detection systems that prevent election security breaches.

(10) $57,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for artifact preservation at Lakeland Village.

(11) $146,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $146,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to make necessary updates to the election results application.

(12) $147,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $147,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to digitize archival legislative and oral history recordings.

(13) $140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to update web pages and digital content to meet federal requirements for accessibility in alignment with the Americans with disabilities act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $925,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $899,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $536,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,360,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The office shall assist the department of enterprise services on providing the government-to-government training sessions for federal, state, local, and tribal government employees. The training sessions shall cover tribal historical perspectives, legal issues, tribal sovereignty, and tribal governments. Costs of the training sessions shall be recouped through a fee charged to the participants of each session. The department of enterprise services shall be responsible for all of the administrative aspects of the training, including the billing and collection of the fees for the training.

(2) The office must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $736,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $701,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,437,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER**

State Treasurer's Service Account—State

Appropriation $25,748,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $25,748,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE AUDITOR**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,108,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,117,000

Auditing Services Revolving Account—State

Appropriation $19,596,000

Performance Audits of Government Account—State

Appropriation $1,985,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $23,806,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $1,585,000 of the performance audit of government account—state appropriation is provided solely for staff and related costs to verify the accuracy of reported school district data submitted for state funding purposes; conduct school district program audits of state-funded public school programs; establish the specific amount of state funding adjustments whenever audit exceptions occur and the amount is not firmly established in the course of regular public school audits; and to assist the state special education safety net committee when requested.

(2) $1,030,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,030,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for law enforcement audits pursuant to RCW 43.101.460 and 43.101.465.

(3) $825,000 of the auditing services revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for accountability and risk based audits.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $297,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $323,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $620,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $51,181,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $46,949,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $29,679,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $14,000

Public Service Revolving Account—State Appropriation $5,943,000

New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Account—State

Appropriation $1,960,000

Medicaid Fraud Penalty Account—State Appropriation $8,802,000

Child Rescue Fund—State Appropriation $200,000

Legal Services Revolving Account—State Appropriation $448,272,000

Local Government Archives Account—State

Appropriation $1,178,000

Tobacco Prevention and Control Account—State

Appropriation $276,000

Washington State Attorney General Charitable Asset

Protection Account—State Appropriation $200,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $594,654,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The attorney general shall report each fiscal year on actual legal services expenditures and actual attorney staffing levels for each agency receiving legal services. The report shall be submitted to the office of financial management and the fiscal committees of the senate and house of representatives no later than ninety days after the end of each fiscal year. As part of its by agency report to the legislative fiscal committees and the office of financial management, the office of the attorney general shall include information detailing the agency's expenditures for its agency-wide overhead and a breakdown by division of division administration expenses.

(2) Prior to entering into any negotiated settlement of a claim against the state that exceeds five million dollars, the attorney general shall notify the director of the office of financial management and the chairs and ranking members of the senate committee on ways and means and the house of representatives committee on appropriations.

(3) The attorney general shall annually report to the fiscal committees of the legislature all new cy pres awards and settlements and all new accounts, disclosing their intended uses, balances, the nature of the claim or account, proposals, and intended timeframes for the expenditure of each amount. The report shall be distributed electronically and posted on the attorney general's web site. The report shall not be printed on paper or distributed physically.

(4) $1,981,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,981,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for multi-year arbitrations of the state's diligent enforcement of its obligations to receive amounts withheld from tobacco master settlement agreement payments.

(5) $4,037,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,323,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 326, Laws of 2021 (law enforcement data).

(6) $958,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $958,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of a program for receiving and responding to tips from the public regarding risks or potential risks to the safety or well-being of youth, called the YES tip line program. Risks to safety or well-being may include, but are not limited to, harm or threats of harm to self or others, sexual abuse, assault, rape, bullying or cyberbullying, substance use, and criminal acts. Any person contacting the YES tip line, whether for themselves or for another person, must receive timely assistance and not be turned away. The program must operate within the guidelines of this subsection.

(a) During the development and implementation of the YES tip line program the attorney general shall convene an advisory committee consisting of representatives from the Washington state patrol, the department of health, the health care authority, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the Washington student achievement council, the Washington association of educational service districts, and other participants the attorney general appoints.

(b) The attorney general shall develop and implement policies and processes for:

(i) Assessing tips based on the level of severity, urgency, and assistance needed using best triage practices including the YES tip line;

(ii) Risk assessment for referral of persons contacting the YES tip line to service providers;

(iii) Threat assessment that identifies circumstances requiring the YES tip line to alert law enforcement, mental health services, or other first responders immediately when immediate emergency response to a tip is warranted;

(iv) Referral and follow-up on tips to schools or postsecondary institution teams, local crisis services, law enforcement, and other entities;

(v) YES tip line information data retention and reporting requirements;

(vi) Ensuring the confidentiality of persons submitting a tip and to allow for disclosure when necessary to respond to a specific emergency threat to life; and

(vii) Systematic review, analysis, and reporting by the YES tip line program of YES tip line data including, but not limited to, reporting program utilization and evaluating whether the YES tip line is being implemented equitably across the state.

(c) The YES tip line shall be operated by a vendor selected by the attorney general through a competitive contracting process. The attorney general shall ensure that the YES tip line program vendor and its personnel are properly trained and resourced. The contract must require the vendor to be bound by confidentiality policies developed by the office. The contract must also provide that the state of Washington owns the data and information produced from the YES tip line and that vendor must comply with the state's data retention, use, and security requirements.

(d) The YES tip line program must develop and maintain a reference and best practices tool kit for law enforcement and mental health officials that identifies statewide and community mental health resources, services, and contacts, and provides best practices and strategies for investigators to use in investigating cases and assisting youths and their parents and guardians.

(e) The YES tip line program must promote and market the program and YES tip line to youth, families, community members, schools, and others statewide to build awareness of the program's resources and the YES tip line. Youth perspectives must be included and consulted in tip line development and implementation including creating marketing campaigns and materials required for the YES tip line program. The insights of youth representing marginalized and minority communities must be prioritized for their invaluable insight. Youths are eligible for stipends and reasonable allowances for reimbursement, lodging, and travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.220.

(7) $9,188,000 of the legal services revolving fund—state appropriation is provided solely for additional legal services to address additional legal services necessary for dependency actions where the state and federal Indian child welfare act apply. The office must report to the fiscal committees of the legislature within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year the following information for new cases initiated in the previous fiscal year to measure quantity and use of this funding:

(a) The number and proportion of cases where the state and federal Indian child welfare act (ICWA) applies as compared to non-ICWA new cases;

(b) The amount of time spent advising on, preparing for court, and litigating issues and elements related to ICWA's requirements as compared to the amount of time advising on, preparing for court, and litigating issues and elements that are not related to ICWA's requirements;

(c) The length of state and federal Indian child welfare act cases as compared to non-ICWA cases measured by time or number of court hearings; and

(d) Any other information or metric the office determines is appropriate to measure the quantity and use of the funding in this subsection.

(8) $689,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $689,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for legal services related to the defense of the state and its agencies in a federal environmental cleanup action involving the Quendall terminals superfund site.

(9) $1,462,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,462,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional resources for the prosecution of sexually violent predator cases pursuant to chapter 71.09 RCW.

(10) $699,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $699,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional resources for the criminal litigation unit to address increased wrongfully convicted person claims under chapter 4.100 RCW and increased workload and complexity of cases referred to the unit.

(11) $1,510,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,510,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to create a centralized statewide organized retail crime task force to coordinate, investigate, and prosecute multijurisdictional retail crime.

(12) $397,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $397,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, $346,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation, $80,000 of the public service revolving account—state appropriation, $115,000 of the medicaid fraud penalty account—state appropriation, and $5,839,000 of the legal services revolving fund—state appropriation are provided solely for implementation of the legal matter management system and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(13) $1,068,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,068,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to create a permanent sexual assault kit initiative program.

(14) $216,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $216,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for personnel and associated costs to implement and maintain functional operations such as support, records management and disclosure, victim liaisons, and information technology for the clemency and pardons board.

(15) $935,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,208,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 299, Laws of 2024 (hate crimes & bias incidents).

(16) $794,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $768,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of the homicide investigations tracking system (HITS) and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE CASELOAD FORECAST COUNCIL**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,548,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,490,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $374,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,412,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $356,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to forecast the caseload for the Washington college grant program.

(2) Within existing resources, and beginning with the November 2021 forecast, the caseload forecast council shall produce an unofficial forecast of the long-term caseload for juvenile rehabilitation as a courtesy.

(3) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the council must forecast the number of people eligible for the apple health expansion for Washington residents with incomes at or below 138 percent of the federal poverty level, regardless of immigration status, beginning in July 2024.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—COMMUNITY SERVICES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $81,537,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $65,134,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $143,664,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $5,387,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $25,007,000

Community Reinvestment Account—State Appropriation $85,000

Covenant Homeownership Account—State Appropriation $5,000

Financial Fraud and Identity Theft Crimes

Investigation and Prosecution Account—State

Appropriation $2,682,000

Lead Paint Account—State Appropriation $267,000

Prostitution Prevention and Intervention Account—

State Appropriation $26,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $323,794,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $10,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $10,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to resolution Washington to build statewide capacity for alternative dispute resolution centers and dispute resolution programs that guarantee that citizens have access to low-cost resolution as an alternative to litigation.

(2) $375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to the retired senior volunteer program.

(3) Within existing resources, the department shall provide administrative and other indirect support to the developmental disabilities council.

(4) $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington new Americans program. The department may require a cash match or in-kind contributions to be eligible for state funding.

(5) $768,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $768,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract with a private, nonprofit organization to provide developmental disability ombuds services.

(6) $557,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $557,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to design and administer the achieving a better life experience program.

(7) $8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract with organizations and attorneys to provide either legal representation or referral services for legal representation, or both, to indigent persons who are in need of legal services for matters related to their immigration status. Persons eligible for assistance under any contract entered into pursuant to this subsection must be determined to be indigent under standards developed under chapter 10.101 RCW.

(8) $1,646,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,646,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the operations of the long-term care ombudsman program.

(9) $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract with a nonprofit entity located in Seattle that focuses on poverty reduction and racial equity to convene and staff a poverty reduction workgroup steering committee comprised of individuals that have lived experience with poverty. Funding provided in this section may be used to reimburse steering committee members for travel, child care, and other costs associated with participation in the steering committee.

(10) $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for capacity-building grants through the Latino community fund for emergency response services, educational programs, and human services support for children and families in rural and underserved communities.

(11) $9,575,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $9,575,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to continue the Washington state office of firearm safety and violence prevention, including the creation of a state and federal grant funding plan to direct resources to cities that are most impacted by community violence. Of the amounts provided in this subsection:

(a) $5,318,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $5,318,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to support existing programs and capacity building for new programs providing evidence-based violence prevention and intervention services to youth who are at high risk to perpetrate or be victims of firearm violence and who reside in areas with high rates of firearm violence as provided in RCW 43.330A.050.

(i) Priority shall be given to programs that partner with the University of Washington, school of medicine, department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences for training and support to deliver culturally relevant family integrated transition services through use of credible messenger advocates.

(ii) The office may enter into agreement with the University of Washington or another independent entity with expertise in evaluating community-based grant-funded programs to evaluate the grant program's effectiveness.

(iii) The office shall enter into agreement to provide funding to the University of Washington, school of medicine, department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences to directly deliver trainings and support to programs providing culturally relevant family integrated transition services through use of credible messenger and to train a third-party organization to similarly support those programs.

(iv) Of the amounts provided under (a) of this subsection, $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a certified credible messenger program that does work in at least three regions of Washington state to train and certify credible messengers to implement a culturally responsive, evidence-based credible messenger violence prevention and intervention services program.

(b) $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided to further support firearm violence prevention and intervention programs and initiatives consistent with the duties of the office as set forth in RCW 43.330A.020.

(c) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided to support safe storage programs and suicide prevention outreach and education efforts across the state.

(12) $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to administer grants to diaper banks for the purchase of diapers, wipes, and other essential baby products, for distribution to families in need. The department must give priority to providers serving or located in marginalized, low-income communities or communities of color; and providers that help support racial equity.

(13) $120,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $120,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to a nonprofit resource center in King county that provides sexual assault advocacy services, therapy services, and prevention and outreach to begin a three-year, multigrade sexual violence prevention program in the Renton school district.

(14)(a) $25,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to administer grant funding through the existing network of federal low-income home energy assistance program grantees to provide low-income households with energy utility bill assistance.

(b) To qualify for assistance, a household must be below 80 percent of the area median income and living in a community that experiences high environmental health disparities.

(c) Under the grant program, each household accessing energy bill assistance must be offered an energy assessment that includes determining the household's need for clean cooling and heating system upgrades that improve safety and efficiency while meeting Washington's climate goals. If beneficial, households may be offered grant funding to cover the replacement of inefficient, outdated, or unsafe home heating and cooling systems with more energy efficient electric heating and cooling technologies, such as heat pumps.

(d) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, no more than 60 percent of the funding may be utilized by the department to target services to multifamily residential buildings across the state that experience high energy use, where a majority of the residents within the building are below 80 percent of the area median income and the community experiences high environmental health disparities.

(e) In serving low-income households who rent or lease a residence, the department must establish processes to ensure that the rent for the residence is not increased and the tenant is not evicted as a result of receiving assistance under the grant program.

(f) The department must incorporate data collected while implementing this program into future energy assistance reports as required under RCW 19.405.120. The department may publish information on its website on the number of furnace or heating and cooling system replacements, including replacements within multifamily housing units.

(g) The department may utilize a portion of the funding provided within this subsection to create an electronic application system.

(15) $140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the developmental disabilities council.

(16) $1,169,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,169,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 462, Laws of 2023 (domestic violence).

(17) $20,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for grants to crime victims service providers. The department must distribute the funding in a manner that is consistent with the office of crime victims advocacy's state plan. The department shall provide information, to the extent it is available, on program services and outcomes for the previous three fiscal years to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by August 31, 2025. This may include but is not limited to: The number of individuals served by county, the number of requests for services from individuals impacted by violent crimes, the type of service provided, staff ratios for organizations providing services, the number of individuals who could not receive needed services and what types of services were requested, any waitlists, and the average length of time on waitlists by service type and geography.

(18) $1,694,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,694,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of the law enforcement community grants program.

(19) $2,850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for sex trafficking support programs.

(20) $2,700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to continue to provide grant funding to local multijurisdictional task forces that previously received funding through the federal Edward Byrne memorial justice assistance grant program. Grants provided under this section must be used consistent with the requirements of Edward Byrne memorial justice assistance grants and with national best practices for law enforcement.

(21) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely to contract with a social purpose corporation that operates a cultural community center located in the city of Tumwater to provide a trauma-informed cultural and job training program for people of color and those facing barriers to employment.

(22) $54,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $54,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of the existing structure tax incentive program.

(23) $227,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $223,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for coordination of activities of the reentry council.

(24) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—HOUSING**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $249,378,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $245,239,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $65,517,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $82,000

Home Security Fund Account—State Appropriation $339,155,000

Affordable Housing for All Account—State

Appropriation $94,846,000

Community and Economic Development Fee Account—State

Appropriation $3,499,000

Apple Health and Homes Account—State Appropriation $6,515,000

Covenant Homeownership Account—State Appropriation $200,000,000

Washington Housing Trust Account—State Appropriation $11,506,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,215,737,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $1,000,000 of the home security fund—state appropriation, $2,000,000 of the Washington housing trust account—state appropriation, and $1,000,000 of the affordable housing for all account—state appropriation are provided solely for the department of commerce for services to homeless families and youth through the Washington youth and families fund.

(2) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $2,000,000 of the home security fund—state appropriation are provided solely for the administration of the grant program required in chapter 43.185C RCW, linking homeless students and their families with stable housing.

(3) $11,844,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $11,844,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for housing assistance, including long-term rental subsidies, permanent supportive housing, and low- and no-barrier housing beds, for unhoused individuals. Priority must be given to individuals with a mental health disorder, substance use disorder, or other complex conditions; individuals with a criminal history; and individuals transitioning from behavioral health treatment facilities or local jails.

(4)(a) $12,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $12,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $37,000,000 of the affordable housing for all account—state appropriation are provided solely for grants to support the building operation, maintenance, and service costs of permanent supportive housing projects or units within housing projects that have or will receive funding from the housing trust fund—state account or other public capital funding that:

(i) Is dedicated as permanent supportive housing units;

(ii) Is occupied by low-income households with incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income; and

(iii) Requires a supplement to rent income to cover ongoing property operating, maintenance, and service expenses.

(b) Permanent supportive housing projects receiving federal operating subsidies that do not fully cover the operation, maintenance, and service costs of the projects are eligible to receive grants as described in this subsection.

(c) The department may use a reasonable amount of funding provided in this subsection to administer the grants.

(d) Within amounts provided in this subsection, the department must provide staff support for the permanent supportive housing operations, maintenance, and services forecast. The department must develop a model to estimate demand for operating, maintenance, and services costs for permanent supportive housing units that qualify for grant funding under (a) of this subsection. The model shall incorporate factors including the number of qualifying units currently in operation; the number of new qualifying units assumed to come online since the previous forecast and the timing of when those units will become operational; the impacts of enacted or proposed investments in the capital budget on the number of new potentially qualifying units; the number of units supported through a grant awarded under (a) of this subsection; the historical actual per unit average grant awards under (a) of this subsection; reported data from housing providers on actual costs for operations, maintenance, and services; and other factors identified as appropriate for estimating the demand for maintenance, operations, and services for qualifying permanent supportive housing units. The forecast methodology, updates, and methodology changes must be conducted in coordination with staff from the department, the office of financial management, and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature. The forecast must be updated each February and November during the fiscal biennium and the department must submit a report to the legislature summarizing the updated forecast based on actual awards made under (a) of this subsection and the completed construction of new qualifying units.

(5) $7,000,000 of the home security fund—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs to:

(a) Expand outreach, services, and housing for homeless youth and young adults including but not limited to secure crisis residential centers, crisis residential centers, and HOPE beds, so that resources are equitably distributed across the state;

(b) Contract with other public agency partners to test innovative program models that prevent youth from exiting public systems into homelessness; and

(c) Support the development of an integrated services model, increase performance outcomes, and enable providers to have the necessary skills and expertise to effectively operate youth programs.

(6) $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of homeless youth to build infrastructure and services to support a continuum of interventions, including but not limited to prevention, crisis response, and long-term housing, to reduce youth homelessness.

(7) $2,125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of homeless youth to contract with one or more nonprofit organizations to provide youth services and young adult housing on a multi-acre youth campus located in the city of Tacoma. Youth services include, but are not limited to, HOPE beds and crisis residential centers to provide temporary shelter and permanency planning for youth under the age of 18. Young adult housing includes, but is not limited to, rental assistance and case management for young adults ages 18 to 24. The department shall submit an annual report to the legislature on the use of the funds. The report is due annually on June 30th. The report shall include but is not limited to:

(a) A breakdown of expenditures by program and expense type, including the cost per bed;

(b) The number of youth and young adults helped by each program;

(c) The number of youth and young adults on the waiting list for programs, if any; and

(d) Any other metric or measure the department deems appropriate to evaluate the effectiveness of the use of the funds.

(8) $65,310,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $65,310,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the essential needs and housing support program and related services. The department may use a portion of the funds provided in this subsection to continue the pilot program established in section 127(106), chapter 357, Laws of 2020 (addressing the immediate housing needs of low or extremely low-income elderly or disabled adults in certain counties who receive social security disability or retirement income). The department must ensure the timely redistribution of the funding provided in this subsection among entities or counties to reflect actual caseload changes as required under RCW 43.185C.220(5)(c).

(9) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract with an entity located in the Beacon Hill/Chinatown international district area of Seattle to provide low-income housing, low-income housing support services, or both. To the extent practicable, the chosen location must be co-located with other programs supporting the needs of children, the elderly, or persons with disabilities.

(10) $229,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $229,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of the mobile home community sales program.

(11) $4,740,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $4,740,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $4,500,000 of the home security fund—state appropriation are provided solely for the consolidated homeless grant program. Of the amounts provided in this subsection:

(a) $4,500,000 of the home security fund—state appropriation is provided solely for permanent supportive housing targeted at those families who are chronically homeless and where at least one member of the family has a disability. The department will also connect these families to medicaid supportive services.

(b) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for diversion services for those families and individuals who are at substantial risk of losing stable housing or who have recently become homeless and are determined to have a high probability of returning to stable housing.

(c) $3,240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for up to nine months of rental assistance for individuals enrolled in the foundational community supports initiative who are transitioning off of benefits under RCW 74.04.805 due to increased income or other changes in eligibility. The health care authority, department of social and health services, and department of commerce shall collaborate on this effort.

(12) $1,007,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,007,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to administer a transitional housing program for nondependent homeless youth.

(13) $80,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $80,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to establish an identification assistance and support program to assist homeless persons in collecting documentation and procuring an identicard issued by the department of licensing. This program may be operated through a contract for services. The program shall operate in one county west of the crest of the Cascade mountain range with a population of 1,000,000 or more and one county east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range with a population of 500,000 or more.

(14)(a) $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs to administer flexible funding to serve eligible youth and young adults. The flexible funding administered under this subsection may be used for the immediate needs of eligible youth or young adults. An eligible youth or young adult may receive support under this subsection more than once.

(b) Flexible funding provided under this subsection may be used for purposes including but not limited to:

(i) Car repair or other transportation assistance;

(ii) Rental application fees, a security deposit, or short-term rental assistance;

(iii) Offsetting costs for first and last month's rent and security deposits;

(iv) Transportation costs to go to work;

(v) Assistance in obtaining photo identification or birth certificates; and

(vi) Other uses that will support the eligible youth or young adult's housing stability, education, or employment, or meet immediate basic needs.

(c) The flexible funding provided under this subsection may be provided to:

(i) Eligible youth and young adults. For the purposes of this subsection, an eligible youth or young adult is a person under age 25 who is experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, including but not limited to those who are unsheltered, doubled up or in unsafe living situations, exiting inpatient programs, or in school;

(ii) Community-based providers assisting eligible youth or young adults in attaining safe and stable housing; and

(iii) Individuals or entities, including landlords, providing safe housing or other support designed to lead to housing for eligible youth or young adults.

(15) $2,727,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,726,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure pursuant to chapter 61.24 RCW. Funding provided in this section may be used for activities to prevent mortgage or tax lien foreclosure, housing counselors, a foreclosure prevention hotline, legal services for low-income individuals, mediation, and other activities that promote homeownership. The department may contract with other foreclosure fairness program state partners to carry out this work.

(16) $1,400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of homeless youth to administer a competitive grant process to award funding to licensed youth shelters, HOPE centers, and crisis residential centers to provide behavioral health support services for youth in crisis, and to increase funding for current grantees.

(17) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs to colead a prevention work group with the department of children, youth, and families. The work group must focus on preventing youth and young adult homelessness and other related negative outcomes. The work group shall consist of members representing the department of social and health services, the employment security department, the health care authority, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the Washington student achievement council, the interagency work group on homelessness, community-based organizations, and young people and families with lived experience of housing instability, child welfare involvement, justice system involvement, or inpatient behavioral health involvement.

(a) The work group shall help guide implementation of:

(i) The state's strategic plan on prevention of youth homelessness;

(ii) Chapter 157, Laws of 2018 (SSB 6560);

(iii) Chapter 312, Laws of 2019 (E2SSB 5290);

(iv) Efforts to reform family reconciliation services; and

(v) Other state initiatives addressing the prevention of youth homelessness.

(b) The office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs must use the amounts provided in this subsection to contract with a community-based organization to support the involvement with the work group of young people and families with lived experience of housing instability, child welfare involvement, justice system involvement, or inpatient behavioral health involvement. The community-based organization must serve and be substantially governed by marginalized populations. The amounts provided in this subsection must supplement private funding to support the work group.

(18) $55,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $55,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to continue grant funding for emergency housing and shelter capacity and associated supports such as street outreach, diversion services, short-term rental assistance, hotel and motel vouchers, housing search and placement, and housing stability case management. Entities eligible for grant funding include local governments and nonprofit entities. The department may use existing programs, such as the consolidated homelessness grant program, to award funding under this subsection. Grants provided under this subsection must be used to maintain or increase current emergency housing capacity, funded by the shelter program grant and other programs, as practicable due to increased costs of goods, services, and wages. Emergency housing includes transitional housing, congregate or noncongregate shelter, sanctioned encampments, or short-term hotel or motel stays.

(19)(a) $38,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $38,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a targeted grant program to transition persons residing in encampments to safer housing opportunities, with an emphasis on ensuring individuals living unsheltered reach permanent housing solutions. Eligible grant recipients include local governments and nonprofit organizations operating to provide housing or services. The department may provide funding to state agencies to ensure individuals accessing housing services are also able to access other wrap-around services that enable them to obtain housing such as food, personal identification, and other related services. Local government and nonprofit grant recipients may use grant funding to provide outreach, housing, case management, transportation, site monitoring, and other services needed to assist individuals residing in encampments and on public rights-of-way with moving into housing.

(b) When awarding grants under (a) of this subsection, the department must prioritize applicants that focus on ensuring an expeditious path to or remaining in sustainable permanent housing solutions, and that demonstrate an understanding of working with individuals to identify their optimal housing type and level of ongoing services through the effective use of outreach, engagement, and temporary lodging and permanent housing placement.

(c) Grant recipients under (a) of this subsection must enter into a memorandum of understanding with the department, and other state agencies if applicable, as a condition of receiving funds. Memoranda of understanding must specify the responsibilities of the grant recipients and the state agencies and must include specific measurable outcomes for each entity signing the memorandum. The department must publish all signed memoranda on the department's website and must publish updates on outcomes for each memorandum at least every 90 days, while taking steps to protect the privacy of individuals served by the program. At a minimum, outcomes must include:

(i) The number of people actually living in any encampment identified for intervention by the department or grantees;

(ii) The demographics of those living in any encampment identified for intervention by the department or grantees;

(iii) The duration of engagement with individuals living within encampments;

(iv) The types of housing options that were offered;

(v) The number of individuals who accepted offered housing;

(vi) Any reasons given for why individuals declined offered housing;

(vii) The types of assistance provided to move individuals into offered housing;

(viii) Any services and benefits in which an individual was successfully enrolled; and

(ix) The housing outcomes of individuals who were placed into housing every six months after placement.

(d) Grant recipients under (a) of this subsection may not transition individuals from encampments or close encampments unless they have provided extensive outreach and offered each individual temporary lodging or permanent housing that matches the actual situation and needs of each person, is noncongregate whenever possible, and takes into consideration individuals' immediate and long-term needs and abilities to achieve and maintain housing stability. Grant recipients who initially match an individual to temporary lodging must make efforts to transition the person to a permanent housing placement within six months except under unusual circumstances. The department must establish criteria regarding the safety, accessibility, and habitability of housing options to be offered by grant recipients to ensure that such options are private, sanitary, healthy, and dignified, and that grant recipients provide options that are well-matched to an individual's assessed needs.

(e) Funding granted to eligible recipients under (a) of this subsection may not be used to supplant or replace existing funding provided for housing or homeless services.

(20) $200,000,000 of the covenant homeownership account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of the covenant homeownership program.

(21) $1,562,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,562,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for homeless youth community support programs.

(22) Before awarding or entering into grants or contracts for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium for homeless housing and service programs that are funded from the home security fund account or the affordable housing for all account, the department must first consult with local governments and eligible grantees to ensure that funding from these accounts is used to maintain the quantity and types of homeless housing and services funded in local communities as of February 28, 2025. The department may take into consideration local document recording fee balances and individual county fluctuations in recording fee collections when allocating state funds. The department must redeploy funds to other nonprofit and county grantees if originally granted amounts are not expended or committed within a reasonable timeline. The department may then provide funding to eligible entities to undertake the activities described in RCW 36.22.250(4)(b), such as funding for project-based vouchers and other assistance necessary to support permanent supportive housing as defined in RCW 36.70A.030 or as administered by the office of apple health and homes created in RCW 43.330.181.

(23) $125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a report that identifies solutions to caring for individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness who require higher-level health care than provided by traditional shelters and permanent supportive housing. The department must deliver the report to the governor and the legislature by June 30, 2027.

(24) $850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continuation of existing contracts with a nonprofit organization to increase housing supply and equitable housing outcomes by advancing affordable housing options, including affordable homeownership or affordable rental housing, supportive housing, transitional housing, shelter, or housing funded through the apple health and homes program, that are colocated with community services such as education centers, health clinics, nonprofit organizations, social services, or community spaces or facilities, available to residents or the public, on underutilized or tax-exempt land.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $32,801,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $25,419,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $39,706,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $1,186,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $22,613,000

Community Preservation and Development Authority

Account—State Appropriation $523,000

Growth Management Planning and Environmental Review

Fund—State Appropriation $5,681,000

Liquor Excise Tax Account—State Appropriation $1,409,000

Liquor Revolving Account—State Appropriation $6,854,000

Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account—State

Appropriation $100,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $4,142,000

Public Facilities Construction Loan Revolving

Account—State Appropriation $1,637,000

Public Works Assistance Account—State Appropriation $9,550,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $151,621,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The department shall administer its growth management act technical assistance and pass-through grants so that smaller cities and counties receive proportionately more assistance than larger cities or counties.

(2) $6,827,000 of the liquor revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with the municipal research and services center of Washington.

(3) $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to produce the biennial report identifying a list of projects to address incompatible developments near military installations as provided in RCW 43.330.520.

(4) $1,160,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,159,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the statewide broadband office established in RCW 43.330.532.

(5) $10,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $10,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department for grants for updating and implementing comprehensive plans and development regulations in order to implement the requirements of the growth management act.

(a) In allocating grant funding to local jurisdictions, awards must be based on a formula, determined by the department, to ensure that grants are distributed equitably among cities and counties. Grants will be used primarily to fund the review and update requirements for counties and cities required by RCW 36.70A.130. Funding provided on this formula basis shall cover additional county and city costs, if applicable, to implement chapter 254, Laws of 2021 (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1220) and to implement chapter 368, Laws of 2023 (land use permitting/local).

(b) Within the amounts not utilized under (a) of this subsection, the department shall establish a competitive grant program to implement requirements of the growth management act.

(c) Up to $500,000 per biennium may be allocated toward growth management policy research and development or to assess the ongoing effectiveness of existing growth management policy.

(d) The department must develop a process for consulting with local governments, affected stakeholders, and the appropriate committees of the legislature to establish emphasis areas for competitive grant distribution and for research priorities.

(6) Within the amounts provided in this section, the department must publish on its website housing data needed to complete housing needs assessments required by RCW 36.70A.070(2)(a). The data shall include:

(a) Housing profiles for each county and city in the state, including cost burden, vacancy, and income;

(b) Data to assess racially disparate impacts, exclusion, and displacement; and

(c) A dashboard to display data in an easily accessible format.

(7) $847,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $847,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to increase middle housing.

(8) $19,334,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for local government climate planning implementation.

(9) $67,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $67,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the noise abatement program for qualifying port districts.

(10) $149,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely to complete a report on how to integrate special purpose districts into the state's growth management planning framework. The department must provide a final report with recommendations to the governor's office and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2025.

(11) $1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for grant funding to local governments for the purpose of streamlining and improving local residential permit review processes, in alignment with chapter 338, Laws of 2023.

(12) $5,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for a contract with a public or private entity for the purpose of public safety and security activities related to the 2026 world cup event. Funding may be provided for law enforcement and fire department resources, emergency management, traffic control, and security at official event venues, including fields and fan activation areas.

(13) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $19,241,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $19,902,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $8,204,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $1,288,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $3,717,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $3,803,000

Andy Hill Cancer Research Endowment Fund Match

Transfer Account—State Appropriation $22,220,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $1,359,000

Community and Economic Development Fee Account—State

Appropriation $765,000

Economic Development Strategic Reserve Account—State

Appropriation $2,856,000

Statewide Tourism Marketing Account—State

Appropriation $3,026,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $86,381,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $4,304,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,304,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for associate development organizations. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the department shall consider an associate development organization's total resources when making contracting and fund allocation decisions, in addition to the schedule provided in RCW 43.330.086. The department may distribute the funding as follows:

(a) For associate development organizations serving urban counties, which are counties other than rural counties as defined in RCW 82.14.370, a locally matched allocation of up to $1.00 per capita, totaling no more than $300,000 per organization; and

(b) For associate development organizations in rural counties, as defined in RCW 82.14.370, a $1.00 per capita allocation with a base allocation of $50,000.

(2) $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the northwest agriculture business center.

(3) $1,070,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,070,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the small business export assistance program. The department must ensure that at least one employee is located outside the city of Seattle for purposes of assisting rural businesses with export strategies.

(4) $60,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $60,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to submit the necessary Washington state membership dues for the Pacific Northwest economic region.

(5) $2,438,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,438,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to identify and invest in strategic growth areas, support key sectors, and align existing economic development programs and priorities. The department must consider Washington's position as the most trade-dependent state when identifying priority investments. The department must engage states and provinces in the northwest as well as associate development organizations, small business development centers, chambers of commerce, ports, and other partners to leverage the funds provided. Sector leads established by the department must include the industries of: (a) Aerospace; (b) clean technology and renewable and nonrenewable energy; (c) wood products and other natural resource industries; (d) information and communication technology; (e) life sciences and global health; (f) maritime; (g) military and defense; and (h) creative industries. The department may establish these sector leads by hiring new staff, expanding the duties of current staff, or working with partner organizations and or other agencies to serve in the role of sector lead.

(6) $22,220,000 of the Andy Hill cancer research endowment fund match transfer account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Andy Hill cancer research endowment program. Amounts provided in this subsection may be used for grants and administration costs.

(7) $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to establish representation in key international markets that will provide the greatest opportunities for increased trade and investment for small businesses in the state of Washington. Prior to entering into any contract for representation, the department must consult with associate development organizations and other organizations and associations that represent small business, rural industries, and disadvantaged business enterprises.

(8) $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to assist people with limited incomes in urban areas of the state start and sustain small businesses. The grant recipient must be a nonprofit organization involving a network of microenterprise organizations and professionals to support micro entrepreneurship and access to economic development resources.

(9) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to provide grants, capacity building, and technical assistance support to a network of microenterprise development organizations. The microenterprise development organizations will support rural and urban Black, indigenous and people of color owned businesses, veteran owned businesses, and limited resourced and other hard to serve businesses with five or fewer employees throughout the state with business training, technical assistance, and microloans.

(10) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to a business center that provides confidential, no-cost, one-on-one, client-centered assistance to small businesses to expand outreach in underserved communities, especially Black, indigenous, and people of color-owned businesses, providing targeted assistance where needed. Funding may also be used to collaborate the department, the Washington economic development association, and others to develop a more effective and efficient service delivery system for Washington's women and minority-owned small businesses.

(11) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to strengthen capacity of the keep Washington working act work group established in RCW 43.330.510.

(12) $727,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $727,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the employee ownership program.

(13) $750,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with a nonregulatory coalition located in Seattle that supports the strategic development and activation of Washington state's participation in the West Coast wide-floating offshore wind supply chain through a collaborative approach. The department and nonregulatory coalition shall identify economic, community, and workforce development opportunities resulting from Washington state's participation in the offshore wind supply chain through conducting convenings, workshops, and studies as appropriate.

(14) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—ENERGY AND INNOVATION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $7,800,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $7,839,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $39,950,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $147,000

Building Code Council Account—State Appropriation $19,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $133,578,000

Community and Economic Development Fee Account—State

Appropriation $160,000

Electric Vehicle Incentive Account—State

Appropriation $22,000

Energy Efficiency Account—State Appropriation $20,000

Low-Income Weatherization and Structural

Rehabilitation Assistance Account—State

Appropriation $1,421,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $168,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $191,124,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The department is authorized to require an applicant to pay an application fee to cover the cost of reviewing the project and preparing an advisory opinion on whether a proposed electric generation project or conservation resource qualifies to meet mandatory conservation targets.

(2)(a) $50,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to implement programs and incentives that promote the purchase of or conversion to alternative fuel vehicles. The department must work with the interagency electric vehicle coordinating council to develop and implement alternative fuel vehicle programs and incentives.

(b) In developing and implementing programs and incentives under this subsection, the department must prioritize programs and incentives that:

(i) Will serve individuals living in an overburdened community, as defined in RCW 70A.02.010;

(ii) Will serve individuals who are in greatest need of this assistance in order to reduce the carbon emissions and other environmental impacts of their current mode of transportation in the overburdened community in which they live; and

(iii) Will serve low-income communities, communities with the greatest health disparities, and communities of color that are most likely to receive the greatest health benefits from the programs through a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants that will result in improved groundwater and stormwater quality, improved air quality, and reductions in noise pollution.

(3) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to build a mapping and forecasting tool that provides locations and information on charging and refueling infrastructure as required in chapter 300, Laws of 2021 (zero emissions transp.). The department shall collaborate with the interagency electric vehicle coordinating council established in chapter 182, Laws of 2022 (transportation resources) when developing the tool and must work to meet benchmarks established in chapter 182, Laws of 2022 (transportation resources).

(4) $6,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for grants to support port districts, counties, cities, towns, special purpose districts, any other municipal corporations or quasi-municipal corporations, and tribes to support siting and permitting of clean energy projects in the state. Eligible uses of grant funding provided in this section include supporting predevelopment work for sites intended for clean energy projects, land use studies, conducting or engaging in planning efforts such as planned actions and programmatic environmental impact statements, and staff to improve permit timeliness and certainty.

(5)(a) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the department to contract with one or more of the western national laboratories, or a similar independent research organization, in consultation with state and federal energy agencies, stakeholders, and relevant utilities, to conduct an analysis for new electricity generation, transmission, ancillary services, efficiency and storage sufficient to offset those presently provided by the lower Snake river dams. The analysis should include a list of requirements for a replacement portfolio that diversifies and improves the resilience and maintains the reliability and adequacy of the electric power system, is consistent with the state's statutory and regulatory requirements for clean electricity generation, and is supplementary to the resources that will be required to replace fossil fuels in the electrical generation, transportation, industry, and buildings sectors. The department and its contractor's assessment will include quantitative analysis based on available data as well as qualitative input gathered from tribal and other governments, the Northwest power and conservation council, relevant utilities, and other key stakeholders. The analysis must include the following:

(i) Expected trends for demand, and distinct scenarios that examine potential outcomes for electricity demand, generation, and storage technologies development, land use and land use constraints, and cost through 2050, as well as the most recent analysis of future resource adequacy and reliability;

(ii) A resource portfolio approach in which a combination of commercially available generating resources, energy efficiency, conservation, and demand response programs, transmission resources, and other programs and resources that would be necessary prerequisites to replace the power and grid reliability services otherwise provided by the lower Snake river dams and the time frame needed to put those resources into operation;

(iii) Identification of generation and transmission siting options consistent with the overall replacement resource portfolio, in coordination with other state processes and requirements supporting the planning of clean energy and transmission siting;

(iv) An evaluation of alternatives for the development, ownership and operation of the replacement resource portfolio;

(v) Examination of possible impacts and opportunities that might result from the renewal of the Columbia river treaty, revisions of the Bonneville power administration preference contracts, implementation of the western resource adequacy program (WRAP), and other changes in operation and governance of the regional electric power system, consistent with statutory and regulatory requirements of the clean energy transformation act;

(vi) Identification of revenue and payment structures sufficient to maintain reliable and affordable electricity supplies for ratepayers, with emphasis on overburdened communities;

(vii) Development of distinct scenarios that examine different potential cost and timeline potentials for development and implementation of identified generation and transmission needs and options including planning, permitting, design, and construction, including relevant federal authorities, consistent with the statutory and regulatory requirements of the clean energy transformation act;

(viii) Quantification of impacts to greenhouse gas emissions including life-cycle emissions analysis associated with implementation of identified generation and transmission needs and options including (A) planning, permitting, design, and construction, and, if relevant, emissions associated with the acquisition of non-Washington state domestic or foreign sources of electricity, and (B) any additional operations of existing fossil-fueled generating resources; and

(ix) An inventory of electricity demand by state-owned or operated facilities and information needed to complete a request for proposals (RFP) to satisfy this demand through new nonhydro renewable energy generation and/or conservation.

(b) The department shall, to the extent determined practicable, consider related analyses undertaken by the federal government as part of the Columbia river system operation stay of litigation agreed to in *National Wildlife Federation et al. v. National Marine Fisheries Service et al.* in October 2021.

(c) The department shall provide a status update to the energy and environment committees of the legislature and governor's office by June 30, 2026.

(6) $163,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to administer a pilot program to provide grants and technical assistance to support planning, predevelopment, and installation of commercial, dual-use solar power demonstration projects. Eligible grant recipients may include, but are not limited to, nonprofit organizations, public entities, and federally recognized tribes.

(7) $20,592,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to administer a grant program to assist owners of public buildings in covering the costs of conducting an investment grade energy audit for those buildings. Public buildings include those owned by state and local governments, tribes, and school districts.

(8)(a) $5,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to administer a program to assist community-based organizations, local governments, ports, tribes, and other entities to access federal tax incentives and grants. Eligible entities for the program include, but are not limited to, local governments in Washington, tribal governments and tribal entities, community-based organizations, housing authorities, ports, transit agencies, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit businesses. The department shall prioritize assistance that benefits vulnerable populations in overburdened communities, with a goal of directing at least 25 percent of funds to this purpose.

(b) Within the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection, the department must contract with a nonprofit organization to provide the following services:

(i) Development of tax guidance resources for clean energy tax credits, including core legal documents to be used broadly across stakeholders;

(ii) Providing tailored marketing materials for these resources targeting underserved entities; and

(iii) Providing funds to subcontract with clean energy tax attorneys to pilot office hours style support available to eligible entities across the state.

(9) $1,078,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to develop plans to test hydrogen combustion and resulting nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions, technical assistance for strategic end uses of hydrogen, a feasibility assessment regarding underground storage of hydrogen in Washington, and an environmental justice toolkit for hydrogen projects.

(10) $1,678,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 344, Laws of 2024 (public building materials), including to develop and maintain a publicly accessible database for covered projects to submit environmental and working conditions data, to convene a technical work group, and to develop legislative reports.

(11) $3,500,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide and facilitate access to energy assistance programs, including incentives, energy audits, and rebate programs to retrofit homes and small businesses.

(12) $250,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with a nonprofit entity that represents the maritime industry to develop and publish a strategic framework regarding the production, supply, and use of sustainable maritime fuels and deployment of low and zero-emissions vessel technologies in Washington. Analyses will include relevant human and environmental health and equity considerations. Funding under this subsection may be used for activities including, but not limited to, convening stakeholders and building organizational capacity. Stakeholder engagement pursuant to this subsection shall include, at a minimum, engagement with federal and state agencies, ports, industry, labor, research institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and relevant federally recognized tribes.

(13) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(14) $2,500,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department for activities that engage tribes or overburdened communities when siting renewable energy generation or electrical transmission facilities in Washington state. Of the amounts provided in this subsection:

(a) $2,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for engagement of a tribal collaborative and participating tribes to identify areas with higher and lower potential for avoiding conflicts with tribes when siting renewable energy generation and electrical transmission facilities. The effort must consider tribal renewable energy and transmission needs, tribal sovereignty and rights, sensitive natural areas and working lands, and the goal to minimize harm while maximizing benefits to tribal communities. The department may contract for this purpose.

(b) $500,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to engage with communities to create a framework and process to support early and ongoing overburdened community input for the planning and development of transmission corridors. This shall, to the extent feasible, include identifying ways for overburdened communities to benefit from transmission corridor development as well as ways to reduce and avoid conflict with overburdened communities in the development of transmission corridors. Engagement activities may be coordinated with the tribal collaborative described in section 133 of this act and other relevant community engagement activities within the department.

(15) $3,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to develop and implement a pilot program that provides state match funds to local governments in areas hosting clean energy projects, where a clean energy developer has entered into a community benefits agreement with the hosting community.

(16) $3,045,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to establish the Washington electric transmission authority to support the development of electric transmission infrastructure. The department shall facilitate transmission development by engaging in public-private partnerships with transmission developers, providing bond financing to development transmission projects, identifying priority transmission corridors, and building and operating transmission lines. The department shall provide staff to support the establishment of the Washington electric transmission authority, including technical support and engagement with tribes and overburdened communities.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—PROGRAM SUPPORT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $8,806,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $7,670,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $7,902,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $2,082,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $2,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $3,006,000

Growth Management Planning and Environmental Review

Fund—State Appropriation $148,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $29,616,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants and associated technical assistance and administrative costs to foster collaborative partnerships that expand child care capacity in communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, school districts, educational service districts, and local governments. These funds may be expended only after the approval of the director of the department of commerce and must be used to support planning and activities that help communities address the shortage of child care, prioritizing partnerships serving in whole or in part areas identified as child care access deserts. The department must submit a report to the legislature on the use of funds by June 30, 2027. The report shall include, but is not limited to:

(a) The number and location of organizations, school districts, educational service districts, and local governments receiving grants;

(b) The number of grants issued and their size; and

(c) Any information from grantee organizations on outcomes.

(2) $506,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to incorporate equity and environmental justice into agency grant programs with the goal of reducing programmatic barriers to vulnerable populations in overburdened communities in accessing department funds. The department shall prioritize grant programs receiving funds from the accounts established under RCW 70A.65.240, 70A.65.250, 70A.65.260, 70A.65.270, and 70A.65.280.

(3) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the department to conduct a feasibility study to assess the department's needs and solutions for contract, grant, and customer relations management. The study must consider solutions that improve the agency's ability to decrease administrative burdens for marginalized communities, the agency's outreach and engagement with underserved communities, and the capacity to invest funds more equitably. The department must provide the feasibility study, including cost estimates, to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by August 31, 2026.

(4) $500,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to engage with communities to create a framework and process to support early and ongoing overburdened community input for the planning and development of transmission corridors. This shall, to the extent feasible, include identifying ways for overburdened communities to benefit from transmission corridor development as well as ways to reduce and avoid conflict with overburdened communities in the development of transmission corridors. Engagement activities may be coordinated with the tribal collaborative described in section 132 of this act and other relevant community engagement activities within the department.

(5) $2,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to continue implementation of chapter 70A.02 RCW.

(6) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $992,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $965,000

Lottery Administrative Account—State Appropriation $50,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,007,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $21,857,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $21,261,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $36,530,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $539,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $3,384,000

Performance Audits of Government Account—State

Appropriation $702,000

Personnel Service Account—State Appropriation $28,657,000

Higher Education Personnel Services Account—State

Appropriation $1,543,000

Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line

Account—State Appropriation $300,000

Statewide Information Technology System Development

Revolving Account—State Appropriation $180,864,000

Office of Financial Management Central Service

Account—State Appropriation $37,960,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $333,597,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1)(a) The student achievement council and all institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030 and eligible for state financial aid programs under chapters 28B.92 and 28B.118 RCW shall ensure that data needed to analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of state financial aid programs are promptly transmitted to the education data center so that it is available and easily accessible. The data to be reported must include but not be limited to:

(i) The number of Washington college grant and college bound recipients;

(ii) Persistence and completion rates of Washington college grant recipients and college bound recipients, disaggregated by institution of higher education;

(iii) Washington college grant recipients grade point averages; and

(iv) Washington college grant and college bound scholarship program costs.

(b) The student achievement council shall submit student unit record data for state financial aid program applicants and recipients to the education data center.

(2)(a) $134,230,000 of the information technology system development revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for the one Washington enterprise resource planning statewide program phase 1A (agency financial reporting system replacement) and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(b) Of the amount provided in this subsection, $20,400,000 of the information technology system development revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for a technology pool to pay for phase 1A (agency financial reporting system replacement—core financials) state agency costs due to legacy system remediation work associated with impacted financial systems and interfaces. The office of financial management must manage the pool, authorize funds, track costs by agency by fiscal month, and report after each fiscal month close on the agency spending to Washington technology solutions so that the spending is included in the statewide dashboard actual spending.

(c) The one Washington solution must be capable of being continually updated, as necessary.

(d) Beginning July 1, 2025, the office of financial management shall provide written quarterly reports, within 30 calendar days of the end of each fiscal quarter, to legislative fiscal committees and the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee to include how funding was spent compared to the budget spending plan for the prior quarter by fiscal month and what the ensuing quarter budget will be by fiscal month. All reporting must be separated by phase of one Washington subprojects. The written report must also include:

(i) A list of quantifiable deliverables accomplished and amount spent associated with each deliverable, by fiscal month;

(ii) A report on the contract full-time equivalent charged compared to the budget spending plan by month for each contracted vendor, to include interagency agreements with other state agencies, and what the ensuing contract equivalent budget spending plan assumes by fiscal month;

(iii) A report identifying each state agency that applied for and received technology pool resources, the staffing equivalent used, and the cost by fiscal month by agency compared to the budget spending plan by fiscal month;

(iv) A report on budget spending plan by fiscal month by phase compared to actual spending by fiscal month, and the projected spending plan by fiscal month for the ensuing quarter; and

(v) A report on current financial office performance metrics that at least 10 state agencies use, to include the monthly performance data, that began July 1, 2021.

(e) Prior to the expenditure of the amounts provided in this subsection, the director of the office of financial management must review and approve the spending in writing.

(3) $250,000 of the office of financial management central services account—state appropriation is provided solely for a dedicated information technology budget staff for the work associated with statewide information technology projects that at least are subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act and are under the oversight of Washington technology solutions. The staff will be responsible for providing a monthly financial report after each fiscal month close to fiscal staff of the senate ways and means and house appropriations committees to reflect at least:

(a) Fund balance of the information technology pool account after each fiscal month close;

(b) Amount by information technology project, differentiated if in the technology pool or the agency budget, of what funding has been approved to date and for the last fiscal month;

(c) Amount by agency of what funding has been approved to date and for the last fiscal month;

(d) Total amount approved to date, differentiated if in the technology pool or the agency budget, and for the last fiscal month;

(e) A projection for the information technology pool account by fiscal month through the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium close, and a calculation spent to date as a percentage of the total appropriation;

(f) A projection of each information technology project spending compared to budget spending plan by fiscal month through the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, and a calculation of amount spent to date as a percentage of total project cost; and

(g) A list of agencies and projects that have not yet applied for nor been approved for funding by the office of financial management.

(4) Within existing resources, the labor relations section shall produce a report annually on workforce data and trends for the previous fiscal year. At a minimum, the report must include a workforce profile; information on employee compensation, including salaries and cost of overtime; and information on retention, including average length of service and workforce turnover.

(5)(a) $62,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for a joint legislative and executive committee on behavioral health, with members as provided in this subsection:

(i) The president of the senate shall appoint three legislative members, including a chair of a senate committee that includes behavioral health within its jurisdiction and a member of the children and youth behavioral health work group;

(ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three legislative members, including a chair of a house committee that includes behavioral health within its jurisdiction and a member of the children and youth behavioral health work group;

(iii) The governor or his or her designee;

(iv) The secretary of the department of social and health services or his or her designee;

(v) The director of the health care authority or his or her designee;

(vi) The insurance commissioner or his or her designee;

(vii) The secretary of the department of health or his or her designee; and

(viii) The secretary of the department of children, youth, and families or his or her designee;

(ix) Other agency directors or designees as necessary;

(x) Two individuals representing the interests of individuals living with behavioral health conditions; and

(xi) The chief executive officer of a Washington nonprofit corporation wholly controlled by the tribes and urban Indian organizations in the state, or the commission delegate if applicable, or his or her designee.

(b)(i) The committee shall meet at least quarterly. Cochairs shall be one legislative member selected by members of the committee at the first meeting and the representative of the governor's office. All meetings are open to the public.

(ii) The office of financial management shall contract or hire dedicated staff to facilitate and provide staff support to the nonlegislative members and for facilitation and project management support of the committee. Senate committee services and the house of representatives office of program research shall provide staff support to the legislative members of the committee. The contractor shall support the work of all members of the committee, legislative and nonlegislative.

(iii) Within existing appropriations, the cost of meetings must be paid jointly by the senate, house of representatives, and the office of financial management. Committee expenditures are subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their successor committees. Committee members may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, and chapter 44.04 RCW as appropriate.

(c) The purpose of the committee is to identify key strategic actions to improve access to behavioral health services, by conducting at least, but not limited to, the following tasks:

(i) Establishing a profile of Washington's current population and its behavioral health needs and a projection of population growth and anticipated need through 2028;

(ii) Establishing an inventory of existing and anticipated behavioral health services and supports for adults, children, and youth, including health care providers and facilities;

(iii) Assessing the areas of the current system where additional support is needed for Washington's current population;

(iv) Establishing an anticipated inventory of future services and supports that will be required to meet the behavioral health needs of the population in 2028 and beyond with a specific emphasis on prevention, early intervention, and home or community-based capacity designed to reduce reliance on emergency, criminal legal, crisis, and involuntary services;

(v) Reviewing the integrated care initiative on access to timely and appropriate behavioral health services for individuals with acute behavioral health needs; and

(vi)(A) Developing a strategy of actions that the state may take to prepare for the future demographic trends in the population and building the necessary capacity to meet these demands, including but not limited to:

(I) Exploring the role that education, housing and homelessness response systems, the criminal legal system, primary health care, and insurance systems have in the identification and treatment of behavioral health issues;

(II) Evaluating behavioral health workforce demand and workforce education, training, and continuing education requirements; and

(III) Statutory and regulatory changes to promote the most efficient use of resources, such as simplifying administrative procedures, facilitating access to services and supports systems, and improving transitions between care settings.

(B) Strategies must:

(I) Be based on explicit and measurable actions;

(II) Identify what must be done, by whom, and by when to assure implementation;

(III) Estimate a cost to the party responsible for implementation;

(IV) Recommend specific fiscal strategies that rely predominately on state and federal funding;

(V) Include recommendations for needed and appropriate additional caseload forecasting for state-funded behavioral health services; and

(VI) Incorporate and reconcile, where necessary, recommendations from past and current behavioral health work groups created by the legislature and network adequacy standards established by the health care authority.

(d) The committee shall incorporate input from the office of the insurance commissioner, the caseload forecast council, the health care authority, and other appropriate entities with specialized knowledge of the needs and growth trends of the population and people with behavioral health issues. In the conduct of its business, the committee shall have access, upon request, to health-related data available to state agencies by statute, as allowed by state and federal law. All requested data or other relevant information maintained by an agency shall be provided in a timely manner.

(e) The committee shall submit a sustainable five-year plan to substantially improve access to behavioral health for all Washington residents to the governor, the office of financial management, and the legislature by December 1, 2025.

(6) The office of financial management must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(7)(a) $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the office of financial management to conduct a study of the future long-term uses of the Olympic heritage behavioral health campus. The study must assess the options for maximizing the facility's ability to receive federal matching funds for services provided while contributing to the health of the entire state behavioral health system based on community needs. The study must examine Washington behavioral health system trends, including demand and capacity for voluntary and involuntary behavioral health in-patient treatment, forecasted bed need and current and planned statewide capacity for civil and forensic state hospital populations, short-term civil commitment capacity trends, and trends in prosecutorial forensic referrals. The study must also consider area provider admittance and refusal rates. The study must include:

(i) An analysis on the types of services which could be provided at the property, including but not limited to:

(A) Voluntary behavioral health treatment services, including diversion, prediversion, and specialty services for people with co-occurring conditions including substance use disorders, intellectual or developmental disabilities, traumatic brain disorders, or dementia;

(B) Services for patients that are deemed not guilty by reason of insanity;

(C) Integrated service approaches that address medical, housing, vocational, and other needs of behaviorally disabled individuals with criminal legal involvement or likelihood of criminal legal involvement;

(D) Long-term involuntary treatment services for specialized populations such as those with developmental disabilities or dementia;

(E) Short-term involuntary treatment services;

(F) Long-term involuntary treatment services for civil conversion patients;

(G) Out-patient intensive behavioral health treatment including partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient care;

(H) Crisis response services; and

(I) Other services that will increase the state's ability to comply with requirements for providing timely admission of competency restoration patients into treatment beds;

(ii) Review of potential for additional capacity or services on the entirety of the property, including any capital improvements needed to expand services under the options described in (a)(i) of this subsection;

(iii) Identification and evaluation of strategies to obtain federal matching funding opportunities, specifically focusing on innovative medicaid framework adjustments and the consideration of necessary state plan amendments;

(iv) Estimated costs, required staffing and workforce availability for each of the recommended types of services if available; and

(v) Consideration of options for providers that can provide the different services recommended at the facility and an analysis on the cost differential and potential federal reimbursement for the different providers. The office of financial management may consider a variety of provider types or partners, including, but not limited to:

(A) Tribal or local governments;

(B) Acute care hospitals already providing similar care;

(C) Providers contracted by the health care authority; and

(D) State-operated options.

(b) The office of financial management shall consult with the University of Washington school of medicine, the health care authority, and the department of social and health services in developing and conducting the study.

(c) The office of financial management shall submit a final report with its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature by December 1, 2025.

(d) The office of financial management may contract with one or more third parties and consult with other state entities to conduct the study. The contract is exempt from the competitive procurement requirements in chapter 39.26 RCW.

(8) $200,000 of the performance audits of government account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of financial management, as the auditee for the state of Washington single audit, to contract with a vendor to review and identify efficiencies of the single audit within the office of the state auditor to ensure compliance with 2 C.F.R. Sec. 200.512 to meet the annual filing deadline of March 31. The contractor must create a report that includes, but is not limited to, the following information: Recommended changes to complete the state of Washington's single audit by the required due date and identification of any opportunities to improve efficiency on conducting the audit on either auditee or auditor side. The office of financial management will contract with a vendor to conduct an independent review of the single audits conducted by the office of the state auditor for fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

(9)(a) $500,000 of the performance audits of government account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of financial management to contract with a vendor to conduct an independent review of performance audits conducted by the office of the state auditor between July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2024. Cybersecurity audits are exempt from this review. For each audit reviewed, the report must include at a minimum the following information:

(i) Total number of hours to complete the audit;

(ii) Total number of dollars spent on the audit, with any amounts for work conducted by a contractor reported separately from amounts spent by the state auditor's office;

(iii) Total dedicated staff from the state auditor's office, with any contractor totals reported separately from totals of the state auditor's office;

(iv) Number of audited agency staff impacted by audit;

(v) Total dollars estimated to be saved by implementing actionable audit recommendations, if known; and

(vi) Qualitative data from audited agencies about the value provided by the audit.

(b) A report must be submitted to the governor and relevant committees of the legislature by June 30, 2026.

(10) Within existing resources, the office will maintain a data portal to track state agency expenditures from climate commitment act accounts as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC. The data portal must be coordinated with the department of ecology.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

Administrative Hearings Revolving Account—State

Appropriation $76,836,000

Administrative Hearings Revolving Account—Local

Appropriation $12,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $76,848,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE LOTTERY**

Lottery Administrative Account—State Appropriation $34,324,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $34,324,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) No portion of this appropriation may be used for acquisition of gaming system capabilities that violate state law.

(2) Pursuant to RCW 67.70.040, the commission shall take such action necessary to reduce retail commissions to an average of 5.1 percent of sales.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,304,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,317,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,621,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: $105,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $105,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to gang youth intervention specialists for a pilot program within high schools in Washington. Grants may be provided without using a competitive selection process.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE COMMISSION ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $592,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $565,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,157,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS—OPERATIONS**

Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account—

State Appropriation $129,229,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $129,229,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $34,491,000 of the department of retirement systems expense account—state appropriation is provided solely for pension system modernization, and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(2) $21,000 of the department of retirement systems expense account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0229.1/25) (PERS/TRS 1 benefit increase).

(3) $150,000 of the department of retirement systems expense account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0174/25) (LEOFF merger).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $403,947,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $420,631,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $126,000

Timber Tax Distribution Account—State Appropriation $8,308,000

Business License Account—State Appropriation $22,865,000

Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control

Account—State Appropriation $184,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $128,000

Financial Services Regulation Nonappropriated Fund—

State Appropriation $5,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $861,189,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $1,661,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,661,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of chapter 196, Laws of 2021 (capital gains tax).

(2) $204,114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $225,117,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 195, Laws of 2021 (working families tax exempt.). Of the total amounts provided in this subsection:

(a) $15,114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $16,117,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for administration of the working families tax exemption program; and

(b) $189,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $209,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for remittances under the working families tax exemption program.

(3) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,923,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,928,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,851,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $5,779,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $5,181,000

Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Account—

State Appropriation $6,454,000

Move Ahead WA Flexible Account—State Appropriation $24,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $17,438,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The office of minority and women's business enterprises shall consult with the Washington state office of equity on the Washington state toolkit for equity in public spending.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $4,765,000

Insurance Commissioner's Regulatory Account—State

Appropriation $84,399,000

Insurance Commissioner's Fraud Account—State

Appropriation $4,396,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $93,560,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: $1,244,000 of the insurance commissioner's regulatory account—state appropriation is provided solely for the commissioner to continue its work on behavioral health parity compliance, enforcement, and provider network oversight. The commissioner may use internal staff and contracted experts to oversee provider directories and evaluate consumer access to services for mental health and substance use disorders in state-regulated individual, small group, and large group health plans.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE INVESTMENT BOARD**

State Investment Board Expense Account—State

Appropriation $91,525,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $91,525,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE LIQUOR AND CANNABIS BOARD**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $628,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $644,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $3,226,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $75,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $14,529,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $14,857,000

Liquor Revolving Account—State Appropriation $121,072,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $155,031,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The liquor and cannabis board may require electronic payment of the cannabis excise tax levied by RCW 69.50.535. The liquor and cannabis board may allow a waiver to the electronic payment requirement for good cause as provided by rule.

(2) Of the liquor revolving account—state appropriation, $9,019,000 is provided solely for the modernization of regulatory systems and are subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(3) $8,208,000 of the liquor revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for the tax and fee systems replacement and are subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Public Service Revolving Account—State Appropriation $72,220,000

Public Service Revolving Account—Federal

Appropriation $100,000

Pipeline Safety Account—State Appropriation $3,818,000

Pipeline Safety Account—Federal Appropriation $3,503,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $79,641,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: Up to $800,000 of the public service revolving account—state appropriation in this section is for the utilities and transportation commission to supplement funds committed by a telecommunications company to expand rural broadband service on behalf of an eligible governmental entity. The amount in this subsection represents payments collected by the utilities and transportation commission pursuant to the Qwest performance assurance plan.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $15,745,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $15,039,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $148,547,000

911 Account—State Appropriation $54,712,000

Disaster Response Account—State Appropriation $12,266,000

Disaster Response Account—Federal Appropriation $604,262,000

Military Department Rent and Lease Account—State

Appropriation $1,009,000

Military Department Active State Service Account—

State Appropriation $400,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $89,000

Oil Spill Prevention Account—State Appropriation $1,040,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $127,000

Performance Audits of Government Account—State

Appropriation $3,538,000

Worker and Community Right to Know Fund—State

Appropriation $2,267,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $859,041,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The military department shall submit a report to the office of financial management and the legislative fiscal committees by February 1st and October 31st of each year detailing information on the disaster response account, including: (a) The amount and type of deposits into the account; (b) the current available fund balance as of the reporting date; and (c) the projected fund balance at the end of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium based on current revenue and expenditure patterns.

(2) $40,000,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is provided solely for homeland security, subject to the following conditions: Any communications equipment purchased by local jurisdictions or state agencies shall be consistent with standards set by the Washington state interoperability executive committee.

(3) $11,000,000 of the 911 account—state appropriation is provided solely for financial assistance to counties.

(4) $784,000 of the disaster response account—state appropriation is provided solely for fire suppression training, equipment, and supporting costs to national guard soldiers and airmen.

(5) $876,000 of the disaster response account—state appropriation is provided solely for a dedicated access and functional needs program manager, access and functional need services, and a dedicated tribal liaison to assist with disaster preparedness and response.

(6) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(7)(a) $355,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the department to conduct a study regarding statewide building code and construction standards pertaining to earthquake and tsunami resilience as well as recommendations for functional recovery of buildings and critical infrastructure directly following an earthquake. In conducting the study, the department must request input from the state building code council and representatives of appropriate public and private sector entities. The department may contract for all or a portion of the study. The study must, at a minimum, include an assessment of:

(i) Functional recovery building code standards that are being developed at the federal level, have been proposed or adopted in other countries, states, or local jurisdictions with a high risk of earthquakes, or are developed by public or private organizations with expertise in earthquake performance standards and safety;

(ii) The levels of functional recovery supported by current state and local building and construction codes;

(iii) The objectives, feasibility, necessary measures, and estimated costs of adopting and implementing statewide functional recovery building code standards, and how this assessment is impacted by whether the standards:

(A) Are mandatory or voluntary;

(B) Apply to only certain types of structures and infrastructure or prioritize certain types of structures and infrastructure;

(C) Apply to existing structures and infrastructure in addition to new construction;

(D) Are intended to apply to only specific seismic hazard levels; or

(E) Include nonstructural components as well as structural systems;

(iv) How statewide standards for functional recovery would fit into an all hazards approach for state emergency response and recovery;

(v) Funding opportunities that provide for the coordination of state and federal funds for the purposes of improving the state's preparedness for functional recovery following a significant earthquake or tsunami; and

(vi) Equity considerations for the development of statewide building code standards for functional recovery.

(b) The department must submit a preliminary report with interim findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature by June 1, 2025. The department must submit a final report summarizing the study's findings and including policy recommendations relating to statewide building code standards for functional recovery to the appropriate committees of the legislature by May 1, 2026.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,816,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,812,000

Personnel Service Account—State Appropriation $4,951,000

Higher Education Personnel Services Account—State

Appropriation $1,631,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $12,210,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

Certified Public Accountants' Account—State

Appropriation $5,194,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,194,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

Volunteer Firefighters' and Reserve Officers'

Administrative Account—State Appropriation $1,718,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,718,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: $91,000 of the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' administrative account—state appropriation is provided solely for contracting for small agency budget and accounting services with the department of enterprise services.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE FORENSIC INVESTIGATION COUNCIL**

Death Investigations Account—State Appropriation $841,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $841,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1)(a) $250,000 of the death investigations account—state appropriation is provided solely for providing financial assistance to local jurisdictions in multiple death investigations. The forensic investigation council shall develop criteria for awarding these funds for multiple death investigations involving an unanticipated, extraordinary, and catastrophic event or those involving multiple jurisdictions.

(b) Of the amount provided in this subsection, $30,000 of the death investigations account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Adams county crime lab to investigate a double homicide that occurred in fiscal year 2021.

(2) $210,000 of the death investigations account—state appropriation is provided solely for providing financial assistance to local jurisdictions in identifying human remains.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $19,705,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $19,318,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $102,000

Building Code Council Account—State Appropriation $2,297,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $41,422,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $7,346,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $7,029,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the payment of facilities and services charges to include campus rent, parking, security, contracts, public and historic facilities, financial cost recovery, and capital projects surcharges allocable to the senate, house of representatives, statute law committee, legislative support services, and joint legislative systems committee. The department shall allocate charges attributable to these agencies among the affected revolving funds. The department shall maintain an interagency agreement with these agencies to establish performance standards, prioritization of preservation and capital improvement projects, and quality assurance provisions for the delivery of services under this subsection. The legislative agencies named in this subsection shall continue to have all of the same rights of occupancy and space use on the capitol campus as historically established.

(2) Before any agency may purchase a passenger motor vehicle as defined in RCW 43.19.560, the agency must have approval from the director of the department of enterprise services. Agencies that are exempted from the requirement are the Washington state patrol, Washington state department of transportation, and the department of natural resources.

(3) From the fee charged to master contract vendors, the department shall transfer to the office of minority and women's business enterprises in equal monthly installments $1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $1,300,000 in fiscal year 2027.

(4) Within existing resources, the department, in collaboration with Washington technology solutions, must provide a report to the governor and fiscal committees of the legislative by October 31 of each calendar year that reflects information technology contract information based on a contract snapshot from June 30 of that same calendar year, and must also include any contract that was active since July 1 of the previous calendar year. The department will coordinate to receive contract information for all contracts to include those where the department has delegated authority so that the report includes statewide contract information. The report must contain a list of all information technology contracts to include the agency name, contract number, vendor name, contract term start and end dates, contract dollar amount in total, and contract dollar amounts by state fiscal year. The report must also include, by contract, the contract spending projections by state fiscal year for each ensuing state fiscal year through the contract term, and note the type of service delivered. The list of contracts must be provided electronically in Excel and be sortable by all field requirements. The report must also include trend analytics on information technology contracts, and recommendations for reducing costs where possible.

(5) $654,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $654,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department, in collaboration with the state efficiency and environmental performance program, to implement the zero emission vehicle strategy.

(6) $2,671,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,671,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for zero emission electric vehicle supply equipment infrastructure at facilities to accommodate charging station installation. The electric vehicle charging equipment must allow for the collection of usage data and must be coordinated with the state efficiency and environmental performance program. The department must prioritize locations based on state efficiency and environmental performance location priorities, and at least where zero emission fleet vehicles are or are scheduled to be purchased. The department must report when and where the equipment was installed, usage data at each charging station, and the state agencies and facilities that benefit from the installation of the charging station to the fiscal committees of the legislature by June 30. The department shall collaborate with the interagency electric vehicle coordinating council to implement this subsection and must work to meet benchmarks established in chapter 182, Laws of 2022 (transportation resources).

(7)(a) $6,052,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $6,052,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for contracting with a nonprofit organization to produce gavel-to-gavel television coverage of state government deliberations and other events statewide. The funding level for each year of the contract shall be based on the amount provided in this subsection. The nonprofit organization shall be required to raise contributions or commitments to make contributions, in cash or in kind, in an amount equal to 40 percent of the state contribution. The department may make full or partial payment once all criteria in this subsection have been satisfactorily documented.

(b) The legislature finds that the commitment of on-going funding is necessary to ensure continuous, autonomous, and independent coverage of public affairs. For that purpose, the department shall enter into a contract with the nonprofit organization to provide public affairs coverage.

(c) The nonprofit organization shall prepare an annual independent audit, an annual financial statement, and an annual report, including benchmarks that measure the success of the nonprofit organization in meeting the intent of the program.

(d) No portion of any amounts disbursed pursuant to this subsection may be used, directly or indirectly, for any of the following purposes:

(i) Attempting to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by the legislature of the state of Washington, by any county, city, town, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington, or by the congress, or the adoption or rejection of any rule, standard, rate, or other legislative enactment of any state agency;

(ii) Making contributions reportable under chapter 42.17A RCW; or

(iii) Providing any: (A) Gift; (B) honoraria; or (C) travel, lodging, meals, or entertainment to a public officer or employee.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $4,215,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $4,119,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $2,568,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $14,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $674,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $11,590,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington main street program.

(2) $125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of the black historic sites survey project.

(3) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE WASHINGTON TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS AGENCY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $200,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $200,000

Washington Technology Solutions Revolving Account—

State Appropriation $146,167,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $146,567,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $2,000,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for experienced information technology project managers to provide critical support to agency IT projects that are under oversight from Washington technology solutions. The staff or vendors will:

(a) Provide master level project management guidance to agency IT stakeholders;

(b) Consider statewide best practices from the public and private sectors, independent review and analysis, vendor management, budget and timing quality assurance and other support of current or past IT projects in at least Washington state and share these with agency IT stakeholders and legislative fiscal staff at least twice annually and post these to the statewide IT dashboard; and

(c) Provide independent recommendations to legislative fiscal committees by December of each calendar year on oversight of IT projects to include opportunities for accountability and performance metrics.

(2) $2,226,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for the enterprise data management pilot project, and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(3) $17,425,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of cyber security.

(4) $2,779,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of privacy and data protection.

(5) Washington technology solutions shall work with customer agencies using the Washington state electronic records vault (WASERV) to identify opportunities to:

(a) Reduce storage volumes and costs associated with vault records stored beyond the agencies' record retention schedules; and

(b) Assess a customized service charge as defined in chapter 304, Laws of 2017 for costs of using WASERV to prepare data compilations in response to public records requests.

(6)(a) In conjunction with Washington technology solutions' prioritization of proposed information technology expenditures, agency budget requests for proposed information technology expenditures must include the following:

(i) The agency's priority ranking of each information technology request;

(ii) The estimated cost by fiscal year and by fund for the current biennium;

(iii) The estimated cost by fiscal year and by fund for the ensuing biennium;

(iv) The estimated total cost for the current and ensuing biennium;

(v) The total cost by fiscal year, by fund, and in total, of the information technology project since it began;

(vi) The estimated cost by fiscal year and by fund over all biennia through implementation and close out and into maintenance and operations;

(vii) The estimated cost by fiscal year and by fund for service level agreements once the project is implemented;

(viii) The estimated cost by fiscal year and by fund for agency staffing for maintenance and operations once the project is implemented; and

(ix) The expected fiscal year when the agency expects to complete the request.

(b) Washington technology solutions and the office of financial management may request agencies to include additional information on proposed information technology expenditure requests.

(7) Washington technology solutions must not increase fees charged for existing services without prior approval by the office of financial management. The agency may develop fees to recover the actual cost of new infrastructure to support increased use of cloud technologies.

(8) Within existing resources, the agency must provide oversight of state procurement and contracting for information technology goods and services by the department of enterprise services.

(9) Within existing resources, the agency must host, administer, and support the state employee directory in an online format to provide public employee contact information.

(10) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the department of social and health services, the department of health, the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth, and families shall work together within existing resources to establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be a multi-organization collaborative that provides strategic direction and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when collaborating with the coalition to ensure that the development of projects identified in this report are planned for in a manner that ensures the efficient use of state resources and maximizes federal financial participation. The work of the coalition and any project identified as a coalition project is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

(11) $10,745,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for the creation and ongoing delivery of information technology services tailored to the needs of small agencies. The scope of services must include, at a minimum, full-service desktop support, service assistance, security, and consultation.

(12) $89,244,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for the procurement and distribution of Microsoft 365 licenses which must include advanced security features and cloud-based private branch exchange capabilities for state agencies. The office must report annually to fiscal committees of the legislature each December 31, on the count and type of licenses distributed by Washington technology solutions to each state agency. The report must also separately report on the count and type of Microsoft 365 licenses that state agencies have in addition to those that are distributed by Washington technology solutions so that the total count, type of license, and cost is known for statewide Microsoft 365 licenses.

(13) Washington technology solutions shall maintain an information technology project dashboard that, at minimum, provides updated information each fiscal month on the projects subject to section 701 of this act.

(a) The statewide information technology dashboard must include, at a minimum, the:

(i) Start date of the project;

(ii) End date of the project, when the project will close out and implementation will commence;

(iii) Term of the project in state fiscal years across all biennia to reflect the start of the project through the end of the project;

(iv) Total project cost from start date through the end date of the project in total dollars, and a subtotal of near general fund outlook;

(v) Near general fund outlook budget and actual spending in total dollars and by fiscal month for central service agencies that bill out project costs;

(vi) Start date of maintenance and operations;

(vii) Estimated annual state fiscal year cost of maintenance and operations after implementation and close out;

(viii) Actual spending by state fiscal year and in total for state fiscal years that have closed;

(ix) Date a feasibility study was completed or note if none has been completed to date;

(x) Monthly project status assessments on scope, schedule, budget, and overall by the:

(A) Washington technology solutions;

(B) Quality assurance vendor, if applicable; and

(C) Agency project team;

(xi) Monthly quality assurance reports, if applicable;

(xii) Monthly Washington technology solutions status reports on budget, scope, schedule, and overall project status; and

(xiii) Historical project budget and expenditures through fiscal year 2025.

(b) The statewide dashboard must retain a roll up of the entire project cost, including all subprojects, that can display subproject detail. This includes coalition projects that are active. For projects that include multiple agencies or subprojects and roll up, the dashboard must display:

(i) A separate technology budget and investment plan for each impacted agency; and

(ii) A statewide project technology budget roll up that includes each affected agency at the subproject level.

(c) Washington technology solutions may recommend additional elements to include but must have agreement with legislative fiscal committees and the office of financial management prior to including additional elements.

(d) The agency must ensure timely posting of project data on the statewide information technology dashboard for at least each project funded in the budget and those projects subject to the conditions of section 701 of this act to include, at a minimum, posting on the dashboard:

(i) The budget funded level by project for each project under oversight within 30 calendar days of the budget being signed into law;

(ii) The project historical expenditures through completed fiscal years by December 31; and

(iii) Whether each project has completed a feasibility study.

(e) Washington technology solutions must post to the statewide dashboard a list of funding received by fiscal year by enacted session law, and how much was received citing chapter law as a list of funding provided by fiscal year.

(14) Within existing resources, Washington technology solutions must collaborate with the department of enterprise services on the annual contract report that provides information technology contract information. Washington technology solutions will:

(a) Provide data to the department of enterprise services annually by September 1 of each year; and

(b) Provide analysis on contract information for all agencies comparing spending across state fiscal years by, at least, the contract spending towers.

(15) $8,666,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of the enterprise cloud computing program as outlined in the December 2020 Washington state cloud readiness report. Funding provided includes, but is not limited to, cloud service broker resources, cloud center of excellence, cloud management tools, a network assessment, cybersecurity governance, and a cloud security roadmap.

(16) $3,498,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving account—state appropriation is provided solely for the implementation of the recommendations of the cloud transition task force report to include:

(a) A cloud readiness program to help agencies plan and prepare for transitioning to cloud computing;

(b) A cloud retraining program to provide a coordinated approach to skills development and retraining; and

(c) Staffing to define career pathways and core competencies for the state's information technology workforce.

(17) Washington technology solutions must collaborate with the office of the secretary of state in the evaluation of the office of the secretary of state's information technology infrastructure and applications in determining the appropriate candidates for the location of data and the systems that could be exempt from Washington technology solutions oversight.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

Professional Engineers' Account—State Appropriation $5,140,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,140,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE LEADERSHIP BOARD**

Washington State Leadership Board Account—State

Appropriation $2,059,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,059,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $374,000 of the Washington state leadership board account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 96, Laws of 2022 (WA state leadership board).

(2) $1,200,000 of the Washington state leadership board account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementing programming in RCW 43.388.010, and specifically the Washington world fellows program, sports mentoring program/boundless Washington, compassion scholars, and the Washington state leadership awards.

**PART II**

**HUMAN SERVICES**

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(1) The appropriations to the department of social and health services in this act shall be expended for the programs and in the amounts specified in this act. Appropriations made in this act to the department of social and health services shall initially be allotted as required by this act. Subsequent allotment modifications shall not include transfers of moneys between sections of this act except as expressly provided in this act, nor shall allotment modifications permit moneys that are provided solely for a specified purpose to be used for other than that purpose.

(2) The department of social and health services shall not initiate any services that require expenditure of state general fund moneys unless expressly authorized in this act or other law. The department may seek, receive, and spend, under RCW 43.79.260 through 43.79.282, federal moneys not anticipated in this act as long as the federal funding does not require expenditure of state moneys for the program in excess of amounts anticipated in this act. If the department receives unanticipated unrestricted federal moneys, those moneys shall be spent for services authorized in this act or in any other legislation providing appropriation authority, and an equal amount of appropriated state general fund moneys shall lapse. Upon the lapsing of any moneys under this subsection, the office of financial management shall notify the legislative fiscal committees. As used in this subsection, "unrestricted federal moneys" includes block grants and other funds that federal law does not require to be spent on specifically defined projects or matched on a formula basis by state funds.

(3) The legislature finds that medicaid payment rates, as calculated by the department pursuant to the appropriations in this act, bear a reasonable relationship to the costs incurred by efficiently and economically operated facilities for providing quality services and will be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area. The legislature finds that cost reports, payment data from the federal government, historical utilization, economic data, and clinical input constitute reliable data upon which to determine the payment rates.

(4) The department shall to the maximum extent practicable use the same system for delivery of spoken-language interpreter services for social services appointments as the one established for medical appointments in the health care authority. When contracting directly with an individual to deliver spoken language interpreter services, the department shall only contract with language access providers who are working at a location in the state and who are state-certified or state-authorized, except that when such a provider is not available, the department may use a language access provider who meets other certifications or standards deemed to meet state standards, including interpreters in other states.

(5) Information technology projects or investments and proposed projects or investments impacting time capture, payroll and payment processes and systems, eligibility, case management, and authorization systems within the department of social and health services are subject to technical oversight by Washington technology solutions.

(6)(a) The department shall facilitate enrollment under the medicaid expansion for clients applying for or receiving state funded services from the department and its contractors. Prior to open enrollment, the department shall coordinate with the health care authority to provide referrals to the Washington health benefit exchange for clients that will be ineligible for medicaid.

(b) To facilitate a single point of entry across public and medical assistance programs, and to maximize the use of federal funding, the health care authority, the department of social and health services, and the health benefit exchange will coordinate efforts to expand HealthPlanfinder access to public assistance and medical eligibility staff. The department shall complete medicaid applications in the HealthPlanfinder for households receiving or applying for public assistance benefits.

(7) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the department of social and health services, the department of health, the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth, and families shall work together within existing resources to establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be a multi-organization collaborative that provides strategic direction and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when collaborating with the coalition to ensure that projects are planned for in a manner that ensures the efficient use of state resources, support the adoption of a cohesive technology and data architecture, and maximize federal financial participation. The work of the coalition is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

(8) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES—MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $815,087,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $834,731,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $158,334,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $14,947,000

Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund—Federal

Appropriation $1,821,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,824,920,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The state psychiatric hospitals and residential treatment facilities may use funds appropriated in this subsection to purchase goods, services, and supplies through hospital group purchasing organizations when it is cost-effective to do so.

(2) $320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a community partnership between western state hospital and the city of Lakewood to support community policing efforts in the Lakewood community surrounding western state hospital. The amounts provided in this subsection are for the salaries, benefits, supplies, and equipment for the city of Lakewood to produce incident and police response reports, investigate potential criminal conduct, assist with charging consultations, liaison between staff and prosecutors, provide staff training on criminal justice procedures, assist with parking enforcement, and attend meetings with hospital staff.

(3) $45,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $45,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for payment to the city of Lakewood for police services provided by the city at western state hospital and adjacent areas.

(4) $320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the salaries, benefits, supplies, and equipment for one full-time investigator, one full-time police officer, and one full-time community services officer for policing efforts at eastern state hospital. The department must collect data from the city of Medical Lake on the use of the funds and the number of calls responded to by the community policing program and submit a report with this information to the office of financial management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature each December of the fiscal biennium.

(5) $25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for payment to the city of Medical Lake for police services provided by the city at eastern state hospital and adjacent areas.

(6) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department, in collaboration with the health care authority, to develop and implement a predictive modeling tool which identifies clients who are at high risk of future involvement with the criminal justice system and for developing a model to estimate demand for civil and forensic state hospital bed needs pursuant to the following requirements.

(a) By the first day of each December during the fiscal biennium, the department, in coordination with the health care authority, must submit a report to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature that summarizes how the predictive modeling tool has been implemented and includes the following: (i) The number of individuals identified by the tool as having a high risk of future criminal justice involvement; (ii) the method and frequency for which the department is providing lists of high-risk clients to contracted managed care organizations and behavioral health administrative services organizations; (iii) a summary of how the managed care organizations and behavioral health administrative services organizations are utilizing the data to improve the coordination of care for the identified individuals; and (iv) a summary of the administrative data to identify whether implementation of the tool is resulting in increased access and service levels and lower recidivism rates for high-risk clients at the state and regional level.

(b) The department must provide staff support for the forensic and long-term civil commitment bed forecast which must be conducted under the direction of the office of financial management. The forecast methodology, updates, and methodology changes must be conducted in coordination with staff from the department, the health care authority, the office of financial management, and the appropriate fiscal committees of the state legislature. The model shall incorporate factors for capacity in state hospitals as well as contracted facilities, which provide similar levels of care, referral patterns, wait lists, lengths of stay, and other factors identified as appropriate for estimating the number of beds needed to meet the demand for civil and forensic state hospital services. Factors should include identification of need for the services and analysis of the effect of community investments in behavioral health services and other types of beds that may reduce the need for long-term civil commitment needs. The forecast must be updated each February, June, and November during the fiscal biennium and the department must submit a report to the legislature and the appropriate committees of the legislature summarizing the updated forecast based on the caseload forecast council's schedule for entitlement program forecasts.

(7) $9,119,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $9,145,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The department, in collaboration with the health care authority and the criminal justice training commission, must implement the provisions of the settlement agreement pursuant to the timeline and implementation plan provided for under the settlement agreement. This includes implementing provisions related to competency evaluations, competency restoration, forensic navigators, crisis diversion and supports, education and training, and workforce development.

(8) $7,147,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $7,147,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain implementation of efforts to improve the timeliness of competency evaluation services for individuals who are in local jails pursuant to chapter 5, Laws of 2015 (timeliness of competency treatment and evaluation services). This funding must be used solely to maintain increases in the number of competency evaluators that began in fiscal year 2016 pursuant to the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP.

(9) $71,690,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $77,825,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of efforts to improve the timeliness of competency restoration services pursuant to chapter 5, Laws of 2015 (timeliness of competency treatment and evaluation services) and the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. These amounts must be used to maintain increases that were implemented between fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2025. Pursuant to chapter 7, Laws of 2015 1st sp. sess. (timeliness of competency treatment and evaluation services), the department may contract some of these amounts for services at alternative locations if the secretary determines that there is a need.

(10) $84,565,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $77,343,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $960,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the department to continue to implement an acuity based staffing tool at western state hospital and eastern state hospital in collaboration with the hospital staffing committees. The staffing tool must be used to identify, on a daily basis, the clinical acuity on each patient ward and determine the minimum level of direct care staff by profession to be deployed to meet the needs of the patients on each ward. The department must evaluate interrater reliability of the tool within each hospital and between the two hospitals. The department must also continue to update, in collaboration with the office of financial management's labor relations office, the staffing committees, and state labor unions, an overall state hospital staffing plan that looks at all positions and functions of the facilities.

(a) Within the amounts provided in this section, the department must establish, monitor, track, and report monthly staffing and expenditures at the state hospitals, including overtime and use of locums, to the functional categories identified in the recommended staffing plan. The allotments and tracking of staffing and expenditures must include all areas of the state hospitals, must be done at the ward level, and must include contracted facilities providing forensic restoration services as well as the office of forensic mental health services.

(b) By December 1st of each fiscal year of the biennium, the department must submit reports to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature that provide a comparison of monthly spending, staffing levels, overtime, and use of locums for the prior year compared to allotments and to the recommended state hospital staffing model. The format for these reports must be developed in consultation with staff from the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature. The reports must include a summary of the results of the evaluation of the interrater reliability in use of the staffing acuity tool and an update from the hospital staffing committees.

(c) Monthly staffing levels and related expenditures at the state hospitals must not exceed official allotments without prior written approval from the director of the office of financial management. In the event the director of the office of financial management approves an increase in monthly staffing levels and expenditures beyond what is budgeted, notice must be provided to the appropriate committees of the legislature within 30 days of such approval. The notice must identify the reason for the authorization to exceed budgeted staffing levels and the time frame for the authorization. Extensions of authorizations under this subsection must also be submitted to the director of the office of financial management for written approval in advance of the expiration of an authorization. The office of financial management must notify the appropriate committees of the legislature of any extensions of authorizations granted under this subsection within 30 days of granting such authorizations and identify the reason and time frame for the extension.

(11) $8,611,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $8,611,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $924,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for a violence reduction team at western state hospital to improve patient and staff safety at eastern and western state hospitals. A report must be submitted by December 1st of each fiscal year of the biennium, which includes a description of the violence reduction or safety strategy, a profile of the types of patients being served, the staffing model being used, and outcomes associated with each strategy. The outcomes section should include tracking data on facility-wide metrics related to patient and staff safety as well as individual outcomes related to the patients served.

(12) $2,593,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,593,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for services to patients found not guilty by reason of insanity under the *Ross v. Lashway* settlement agreement.

(13) Within the amounts provided in this subsection, the department must develop and submit an annual state hospital performance report for eastern and western state hospitals. Each measure included in the performance report must include baseline performance data, agency performance targets, and performance for the most recent fiscal year. The performance report must include a one page dashboard as well as charts for each fiscal year and quality of care measure broken out by hospital and including but not limited to: (a) Monthly FTE expenditures compared to allotments; (b) monthly dollar expenditures compared to allotments; (c) monthly FTE expenditures per thousand patient bed days; (d) monthly dollar expenditures per thousand patient bed days; (e) percentage of FTE expenditures for overtime; (f) average length of stay by category of patient; (g) average monthly civil wait list; (h) average monthly forensic wait list; (i) rate of staff assaults per thousand patient bed days; (j) rate of patient assaults per thousand patient bed days; (k) average number of days to release after a patient has been determined to be clinically ready for discharge; and (l) average monthly vacancy rates for key clinical positions. The department must submit the state hospital performance report to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature by the first day of each December of the biennium.

(14) $546,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $566,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for design and planning activities for the new forensic hospital being constructed on the grounds of western state hospital.

(15) $135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to maintain an on-site safety compliance officer, stationed at western state hospital, to provide oversight and accountability of the hospital's response to safety concerns regarding the hospital's work environment.

(16) $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to track compliance with the requirements of RCW 71.05.365 for transition of state hospital patients into community settings within 14 days of the determination that they no longer require active psychiatric treatment at an inpatient level of care. The department must use these amounts to track the following elements related to this requirement: (a) The date on which an individual is determined to no longer require active psychiatric treatment at an inpatient level of care; (b) the date on which the behavioral health entities and other organizations responsible for resource management services for the person is notified of this determination; and (c) the date on which either the individual is transitioned to the community or has been reevaluated and determined to again require active psychiatric treatment at an inpatient level of care. The department must provide this information in regular intervals to behavioral health entities and other organizations responsible for resource management services. The department must summarize the information and provide a report to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature on progress toward meeting the 14 day standard by December 1st of each year of the biennium.

(17) $37,224,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $37,224,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to operate the 48 bed Clark county facility to provide long-term inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025. The department must use this facility to provide treatment services for individuals who have been committed to a state hospital pursuant to the dismissal of criminal charges and civil evaluation ordered under RCW 10.77.086 or 10.77.088. In considering placements at the facility, the department must maximize forensic bed capacity at the state hospitals for individuals in jails awaiting admission that are class members of *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States district court for the western district of Washington, cause no. 14-cv-01178-MJP.

(18) $39,551,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $48,223,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to operate the maple lane campus as described in (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(a) The department shall operate the Oak, Columbia, and Cascade cottages to provide:

(i) Treatment services to individuals committed to a state hospital under chapter 71.05 RCW pursuant to the dismissal of criminal charges and a civil evaluation ordered under RCW 10.77.086 or 10.77.088; and

(ii) Treatment services to individuals acquitted of a crime by reason of insanity and subsequently ordered to receive treatment services under RCW 10.77.120.

(b) The department shall open and operate the Baker and Chelan cottages to provide treatment services to individuals committed to a state hospital under chapter 71.05 RCW pursuant to the dismissal of criminal charges and a civil evaluation ordered under RCW 10.77.086 or 10.77.088.

(c) In considering placements at the maple lane campus, the department must maximize forensic bed capacity at the state hospitals for individuals in jails awaiting admission that are class members of *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States district court for the western district of Washington, cause no. 14-cv-01178-MJP.

(19) $1,412,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,412,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for relocation, storage, and other costs associated with building demolition on the western state hospital campus.

(20) $5,236,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $5,236,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 453, Laws of 2023 (competency evaluations).

(21) $4,118,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $4,118,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $396,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the department to address delays in patient discharge as provided in this subsection.

(a) The department shall hire staff dedicated to discharge reviews, including psychologists to complete reviews and staff for additional discharge review work, including, but not limited to, scheduling, planning, and providing transportation; and establish and implement a sex offense and problematic behavior program as part of the sex offense review and referral team program.

(b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $504,000 per year shall be used for bed fees for patients who are not guilty by reason of insanity.

(c) The department shall track data as it relates to this subsection and, where available, compare it to historical data.

(22) $5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to pursue strategies to maximize existing forensic bed capacity for individuals in jails awaiting admission to the state hospitals that are class members of *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States district court for the western district of Washington, cause no. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The strategies must include, but are not limited to:

(a) Approaches to resolving barriers to discharge for civil patients, including:

(i) In coordination with the behavioral health teaching facility at the University of Washington, identification of civil patients in the state hospitals that could receive appropriate treatment at the facility and work to resolve any barriers in such placement;

(ii) Identification of civil patients in the state hospitals that could receive appropriate treatment at an enhanced services facility or any other community facility and work to resolve any barriers in such placement; and

(iii) Coordination with the aging and long-term care administration and the office of public guardianship on the provision of qualified guardians for civil patients in need of guardianship that are otherwise eligible for discharge; and

(b) Approaches to resolving any barriers to maximizing the use of existing civil wards at eastern state hospital for individuals currently occupying beds on forensic wards at western state hospital who have been committed to a state hospital pursuant to the dismissal of criminal charges and a civil evaluation ordered under RCW 10.77.086 or 10.77.088.

(23) Within the amounts provided in this section, the department is provided funding to operate civil long-term inpatient beds at the state hospitals as follows:

(a) Funding is sufficient for the department to operate 192 civil beds at eastern state hospital in both fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027.

(b) Funding is sufficient for the department to operate 287 civil beds at western state hospital in both fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027.

(c) The department shall fully operate funded civil capacity at eastern state hospital, including reopening and operating civil beds that are not needed for eastern Washington residents to provide services for western Washington residents.

(d) The department shall coordinate with the health care authority toward increasing community capacity for long-term inpatient services required under section 215(24) of this act.

(24) $69,937,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $69,937,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to operate 72 beds in three wards in the Olympic heritage behavioral health facility.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES—DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

(1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,343,263,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,407,303,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $2,823,630,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $4,058,000

Developmental Disabilities Community Services

Account—State Appropriation $2,028,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,580,282,000

The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) Individuals receiving services as supplemental security income (SSI) state supplemental payments may not become eligible for medical assistance under RCW 74.09.510 due solely to the receipt of SSI state supplemental payments.

(b) In accordance with RCW 18.51.050, 18.20.050, 70.128.060, and 43.135.055, the department is authorized to increase nursing facility, assisted living facility, and adult family home fees as necessary to fully support the actual costs of conducting the licensure, inspection, and regulatory programs. The license fees may not exceed the department's annual licensing and oversight activity costs and shall include the department's cost of paying providers for the amount of the license fee attributed to medicaid clients.

(i) The current annual renewal license fee for adult family homes is $225 per bed. A processing fee of $2,750 must be charged to each adult family home when the home is initially licensed. This fee is nonrefundable. A processing fee of $700 must be charged when adult family home providers file a change of ownership application.

(ii) The current annual renewal license fee for assisted living facilities is $116 per bed.

(iii) The current annual renewal license fee for nursing facilities is $359 per bed.

(c) $15,327,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $30,119,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $57,256,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the rate increase for the new consumer-directed employer contracted individual providers as set by the consumer-directed employer rate setting board in accordance with RCW 74.39A.530.

(d) $1,044,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $2,195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $4,081,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the homecare agency parity consistent with the rate set by the consumer-directed employer rate setting board in accordance with RCW 74.39A.530.

(e) $227,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $413,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $808,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for administrative costs of the consumer-directed employer as set by the consumer-directed employer rate setting board in accordance with RCW 74.39A.530.

(f) $6,953,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $7,815,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $18,212,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the implementation of an agreement reached between the governor and the adult family home council under the provisions of chapter 41.56 RCW for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, as provided in section 907 of this act.

(g) The department may authorize a one-time waiver of all or any portion of the licensing and processing fees required under RCW 70.128.060 in any case in which the department determines that an adult family home is being relicensed because of exceptional circumstances, such as death or incapacity of a provider, and that to require the full payment of the licensing and processing fees would present a hardship to the applicant. In these situations the department is also granted the authority to waive the required residential administrator training for a period of 120 days if necessary to ensure continuity of care during the relicensing process.

(h) Community residential cost reports that are submitted by or on behalf of contracted agency providers are required to include information about agency staffing including health insurance, wages, number of positions, and turnover.

(i) Sufficient appropriations are provided to continue community alternative placement beds that prioritize the transition of clients who are ready for discharge from the state psychiatric hospitals, but who have additional long-term care or developmental disability needs.

(i) Community alternative placement beds include enhanced service facility beds, adult family home beds, skilled nursing facility beds, shared supportive housing beds, state operated living alternative beds, and assisted living facility beds.

(ii) Each client must receive an individualized assessment prior to leaving one of the state psychiatric hospitals. The individualized assessment must identify and authorize personal care, nursing care, behavioral health stabilization, physical therapy, or other necessary services to meet the unique needs of each client. It is the expectation that, in most cases, staffing ratios in all community alternative placement options described in (i)(i) of this subsection will need to increase to meet the needs of clients leaving the state psychiatric hospitals. If specialized training is necessary to meet the needs of a client before he or she enters a community placement, then the person centered service plan must also identify and authorize this training.

(iii) When reviewing placement options, the department must consider the safety of other residents, as well as the safety of staff, in a facility. An initial evaluation of each placement, including any documented safety concerns, must occur within thirty days of a client leaving one of the state psychiatric hospitals and entering one of the community placement options described in (i)(i) of this subsection. At a minimum, the department must perform two additional evaluations of each placement during the first year that a client has lived in the facility.

(iv) In developing bed capacity, the department shall consider the complex needs of individuals waiting for discharge from the state psychiatric hospitals.

(j) Sufficient appropriations are provided for discharge case managers stationed at the state psychiatric hospitals. Discharge case managers will transition clients ready for hospital discharge into less restrictive alternative community placements. The transition of clients ready for discharge will free up bed capacity at the state psychiatric hospitals.

(k) The annual certification renewal fee for community residential service businesses is $859 per client. The annual certification renewal fee may not exceed the department's annual licensing and oversight activity costs.

(l) Sufficient appropriations are provided for enhanced respite beds across the state for children. These services are intended to provide families and caregivers with a break in caregiving, the opportunity for behavioral stabilization of the child, and the ability to partner with the state in the development of an individualized service plan that allows the child to remain in his or her home. The department must provide the legislature with a respite utilization report in January of each year that provides information about the number of children who have used enhanced respite in the preceding year, as well as the location and number of days per month that each respite bed was occupied.

(m) Sufficient appropriations are provided for 13 community respite beds across the state for adults. These services are intended to provide families and caregivers with a break in caregiving and the opportunity for stabilization of the individual in a community-based setting as an alternative to using a residential habilitation center to provide planned or emergent respite. The department must provide the legislature with a respite utilization report by January of each year that provides information about the number of individuals who have used community respite in the preceding year, as well as the location and number of days per month that each respite bed was occupied.

(n) $235,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $269,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $629,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for rate adjustments for assisted living providers.

(o) A nonrefundable fee of $485 shall be charged for each application to increase bed capacity at an adult family home to seven or eight beds.

(p) The appropriations in this section include sufficient funding to provide access to the individual and family services waiver and the basic plus waiver to those individuals on the service request list as forecasted by the caseload forecast council. For subsequent policy level budgets, the department shall submit a request for funding associated with individuals requesting to receive the individual and family services waiver and the basic plus waiver in accordance with the courtesy forecasts provided by the caseload forecast council.

(q) $1,586,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $4,223,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $5,809,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for supported employment and community inclusion services for those individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are transitioning from high school in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium and are anticipated to utilize these services.

(2) INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $157,355,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $144,579,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $246,008,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $17,078,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $565,020,000

The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) Individuals receiving services as supplemental security income (SSI) state supplemental payments may not become eligible for medical assistance under RCW 74.09.510 due solely to the receipt of SSI state supplemental payments.

(b) The residential habilitation centers may use funds appropriated in this subsection to purchase goods, services, and supplies through hospital group purchasing organizations when it is cost-effective to do so.

(3) PROGRAM SUPPORT

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $3,767,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $3,811,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $4,267,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $11,845,000

(4) SPECIAL PROJECTS

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $71,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $74,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $1,094,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,239,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES—AGING AND ADULT SERVICES PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,764,797,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,974,383,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $6,915,955,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $55,824,000

Traumatic Brain Injury Account—State Appropriation $3,411,000

Skilled Nursing Facility Safety Net Trust Account—

State Appropriation $148,360,000

Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account—State

Appropriation $210,152,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $13,072,882,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) For purposes of implementing chapter 74.46 RCW, the weighted average nursing facility payment rate may not exceed $376.54 for fiscal year 2026 and may not exceed $376.54 for fiscal year 2027.

(2) In accordance with RCW 18.51.050, 18.20.050, 70.128.060, and 43.135.055, the department is authorized to increase nursing facility, assisted living facility, and adult family home fees as necessary to fully support the actual costs of conducting the licensure, inspection, and regulatory programs. The license fees may not exceed the department's annual licensing and oversight activity costs and shall include the department's cost of paying providers for the amount of the license fee attributed to medicaid clients.

(a) The current annual renewal license fee for adult family homes is $225 per bed. A processing fee of $2,750 must be charged to each adult family home when the home is initially licensed. This fee is nonrefundable. A processing fee of $700 shall be charged when adult family home providers file a change of ownership application.

(b) The current annual renewal license fee for assisted living facilities is $116 per bed.

(c) The current annual renewal license fee for nursing facilities is $359 per bed.

(3) The department is authorized to place long-term care clients residing in nursing homes and paid for with state-only funds into less restrictive community care settings while continuing to meet the client's care needs.

(4) $34,738,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $68,899,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $130,571,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the rate increase for the new consumer-directed employer contracted individual providers as set by the consumer-directed rate setting board in accordance with RCW 74.39A.530.

(5) $9,125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $18,987,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $35,418,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the homecare agency parity consistent with the rate set by the consumer-directed employer rate setting board in accordance with RCW 74.39A.530.

(6) $1,986,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $3,576,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $7,007,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for administrative costs of the consumer-directed employer as set by the consumer-directed employer rate setting board in accordance with RCW 74.39A.530.

(7) The department may authorize a one-time waiver of all or any portion of the licensing and processing fees required under RCW 70.128.060 in any case in which the department determines that an adult family home is being relicensed because of exceptional circumstances, such as death or incapacity of a provider, and that to require the full payment of the licensing and processing fees would present a hardship to the applicant. In these situations the department is also granted the authority to waive the required residential administrator training for a period of 120 days if necessary to ensure continuity of care during the relicensing process.

(8) In accordance with RCW 18.390.030, the biennial registration fee for continuing care retirement communities shall be $900 for each facility.

(9) Appropriations in this section are sufficient to fund discharge case managers stationed at the state psychiatric hospitals. Discharge case managers will transition clients ready for hospital discharge into less restrictive alternative community placements. The transition of clients ready for discharge will free up bed capacity at the state psychiatric hospitals.

(10) Appropriations in this section are sufficient to fund financial service specialists stationed at the state psychiatric hospitals. Financial service specialists will help to transition clients ready for hospital discharge into alternative community placements. The transition of clients ready for discharge will free up bed capacity at the state hospitals.

(11) The department shall continue to administer tailored support for older adults, medicaid alternative care, presumptive eligibility, and housing supports, as described in initiative 2 of the 1115 demonstration waiver. This initiative will be funded by the health care authority through the medicaid quality improvement program. The secretary in collaboration with the director of the health care authority shall report to the office of financial management all expenditures of this subsection and shall provide such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form requested. The department shall not increase general fund—state expenditures on this initiative.

(12) $54,119,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $64,390,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $147,644,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the implementation of an agreement reached between the governor and the adult family home council under the provisions of chapter 41.56 RCW for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, as provided in section 907 of this act.

(13) Appropriations provided in this section are sufficient to continue community alternative placement beds that prioritize the transition of clients who are ready for discharge from the state psychiatric hospitals, but who have additional long-term care or developmental disability needs.

(a) Community alternative placement beds include enhanced service facility beds, adult family home beds, skilled nursing facility beds, shared supportive housing beds, state operated living alternative beds, assisted living facility beds, adult residential care beds, and specialized dementia beds.

(b) Each client must receive an individualized assessment prior to leaving one of the state psychiatric hospitals. The individualized assessment must identify and authorize personal care, nursing care, behavioral health stabilization, physical therapy, or other necessary services to meet the unique needs of each client. It is the expectation that, in most cases, staffing ratios in all community alternative placement options described in (a) of this subsection will need to increase to meet the needs of clients leaving the state psychiatric hospitals. If specialized training is necessary to meet the needs of a client before he or she enters a community placement, then the person centered service plan must also identify and authorize this training.

(c) When reviewing placement options, the department must consider the safety of other residents, as well as the safety of staff, in a facility. An initial evaluation of each placement, including any documented safety concerns, must occur within thirty days of a client leaving one of the state psychiatric hospitals and entering one of the community placement options described in (a) of this subsection. At a minimum, the department must perform two additional evaluations of each placement during the first year that a client has lived in the facility.

(d) In developing bed capacity, the department shall consider the complex needs of individuals waiting for discharge from the state psychiatric hospitals.

(14) The annual certification renewal fee for community residential service businesses is $859 per client. The annual certification renewal fee may not exceed the department's annual licensing and oversight activity costs.

(15) $5,094,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $5,094,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for services and support to individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind.

(16) $17,781,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $17,781,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $38,902,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for rate adjustments for skilled nursing facilities.

(17) $21,394,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $24,406,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $52,199,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for rate adjustments for assisted living providers.

(18) A nonrefundable fee of $485 shall be charged for each application to increase bed capacity at an adult family home to seven or eight beds.

(19) The traumatic brain injury council shall collaborate with other state agencies in their efforts to address traumatic brain injuries to ensure that efforts are complimentary and continue to support the state's broader efforts to address this issue.

(20) $24,848,000 of the long-term services and supports trust account—state appropriation is provided solely for the information technology project for the long-term services and supports trust program, and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(21) $13,982,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $13,982,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the area agencies on aging to maintain senior nutrition services. This includes, but is not limited to, meals at sites, through pantries, and home-delivery.

(22) $4,388,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $8,526,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $7,285,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the nursing home to community program to increase the rental subsidy base to $1,500 and expand the program by 200 slots.

(23) $323,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $423,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for staff to begin work to increase knowledge, improve alignment, and research new efficiencies and opportunities by identifying opportunities for cross-sector planning, coordination, and implementation of initiatives for Washington's aging population in areas like housing, transportation, business, banking, and employment.

(a) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided for stakeholder outreach and engagement.

(b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided to facilitate a biennial aging and longevity summit.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES—ECONOMIC SERVICES PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $897,947,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $906,914,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $1,999,369,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $5,002,000

Domestic Violence Prevention Account—State

Appropriation $2,404,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $3,811,636,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1)(a) $228,592,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $230,502,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $869,777,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for all components of the WorkFirst program. Within the amounts provided for the WorkFirst program, the department may provide assistance using state-only funds for families eligible for temporary assistance for needy families. The department must create a WorkFirst budget structure that allows for transparent tracking of budget units and subunits of expenditures where these units and subunits are mutually exclusive from other department budget units. The budget structure must include budget units for the following: Cash assistance, child care, WorkFirst activities, and administration of the program. Within these budget units, the department must develop program index codes for specific activities and develop allotments and track expenditures using these codes. The department shall report to the office of financial management and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the legislature prior to adopting a structure change.

(b)(i) $601,302,000 of the amounts in (a) of this subsection is for assistance to clients, including grants, diversion cash assistance, and additional diversion emergency assistance including but not limited to assistance authorized under RCW 74.08A.210. The department may use state funds to provide support to working families that are eligible for temporary assistance for needy families but otherwise not receiving cash assistance.

(ii) $3,773,000 of the amount in (b)(i) of this subsection is provided solely for implementation of chapter 174, Laws of 2024 (concerning child support pass through).

(c)(i) $169,453,000 of the amounts in (a) of this subsection is for WorkFirst job search, education and training activities, barrier removal services, limited English proficiency services, and tribal assistance under RCW 74.08A.040. The department must allocate this funding based on client outcomes and cost effectiveness measures. Within amounts provided in this subsection (1)(c), the department shall implement the working family support program.

(ii) $2,474,000 of the amounts provided in (c)(i) of this subsection is for enhanced transportation assistance. The department must prioritize the use of these funds for the recipients most in need of financial assistance to facilitate their return to work. The department must not utilize these funds to supplant repayment arrangements that are currently in place to facilitate the reinstatement of drivers' licenses.

(iii) $1,319,000 of the amount in (c)(i) of this subsection is provided solely for implementation of chapter 174, Laws of 2024 (concerning child support pass through).

(d) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, $353,402,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is for the working connections child care program under RCW 43.216.020 within the department of children, youth, and families. The department is the lead agency for and recipient of the federal temporary assistance for needy families grant. A portion of this grant must be used to fund child care subsidies expenditures at the department of children, youth, and families.

(i) The department of social and health services shall work in collaboration with the department of children, youth, and families to determine the appropriate amount of state expenditures for the working connections child care program to claim towards the state's maintenance of effort for the temporary assistance for needy families program. The departments will also collaborate to track the average monthly child care subsidy caseload and expenditures by fund type, including child care development fund, general fund—state appropriation, and temporary assistance for needy families for the purpose of estimating the annual temporary assistance for needy families reimbursement from the department of social and health services to the department of children, youth, and families.

(ii) On December 1st of each year of the biennium the department of children, youth, and families must report to the governor and the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature the total state contribution for the working connections child care program claimed the previous fiscal year towards the state's maintenance of effort for the temporary assistance for needy families program and the total temporary assistance for needy families reimbursement from the department of social and health services for the previous fiscal year.

(e) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, $68,496,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is for child welfare services within the department of children, youth, and families.

(f)(i) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, $136,217,000 is for WorkFirst administration and overhead.

(ii) $230,000 of the amount in (f)(i) of this subsection is provided solely for implementation of chapter 174, Laws of 2024 (concerning child support pass through).

(g)(i) The department shall submit quarterly expenditure reports to the governor, the fiscal committees of the legislature, and the legislative WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force under RCW 74.08A.341. In addition to these requirements, the department must detail any fund transfers across budget units identified in (a) through (e) of this subsection. The department shall not initiate any services that require expenditure of state general fund moneys that are not consistent with policies established by the legislature.

(ii) The department may transfer up to 10 percent of funding between budget units identified in (b) through (f) of this subsection. The department shall provide notification prior to any transfer to the office of financial management and to the appropriate legislative committees and the legislative-executive WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force. The approval of the director of financial management is required prior to any transfer under this subsection.

(h) On January 2nd and July 1st of each year, the department shall provide a maintenance of effort and participation rate tracking report for temporary assistance for needy families to the office of financial management, the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature, and the legislative-executive WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force. The report must detail the following information for temporary assistance for needy families:

(i) An overview of federal rules related to maintenance of effort, excess maintenance of effort, participation rates for temporary assistance for needy families, and the child care development fund as it pertains to maintenance of effort and participation rates;

(ii) Countable maintenance of effort and excess maintenance of effort, by source, provided for the previous federal fiscal year;

(iii) Countable maintenance of effort and excess maintenance of effort, by source, for the current fiscal year, including changes in countable maintenance of effort from the previous year;

(iv) The status of reportable federal participation rate requirements, including any impact of excess maintenance of effort on participation targets;

(v) Potential new sources of maintenance of effort and progress to obtain additional maintenance of effort;

(vi) A two-year projection for meeting federal block grant and contingency fund maintenance of effort, participation targets, and future reportable federal participation rate requirements; and

(vii) Proposed and enacted federal law changes affecting maintenance of effort or the participation rate, what impact these changes have on Washington's temporary assistance for needy families program, and the department's plan to comply with these changes.

(i) In the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, it is the intent of the legislature to provide appropriations from the state general fund for the purposes of (a) of this subsection if the department does not receive additional federal temporary assistance for needy families contingency funds in each fiscal year as assumed in the budget outlook.

(2) $3,545,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,545,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for naturalization services.

(3) $2,366,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for employment services for refugees and immigrants, of which $1,774,000 is provided solely for the department to pass through to statewide refugee and immigrant assistance organizations for limited English proficiency pathway services; and $2,366,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for employment services for refugees and immigrants, of which $1,774,000 is provided solely for the department to pass through to statewide refugee and immigrant assistance organizations for limited English proficiency pathway services.

(4) On January 1st of each year, the department must report to the governor and the legislature on all sources of funding available for both refugee and immigrant services and naturalization services during the current fiscal year and the amounts expended to date by service type and funding source. The report must also include the number of clients served and outcome data for the clients.

(5) To ensure expenditures remain within available funds appropriated in this section, the legislature establishes the benefit under the state food assistance program, pursuant to RCW 74.08A.120, to be 100 percent of the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program benefit amount.

(6) The department shall review clients receiving services through the aged, blind, or disabled assistance program, to determine whether they would benefit from assistance in becoming naturalized citizens, and thus be eligible to receive federal supplemental security income benefits. Those cases shall be given high priority for naturalization funding through the department.

(7) The department shall continue the interagency agreement with the department of veterans' affairs to establish a process for referral of veterans who may be eligible for veterans' services. This agreement must include out-stationing department of veterans' affairs staff in selected community service office locations in King and Pierce counties to facilitate applications for veterans' services.

(8) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for operational support of the Washington information network 211 organization.

(9) $560,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $560,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a state-funded employment and training program for recipients of the state's food assistance program.

(10)(a) $6,289,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $5,743,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $23,756,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the integrated and eligibility enrollment modernization project. Funding is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(b) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, $4,984,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $4,406,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $17,548,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the alignment of eligibility rules in accordance with federal center for medicare and medicaid services' regulations in 42 C.F.R. Sec. 433.112(b) and in coordination with the health benefit exchange.

(c) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, $1,305,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,337,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $6,208,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the completion and maintenance of a benefit status tracker. Prior to the release of funds for the status tracker, the project team must produce a plan that reflects a viable solution for the completion of the status tracker.

(11) Within existing resources, a revised integrated eligibility and enrollment roadmap and schedule will be created to accommodate eligibility rule updates that are necessary to meet the federal center for medicare and medicaid services' regulations.

(12) $1,067,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,067,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $4,980,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the integrated eligibility and enrollment modernization project office.

(13)(a) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for sponsorship stabilization funds for eligible unaccompanied children and their sponsors.

(b) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection, $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for sponsorship stabilization funds for eligible unaccompanied children and their sponsors in order to address financial hardship and support household well-being. Stabilization funds can be used to support the sponsorship household with costs of housing, childcare, transportation, internet and data services, household goods, and other unmet needs. The funds may be provided on behalf of an unaccompanied child when the following eligibility criteria are met:

(i) The unaccompanied child is between the ages of 0-17, has been placed in Washington under the care of a nonparental sponsor following release from the United States office of refugee resettlement custody, and has not been reunified with a parent; and

(ii) The sponsorship household demonstrates financial need and has an income below 250 percent of the federal poverty level. A sponsorship household receiving stabilization funds on behalf of a child who turns 18 may continue to receive funds for an additional 60 days after the child reaches 18 years of age.

(c) The department may work with community-based organizations to administer sponsorship stabilization supports. Up to 10 percent of the amounts provided in (b) of this subsection may be used by the community-based organizations to cover administrative expenses associated with the distribution of these supports.

(d) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection, up to $150,000 is provided solely to cover the administrative resources necessary for the department to administer the sponsorship stabilization program.

(14) $185,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the department to meet the terms of its settlement agreement with the United States department of agriculture (USDA), specifically to fund employment and training program services and activities targeted to able-bodied adults without dependents receiving food benefits from the USDA supplemental nutrition assistance program, but open to all basic food employment and training participants including participants who are not able-bodied adults without dependents.

(15) $1,140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,141,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely to fully integrate the asset verification system into the automated client eligibility system (ACES).

(16)(a) $6,911,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $4,924,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $11,837,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the implementation of the summer electronic benefit transfer program for the summer break months following the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. The program implementation must align with the federal summer electronic benefit program requirements defined in the consolidated appropriations act, 2023 (136 Stat. 4459). The department may use a third-party entity to administer the program through March of 2027.

(b) Within existing resources, the department must submit a report by September 12, 2025, to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature and the governor that includes detailed estimates of the cost and timeline to administer the summer electronic benefit transfer program within the community services division. The report shall also include a comparison of the potential benefits and risks of administering the program within the division or through using a vendor and any recommendations the department may have.

(17)(a) $25,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely to the office of refugee and immigrant assistance to expand support services for individuals newly arriving to the United States and Washington who do not qualify for federal refugee resettlement program services. Support services include, but are not limited to, housing assistance, food, transportation, childhood education services, education and employment supports, connection to legal services, and social services navigation.

(b) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, up to $810,000 for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for staffing at the office of refugee and immigrant assistance to cover the administrative expenses of implementing this subsection.

(18) By June 30th of each fiscal year, the department must submit a report to the governor and the legislature that shows the prior fiscal year's call and lobby wait times by month and queue, number of customer contacts by month and queue, processing times for the various queues for the three most recent fiscal years along with an explanation for any changes to the most recent year's processing times, number of filled public benefit specialists 3 positions and vacancies by month, any available wait time impacts associated with the individual technology solution enhancements, any telephonic savings experienced due to fewer customers waiting on hold, and recommendations to continue reducing customer wait times.

(19) $29,100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $37,222,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of chapter 289, Laws of 2023 (accelerating stability for people with a work-limiting disability or incapacity).

(20) $154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0064.4/25) (addressing the burden of unintentional overpayments on older adults and adults with disabilities). If this bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

(21) $192,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $163,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $465,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely to support the expansion of the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program tribal eligibility determination project to an additional five tribes.

(22) $85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 and $166,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0060.1/25) (reporting self-employed workers to the division of child support). If this bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

(23) $4,292,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $9,468,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $1,623,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for implementation of chapter 174, Laws of 2024 (concerning child support pass through).

(24) $404,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $168,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $572,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for system enhancements and staffing necessary to implement the federally mandated interstate data matching system for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

(25) Within existing resources, the department shall assess the ongoing feasibility of continuing services with a third-party employment verification vendor. A report shall be submitted to the legislature and governor by September 12, 2025, that includes the following:

(a) A detailed overview of the current employment verification process, including the general instances in which employment verification is deemed necessary, when the third-party vendor is used to complete this task and who completes the verification;

(b) Current cost of the third-party vendor along with projected rate increases;

(c) Available options to reduce the ongoing cost of using a third-party vendor for employment verification services, including but not limited to an inventory of available vendors and their rates and ways to streamline employment verification costs by reducing duplicative or unnecessary searches;

(d) Costs and risks associated with using in-house services to verify employment instead of using a third-party vendor; and

(e) Recommendations of cost-effective and sustainable employment verification options.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $28,660,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $29,199,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $126,516,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $184,375,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: $550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to federally recognized tribes of Washington to support culturally appropriate vocational rehabilitation services and adaptive technologies for tribal members with disabilities who are seeking employment.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES—SPECIAL COMMITMENT PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $81,995,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $83,151,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $165,146,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The special commitment center may use funds appropriated in this subsection to purchase goods and supplies through hospital group purchasing organizations when it is cost-effective to do so.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES—ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORTING SERVICES PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $71,086,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $66,658,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $68,767,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $360,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $206,871,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the department shall provide to the department of health, where available, the following data for all nutrition assistance programs funded by the United States department of agriculture and administered by the department. The department must provide the report for the preceding federal fiscal year by February 1, 2026, and February 1, 2027. The report must provide:

(a) The number of people in Washington who are eligible for the program;

(b) The number of people in Washington who participated in the program;

(c) The average annual participation rate in the program;

(d) Participation rates by geographic distribution; and

(e) The annual federal funding of the program in Washington.

(2) $399,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $467,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $508,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the implementation of an agreement reached between the governor and the Washington federation of state employees for the language access providers under the provisions of chapter 41.56 RCW for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium as provided in section 907 of this act.

(3)(a) $5,170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,458,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the system for integrated leave, attendance, and scheduling (SILAS) project and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(b) By June 30, 2026, the department must submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature to include, but not be limited to, how funding was spent compared to the spending plan and the actual roll out by facility compared to the implementation schedule for each facility that the SILAS solution was planned and/or implemented at in the prior 12 calendar months.

(4) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES—PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $104,514,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $74,132,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $70,476,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $249,122,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the department must extend master property insurance to all buildings owned by the department valued over $250,000 and to all locations leased by the department with contents valued over $250,000.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

(1)(a) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the health care authority shall provide support and data as required by the office of the state actuary in providing the legislature with health care actuarial analysis, including providing any information in the possession of the health care authority or available to the health care authority through contracts with providers, plans, insurers, consultants, or any other entities contracting with the health care authority.

(b) Information technology projects or investments and proposed projects or investments impacting time capture, payroll and payment processes and systems, eligibility, case management, and authorization systems within the health care authority are subject to technical oversight by Washington technology solutions.

(2) The health care authority shall not initiate any services that require expenditure of state general fund moneys unless expressly authorized in this act or other law. The health care authority may seek, receive, and spend, under RCW 43.79.260 through 43.79.282, federal moneys not anticipated in this act as long as the federal funding does not require expenditure of state moneys for the program in excess of amounts anticipated in this act. If the health care authority receives unanticipated unrestricted federal moneys, those moneys shall be spent for services authorized in this act or in any other legislation providing appropriation authority, and an equal amount of appropriated state general fund moneys shall lapse. Upon the lapsing of any moneys under this subsection, the office of financial management shall notify the legislative fiscal committees. As used in this subsection, "unrestricted federal moneys" includes block grants and other funds that federal law does not require to be spent on specifically defined projects or matched on a formula basis by state funds.

(3)(a) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the department of social and health services, the department of health, the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth, and families shall work together within existing resources to establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be a multi-organization collaborative that provides strategic direction and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when collaborating with the coalition to ensure that projects are planned for in a manner that ensures the efficient use of state resources, supports the adoption of a cohesive technology and data architecture, and maximizes federal financial participation. The work of the coalition and any project identified as a coalition project is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

(b) The health care authority must submit a report on November 1st of each fiscal year to the fiscal committees of the legislature. The report must include, at a minimum:

(i) A list of active coalition projects as of July 1st of the fiscal year. This must include all current and ongoing coalition projects, which coalition agencies are involved in these projects, and the funding being expended on each project, including in-kind funding. For each project, the report must include which federal requirements each coalition project is working to satisfy, and when each project is anticipated to satisfy those requirements; and

(ii) A list of coalition projects that are planned in the current and following fiscal year. This must include which coalition agencies are involved in these projects, including the anticipated in-kind funding by agency, and if a budget request will be submitted for funding. This must reflect all funding required by fiscal year and by fund source and include the budget outlook period.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $3,194,768,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $3,174,003,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $20,275,495,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $1,820,912,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $20,907,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $22,793,000

Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Systems

Trust Account—State Appropriation $15,092,000

Hospital Safety Net Assessment Account—State

Appropriation $1,886,062,000

Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account—State

Appropriation $10,142,000

Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation $545,000

Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line

Account—State Appropriation $21,512,000

Telebehavioral Health Access Account—State

Appropriation $8,490,000

Ambulance Transport Fund—State Appropriation $12,388,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $30,463,109,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The authority may not accept or expend any federal funds received under an 1115 demonstration waiver except as described in this section unless the legislature has appropriated the federal funding. To ensure compliance with legislative requirements and terms and conditions of the waiver, the authority shall implement the renewal of the 1115 demonstration waiver and reporting requirements with oversight from the office of financial management. The legislature finds that appropriate management of the renewal of the 1115 demonstration waiver as set forth in subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section requires sound, consistent, timely, and transparent oversight and analytic review in addition to lack of redundancy with other established measures. The patient must be considered first and foremost in the implementation and execution of the demonstration waiver. To accomplish these goals, the authority shall develop consistent performance measures that focus on population health and health outcomes. The authority shall limit the number of projects that accountable communities of health may participate in under initiative 1 to a maximum of six and shall seek to develop common performance measures when possible. The joint select committee on health care oversight will evaluate the measures chosen: (a) For effectiveness and appropriateness; and (b) to provide patients and health care providers with significant input into the implementation of the demonstration waiver to promote improved population health and patient health outcomes. In cooperation with the department of social and health services, the authority shall consult with and provide notification of work on applications for federal waivers, including details on waiver duration, financial implications, and potential future impacts on the state budget to the joint select committee on health care oversight prior to submitting these waivers for federal approval. Prior to final approval or acceptance of funds by the authority, the authority shall submit the special terms and conditions as submitted to the centers for medicare and medicaid services and the anticipated budget for the duration of the renewed waiver to the governor, the joint select committee on health care, and the fiscal committees of the legislature. By federal standard any programs created or funded by this waiver do not create an entitlement. The demonstration period for the waiver as described in subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section began July 1, 2023.

(2)(a) $657,598,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and $207,273,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided solely for accountable communities of health described in initiative 1 of the 1115 demonstration waiver and this is the maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose. In renewing this initiative, the authority shall consider local input regarding community needs and shall limit total local projects to no more than six. To provide transparency to the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature, the authority shall provide fiscal staff of the legislature query ability into any database of the fiscal intermediary that authority staff would be authorized to access. The authority shall not supplement the amounts provided in this subsection with any general fund—state moneys appropriated in this section or any moneys that may be transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. The director shall report to the fiscal committees of the legislature all expenditures under this subsection and provide such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form requested by the legislative fiscal committees.

(b) $557,333,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and $227,643,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation are provided solely for the medicaid quality improvement program and this is the maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose. Medicaid quality improvement program payments do not count against the 1115 demonstration waiver spending limits and are excluded from the waiver's budget neutrality calculation. The authority may provide medicaid quality improvement program payments to apple health managed care organizations and their partnering providers as they meet designated milestones. Partnering providers and apple health managed care organizations must work together to achieve medicaid quality improvement program goals according to the performance period timelines and reporting deadlines as set forth by the authority. The authority may only use the medicaid quality improvement program to support initiatives 1, 2, and 3 as described in the 1115 demonstration waiver and may not pursue its use for other purposes. Any programs created or funded by the medicaid quality improvement program do not constitute an entitlement for clients or providers. The authority shall not supplement the amounts provided in this subsection with any general fund—state, general fund—federal, or general fund—local moneys appropriated in this section or any moneys that may be transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. The director shall report to the joint select committee on health care oversight not less than quarterly on financial and health outcomes. The director shall report to the fiscal committees of the legislature all expenditures under this subsection and shall provide such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form requested by the legislative fiscal committees.

(c) In collaboration with the accountable communities of health, the authority will submit a report to the governor and the joint select committee on health care oversight describing how each of the accountable community of health's work aligns with the community needs assessment no later than December 1, 2026.

(d) Performance measures and payments for accountable communities of health shall reflect accountability measures that demonstrate progress toward transparent, measurable, and meaningful goals that have an impact on improved population health and improved health outcomes, including a path to financial sustainability. While these goals may have variation to account for unique community demographics, measures should be standardized when possible.

(3) $146,275,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and $154,290,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided solely for long-term support services as described in initiative 2 of the 1115 demonstration waiver as well as administrative expenses for initiative 3 and this is the maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose. The authority shall contract with and provide funding to the department of social and health services to administer initiative 2. The director in cooperation with the secretary of the department of social and health services shall report to the office of financial management all of the expenditures of this section and shall provide such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form requested. The authority shall not supplement the amounts provided in this subsection with any general fund—state moneys appropriated in this section or any moneys that may be transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

(4)(a) $131,704,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and $58,916,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided solely for supported housing and employment services described in initiative 3a and 3b of the 1115 demonstration waiver and this is the maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose. Under this initiative, the authority and the department of social and health services shall ensure that allowable and necessary services are provided to eligible clients as identified by the department or its third-party administrator. The authority and the department, in consultation with the medical assistance expenditure forecast work group, shall ensure that reasonable reimbursements are established for services deemed necessary within an identified limit per individual. The authority shall not supplement the amounts provided in this subsection with any general fund—state moneys appropriated in this section or any moneys that may be transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. The director shall report to the joint select committee on health care oversight no less than quarterly on financial and health outcomes. The director shall also report to the fiscal committees of the legislature all of the expenditures of this subsection and shall provide such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form requested by the legislative fiscal committees.

(b) $62,475,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and $44,275,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided solely for additional housing supports described in the 1115 demonstration waiver and this is the maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose. The authority shall not supplement the amounts provided in this subsection with any general fund—state moneys appropriated in this section or any moneys that may be transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. The director shall report to the joint select committee on health care oversight no less than quarterly on financial and health outcomes. The director shall also report to the fiscal committees of the legislature all of the expenditures of this subsection and shall provide such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form requested by the legislative fiscal committees.

(c) The director shall report to the joint select committee on health care oversight no less than quarterly on utilization and caseload statistics for both supportive housing and employment services and its progress toward increasing uptake and availability for these services.

(5) $1,432,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,008,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for supported employment services and $1,478,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,162,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for supported housing services, similar to the services described in initiatives 3a and 3b of the 1115 demonstration waiver to individuals who are ineligible for medicaid. Under these initiatives, the authority and the department of social and health services shall ensure that allowable and necessary services are provided to eligible clients as identified by the authority or its third-party administrator. Before authorizing services, eligibility for initiative 3a or 3b of the 1115 demonstration waiver must first be determined.

(6) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this subsection to implement the medicaid expansion as defined in the social security act, section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII).

(7) The legislature finds that medicaid payment rates, as calculated by the health care authority pursuant to the appropriations in this act, bear a reasonable relationship to the costs incurred by efficiently and economically operated facilities for providing quality services and will be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area. The legislature finds that the cost reports, payment data from the federal government, historical utilization, economic data, and clinical input constitute reliable data upon which to determine the payment rates.

(8) Based on quarterly expenditure reports and caseload forecasts, if the health care authority estimates that expenditures for the medical assistance program will exceed the appropriations, the health care authority shall take steps including but not limited to reduction of rates or elimination of optional services to reduce expenditures so that total program costs do not exceed the annual appropriation authority.

(9) In determining financial eligibility for medicaid-funded services, the health care authority is authorized to disregard recoveries by Holocaust survivors of insurance proceeds or other assets, as defined in RCW 48.104.030.

(10) The legislature affirms that it is in the state's interest for Harborview medical center to remain an economically viable component of the state's health care system.

(11) When a person is ineligible for medicaid solely by reason of residence in an institution for mental diseases, the health care authority shall provide the person with the same benefits as he or she would receive if eligible for medicaid, using state-only funds to the extent necessary.

(12) $4,261,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $4,261,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $8,522,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for low-income disproportionate share hospital payments.

(13) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the health care authority shall provide disproportionate share hospital payments to hospitals that provide services to children in the children's health program who are not eligible for services under Title XIX or XXI of the federal social security act due to their citizenship status.

(14) $7,000,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is provided solely for supplemental payments to nursing homes operated by public hospital districts. The public hospital district shall be responsible for providing the required nonfederal match for the supplemental payment, and the payments shall not exceed the maximum allowable under federal rules. It is the legislature's intent that the payments shall be supplemental to and shall not in any way offset or reduce the payments calculated and provided in accordance with part E of chapter 74.46 RCW. It is the legislature's further intent that costs otherwise allowable for rate-setting and settlement against payments under chapter 74.46 RCW shall not be disallowed solely because such costs have been paid by revenues retained by the nursing home from these supplemental payments. The supplemental payments are subject to retrospective interim and final cost settlements based on the nursing homes' as-filed and final medicare cost reports. The timing of the interim and final cost settlements shall be at the health care authority's discretion. During either the interim cost settlement or the final cost settlement, the health care authority shall recoup from the public hospital districts the supplemental payments that exceed the medicaid cost limit and/or the medicare upper payment limit. The health care authority shall apply federal rules for identifying the eligible incurred medicaid costs and the medicare upper payment limit.

(15) The health care authority shall continue the inpatient hospital certified public expenditures program for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. The program shall apply to all public hospitals, including those owned or operated by the state, except those classified as critical access hospitals or state psychiatric institutions. The health care authority shall submit reports to the governor and legislature by November 1st of each fiscal year that evaluate whether savings continue to exceed costs for this program. If the certified public expenditures (CPE) program in its current form is no longer cost-effective to maintain, the health care authority shall submit a report to the governor and legislature detailing cost-effective alternative uses of local, state, and federal resources as a replacement for this program. During fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027, hospitals in the program shall be paid and shall retain 100 percent of the federal portion of the allowable hospital cost for each medicaid inpatient fee-for-service claim payable by medical assistance and 100 percent of the federal portion of the maximum disproportionate share hospital payment allowable under federal regulations. For the purpose of determining the amount of any state grant under this subsection, payments will include the federal portion of medicaid program supplemental payments received by the hospitals. Inpatient medicaid payments shall be established using an allowable methodology that approximates the cost of claims submitted by the hospitals. Payments made to each hospital in the program in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be compared to a baseline amount. The baseline amount will be determined by the total of (a) the inpatient claim payment amounts that would have been paid during the fiscal year had the hospital not been in the CPE program based on the reimbursement rates developed, implemented, and consistent with policies approved in the 2025-2027 biennial operating appropriations act and in effect on July 1, 2015, (b) one-half of the indigent assistance disproportionate share hospital payment amounts paid to and retained by each hospital during fiscal year 2005, and (c) all of the other disproportionate share hospital payment amounts paid to and retained by each hospital during fiscal year 2005 to the extent the same disproportionate share hospital programs exist in the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium. If payments during the fiscal year exceed the hospital's baseline amount, no additional payments will be made to the hospital except the federal portion of allowable disproportionate share hospital payments for which the hospital can certify allowable match. If payments during the fiscal year are less than the baseline amount, the hospital will be paid a state grant equal to the difference between payments during the fiscal year and the applicable baseline amount. Payment of the state grant shall be made in the applicable fiscal year and distributed in monthly payments. The grants will be recalculated and redistributed as the baseline is updated during the fiscal year. The grant payments are subject to an interim settlement within 11 months after the end of the fiscal year. A final settlement shall be performed. To the extent that either settlement determines that a hospital has received funds in excess of what it would have received as described in this subsection, the hospital must repay the excess amounts to the state when requested.

(16) The health care authority shall seek public-private partnerships and federal funds that are or may become available to provide ongoing support for outreach and education efforts under the federal children's health insurance program reauthorization act of 2009.

(17) The health care authority shall target funding for maternity support services towards pregnant women with factors that lead to higher rates of poor birth outcomes, including hypertension, a preterm or low birth weight birth in the most recent previous birth, a cognitive deficit or developmental disability, substance abuse, severe mental illness, unhealthy weight or failure to gain weight, tobacco use, or African American or Native American race. The health care authority shall prioritize evidence-based practices for delivery of maternity support services. To the extent practicable, the health care authority shall develop a mechanism to increase federal funding for maternity support services by leveraging local public funding for those services.

(18) The authority shall submit a report to the governor and the legislature by September 15, 2026, that delineates the number of individuals in medicaid managed care, by carrier, age, gender, and eligibility category, receiving preventative services and vaccinations. The report should include baseline and benchmark information from the previous two fiscal years and should be inclusive of, but not limited to, services recommended under the United States preventative services task force, advisory committee on immunization practices, early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) guidelines, and other relevant preventative and vaccination medicaid guidelines and requirements.

(19) Managed care contracts must incorporate accountability measures that monitor patient health and improved health outcomes, and shall include an expectation that each patient receive a wellness examination that documents the baseline health status and allows for monitoring of health improvements and outcome measures.

(20) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section for the authority to provide an adult dental benefit.

(21) The health care authority shall coordinate with the department of social and health services to provide referrals to the Washington health benefit exchange for clients that will be ineligible for medicaid.

(22) To facilitate a single point of entry across public and medical assistance programs, and to maximize the use of federal funding, the health care authority, the department of social and health services, and the health benefit exchange will coordinate efforts to expand HealthPlanfinder access to public assistance and medical eligibility staff. The health care authority shall complete medicaid applications in the HealthPlanfinder for households receiving or applying for medical assistance benefits.

(23) $90,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $90,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $180,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely to continue operation by a nonprofit organization of a toll-free hotline that assists families to learn about and enroll in the apple health for kids program.

(24) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the authority shall reimburse for primary care services provided by naturopathic physicians.

(25) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the authority shall continue to provide coverage for pregnant teens that qualify under existing pregnancy medical programs, but whose eligibility for pregnancy related services would otherwise end due to the application of the new modified adjusted gross income eligibility standard.

(26) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section to remove the mental health visit limit and to provide the shingles vaccine and screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment benefits that are available in the medicaid alternative benefit plan in the classic medicaid benefit plan.

(27) The authority shall use revenue appropriated from the dedicated cannabis account for contracts with community health centers under RCW 69.50.540 in lieu of general fund—state payments to community health centers for services provided to medical assistance clients, and it is the intent of the legislature that this policy will be continued in subsequent fiscal biennia.

(28) For any service eligible under the medicaid state plan for encounter payments, managed care organizations at the request of a rural health clinic shall pay the full published encounter rate directly to the clinic. At no time will a managed care organization be at risk for or have any right to the supplemental portion of the claim. Payments will be reconciled on at least an annual basis between the managed care organization and the authority, with final review and approval by the authority.

(29) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section for the authority to provide a medicaid equivalent adult dental benefit to clients enrolled in the medical care service program.

(30) Sufficient amounts are provided in this section for the authority to provide services identical to those services covered by the Washington state family planning waiver program as of August 2018 to individuals who:

(a) Are 19 years of age;

(b) Are at or below 260 percent of the federal poverty level as established in WAC 182-505-0100;

(c) Are not covered by other public or private insurance; and

(d) Need family planning services and are not currently covered by or eligible for another medical assistance program for family planning.

(31) The authority shall ensure that appropriate resources are dedicated to implementing the recommendations of the centers for medicare and medicaid services center for program integrity as provided to the authority in the January 2019 Washington focused program integrity review final report. Additionally, the authority shall:

(a) Work to ensure the efficient operations of the managed care plans, including but not limited to, a deconflicting process for audits with and among the managed care plans and the medicaid fraud division at the attorney general's office, to ensure the authority staff perform central audits of cases that appear across multiple managed care plans, versus the audits performed by the individual managed care plans or the fraud division;

(b) Remain accountable for operating in an effective and efficient manner, including performing program integrity activities that ensure high value in the medical assistance program in general and in medicaid managed care specifically;

(c) Work with its contracted actuary and the medical assistance expenditure forecast work group to develop methods and metrics related to managed care program integrity activity that shall be incorporated into annual rate setting; and

(d) Work with the medical assistance expenditure forecast work group to ensure the results of program integrity activity are incorporated into the rate setting process in a transparent, timely, measurable, quantifiable manner.

(32)(a) The authority shall not enter into any future value-based arrangements with federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics prior to receiving approval from the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature.

(b) The authority shall not modify the reconciliation process with federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics without notification to and the opportunity to comment from the office of financial management.

(c) The authority shall require all managed care organizations to provide information to the authority to account for all payments to rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers to include how payments are made, including any additional payments and whether there is a sub-capitation arrangement or value-based purchasing arrangement.

(d) For each fiscal year, the authority shall reconcile on an annual basis with rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers.

(e) For each fiscal year, the authority shall properly accrue for any anticipated reconciliations with rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers during the fiscal year close process following generally accepted accounting practices.

(33) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the authority is to include allergen control bed and pillow covers as part of the durable medical equipment benefit for children with an asthma diagnosis enrolled in medical assistance programs.

(34) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for the authority for the reimbursement of services provided by doulas for apple health clients.

(35) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for the authority to extend continuous eligibility for apple health to children ages zero to six with income at or below 215 percent of the federal poverty level. The centers for medicare and medicaid services must approve the 1115 medicaid waiver prior to the implementation of this policy.

(36) Sufficient funds are provided to continue reimbursing dental health aid therapists for services performed in tribal facilities for medicaid clients. The authority must leverage any federal funding that may become available as a result of appeal decisions from the centers for medicare and medicaid services or the United States court of appeals for the ninth circuit.

(37) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the authority shall implement the requirements of RCW 74.09.830 and the American rescue plan act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, in extending health care coverage during the postpartum period. The authority shall make every effort to expedite and complete eligibility determinations for individuals who are likely eligible to receive health care coverage under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal social security act to ensure the state is receiving maximum federal match. This includes, but is not limited to, working with managed care organizations to provide continuous outreach in various modalities until the individual's eligibility determination is completed. The authority must submit quarterly reports to the caseload forecast work group on the number of individuals who are likely eligible to receive health care coverage under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal social security act but are waiting for the authority to complete eligibility determination, the number of individuals who were likely eligible but are now receiving health care coverage with the maximum federal match under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal social security act, and outreach activities including the work with managed care organizations.

(38) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the perinatal support warm line to provide peer support, resources, and referrals to new and expectant parents and people in the emotional transition to parenthood experiencing, or at risk of, postpartum depression or other mental health issues.

(39) Sufficient funding is provided to remove the asset test from the medicare savings program review process.

(40) Sufficient funding is provided to eliminate the mid-certification review process for the aged, blind, or disabled and housing and essential needs referral programs.

(41) $490,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $490,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $8,198,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority to continue the grant program for reimbursement for services to patients up to age 18 provided by community health workers in primary care clinics whose patients are significantly comprised of pediatric patients enrolled in medical assistance under chapter 74.09 RCW. Community health workers may receive merit increases within this funding. Community health workers funded under this subsection may provide outreach, informal counseling, and social supports for health-related social needs.

(42) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section for the authority to provide coverage for all federal food and drug administration-approved HIV antiviral drugs without prior authorization. This coverage must be provided to apple health clients enrolled in both fee-for-service and managed care programs.

(43) The authority shall consider evidence-based recommendations from the Oregon health evidence review commission when making coverage decisions for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

(44) Sufficient funds are provided in this section to maintain access for primary care services for medicaid-enrolled patients through increased provider rates.

(45) The authority shall seek a waiver from the federal department of health and human services necessary to implement the requirements of RCW 74.09.670. Additionally, the authority shall implement its waiver application for prerelease services up to 90 days; and provide the governor and fiscal committees of the legislature estimates of costs for implementation or maintenance of effort requirements of this expansion prior to entering into agreement with the centers for medicare and medicaid services.

(a) $5,196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $8,699,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $88,436,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for prerelease services including, but not limited to, case management, clinical consultations, medication assisted therapy, community health worker services, 30-day supply of medications, durable medical equipment, medications, laboratory services, and radiology services.

(b) The authority shall coordinate with the department of corrections for prison reentry implementation pursuant to the waiver terms. The authority will coordinate with tribes, other state agencies, and jail administrations as necessary to achieve the terms of the 1115 medicaid transformation waiver. The authority shall use its statutory reentry advisory work group and subgroups as necessary to coordinate with partners to achieve these goals.

(46) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for work required of the authority as specified in RCW 41.05.840.

(47)(a) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for an outpatient directed payment program.

(b) The authority shall:

(i) Maintain the program to support the state's access and other quality of care goals and to not increase general fund—state expenditures;

(ii) Seek approval from the centers for medicare and medicaid services to expand the medicaid outpatient directed payment program for hospital outpatient services provided to medicaid program managed care recipients by UW Medicine hospitals and, at their option, UW Medicine affiliated hospitals;

(iii) Direct managed care organizations to make payments to eligible providers at levels required to ensure enrollees have timely access to critical high-quality care as allowed under 42 C.F.R. 438.6(c); and

(iv) Increase medicaid payments for hospital outpatient services provided by UW Medicine hospitals and, at their option, UW Medicine affiliated hospitals to the average payment received from commercial payers.

(c) Any incremental costs incurred by the authority in the development, implementation, and maintenance of this program shall be the responsibility of the participating hospitals.

(d) Participating hospitals shall retain the full amount of payments provided under this program.

(48)(a) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for an inpatient directed payment program.

(b) The authority shall:

(i) Design the program to support the state's access and other quality of care goals and to not increase general fund—state expenditures;

(ii) Seek approval from the centers for medicare and medicaid services to create a medicaid inpatient directed payment program for hospital inpatient services provided to medicaid program managed care recipients by UW Medicine hospitals and, at their option, UW Medicine affiliated hospitals;

(iii) Upon approval, direct managed care organizations to make payments to eligible providers at levels required to ensure enrollees have timely access to critical high-quality care as allowed under 42 C.F.R. 438.6(c); and

(iv) Increase medicaid payments for hospital inpatient services provided by UW Medicine and, at their option, UW Medicine affiliated hospitals to the average payment received from commercial payers.

(c) Any incremental costs incurred by the authority in the development, implementation, and maintenance of this program shall be the responsibility of the participating hospitals.

(d) Participating hospitals shall retain the full amount of payments provided under this program.

(e) Participating hospitals will provide the local funds to fund the required nonfederal contribution.

(f) This program shall be effective as soon as administratively possible.

(49) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the authority shall maintain and increase access for family planning services for patients seeking services through department of health sexual and reproductive health program family planning providers based on the rates in effect as of July 1, 2022.

(50)(a) Within the amounts appropriated in this section the authority, in consultation with the health and human services enterprise coalition, community-based organizations, health plans, accountable communities of health, and safety net providers, shall determine the cost and implementation impacts of a statewide community information exchange (CIE). A CIE platform must serve as a tool for addressing the social determinants of health, defined as nonclinical community and social factors such as housing, food security, transportation, financial strain, and interpersonal safety, that affect health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes.

(b) Prior to issuing a request for proposals or beginning this project, the authority must work with stakeholders in (a) of this subsection to determine which platforms already exist within the Washington public and private health care system to determine interoperability needs and fiscal impacts to both the state and impacted providers and organizations that will be using a single statewide community information exchange platform.

(c) The authority shall provide the office of financial management and fiscal committees of the legislature a proposal to leverage medicaid enterprise financing or other federal funds prior to beginning this project and shall not expend funds under a 1115 waiver or any other waiver without legislative authorization.

(d) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for the authority to implement the community information exchange program. The technology solution chosen by the health care authority should be capable of interoperating with other state funded systems in Washington and should be able to electronically refer individuals to services using a closed-loop referral process. Funding for the community information exchange program is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(51) Sufficient funds in this section are provided for staff dedicated to data review, analysis, and management, and policy analysis in support of the health care cost transparency board as described in chapter 70.390 RCW.

(52) $21,405,000 of the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response line account—state appropriation and $19,732,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the 988 technology platform implementation project as described in RCW 71.24.890 (5) and (6). These amounts are subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements provided in section 701 of this act and any requirements as established in chapter 364, Laws of 2024. The authority must actively collaborate with Washington technology solutions and the department of health so that the statewide 988 technology solutions will be coordinated and interoperable.

(53)(a) $66,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $63,742,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the authority to implement a program with coverage comparable to the amount, duration, and scope of care provided in the categorically needy medicaid program for adult individuals who:

(i) Have an immigration status making them ineligible for federal medicaid or federal subsidies through the health benefit exchange;

(ii) Are age 19 and older, including over age 65, and have countable income of up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level; and

(iii) Are not eligible for another full scope federally funded medical assistance program, including any expansion of medicaid coverage for deferred action for childhood arrivals recipients.

(b) Within the amounts provided in this subsection, the authority shall use the same eligibility, enrollment, redetermination and renewal, and appeals procedures as categorically needy medicaid, except where flexibility is necessary to maintain privacy or minimize burden to applicants or enrollees.

(c) The authority in collaboration with the health benefit exchange, the department of social and health services, and community organizations must develop and implement an outreach and education campaign.

(d) The authority must provide the following information to the governor's office and appropriate committees of the legislature by February 1st and November 1st of each year:

(i) Actual and forecasted expenditures;

(ii) Actual and forecasted data from the caseload forecast council; and

(iii) The availability and impact of any federal program or proposed rule that expands access to health care for the population described in this subsection, such as the expansion of medicaid coverage for deferred action for childhood arrivals recipients.

(e) The amount provided in this subsection is the maximum amount allowable for the purposes of this program.

(f) Starting January 1, 2026, health care payments made on behalf of clients shall be made from the authority's fee for service delivery system.

(54) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the authority shall make administrative and system changes in anticipation of receiving federal authority to provide continuous eligibility for children ages zero to six covered though the apple health children's health insurance program. The centers for medicare and medicaid services must approve the section 1115 medicaid waiver prior to the implementation of this policy.

(55) If the authority determines that rates require rebasing for this program, the authority will submit a request to the legislature through its normal budget process.

(56) The authority and department of social and health services must collaborate in the identification and evaluation of strategies to obtain federal matching funding opportunities, specifically focusing on innovative medicaid framework adjustments and the consideration of necessary state plan amendments for the treatment facility described in section 203(1)(nn) of this act.

(57) $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Bree collaborative to support collaborative learning and targeted technical assistance for quality improvement initiatives.

(58)(a) The authority shall collaborate with the University of Washington on a supplemental payment program for the family medicine residency network as a supplement to the family medical education funding with additional federal funding.

(b) The authority shall provide a recommendation and report to the governor's office and fiscal committees of the legislature no later than September 30, 2025. The recommendation shall include how the supplemental payment program can improve the following:

(i) Fiscal support for graduate medical education training;

(ii) Access to quality health care services;

(iii) The state's ability to ensure that medicaid graduate medical education funding supports the state's workforce development goals; and

(iv) Health care access for underserved populations and regions.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY—EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE BENEFITS PROGRAM**

State Health Care Authority Administrative Account—

State Appropriation $50,047,000

School Employees' Insurance Administrative Account—

State Appropriation $36,968,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $87,015,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Any savings from reduced claims costs must be reserved for funding benefits during future fiscal biennia and may not be used for administrative expenses. The health care authority shall deposit any moneys received on behalf of the uniform medical plan resulting from rebates on prescription drugs, audits of hospitals, subrogation payments, or any other moneys received as a result of prior uniform medical plan claims payments, in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account to be used for insurance benefits.

(2) Any changes to benefits must be approved by the applicable program board. Neither board shall make any changes to benefits without considering a comprehensive analysis of the cost of those changes, and shall not increase benefits unless offsetting cost reductions from other benefit revisions are sufficient to fund the changes. The public employees' benefits board shall not make any change in retiree eligibility criteria that reestablishes eligibility for enrollment in retiree benefits.

(3) The board shall collect a surcharge payment of $25 per month from members who use tobacco products, and a surcharge payment of not less than $50 per month from members who cover a spouse or domestic partner where the spouse or domestic partner has chosen not to enroll in another employer-based group health insurance that has benefits and premiums with an actuarial value of not less than 95 percent of the actuarial value of the public employees' benefits board plan with the largest enrollment. The surcharge payments shall be collected in addition to the member premium payment.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY—HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $8,766,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $8,609,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $87,363,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $350,000

Health Benefit Exchange Account—State Appropriation $85,030,000

State Health Care Affordability Account—State

Appropriation $85,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $275,118,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The receipt and use of medicaid funds provided to the health benefit exchange from the health care authority are subject to compliance with state and federal regulations and policies governing the Washington apple health programs, including timely and proper application, eligibility, and enrollment procedures.

(2)(a) By July 15th, October 15th, and January 15th of each year, the authority shall make a payment of 30 percent of the general fund—state appropriation, 30 percent of the health benefit exchange account—state appropriation, and 30 percent of the health care affordability account—state appropriation to the exchange. By April 15th of each year, the authority shall make a payment of 10 percent of the general fund—state appropriation, 10 percent of the health benefit exchange account—state appropriation, and 10 percent of the health care affordability account—state appropriation to the exchange.

(b) The exchange shall monitor actual to projected revenues and make necessary adjustments in expenditures or carrier assessments to ensure expenditures do not exceed actual revenues.

(c) Payments made from general fund—state appropriation and health benefit exchange account—state appropriation shall be available for expenditure for no longer than the period of the appropriation from which it was made. When the actual cost of materials and services have been fully determined, and in no event later than the lapsing of the appropriation, any unexpended balance of the payment shall be returned to the authority for credit to the fund or account from which it was made, and under no condition shall expenditures exceed actual revenue.

(3) $75,000,000 of the state health care affordability account—state appropriation is provided solely for the exchange to administer a premium assistance program, as established in RCW 43.71.110. An individual is eligible for the premium assistance provided if the individual: (i) Has income up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level; and (ii) meets other eligibility criteria as established in RCW 43.71.110(4)(a).

(4) $10,000,000 of the state health care affordability account—state appropriation is provided solely to provide premium assistance for customers ineligible for federal premium tax credits who meet the eligibility criteria established in subsection (3)(a) of this section, and is contingent upon continued approval of the applicable waiver described in RCW 43.71.120.

(5) $1,117,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,182,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, $12,510,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation, and $809,000 of the health benefit exchange account—state appropriation are provided solely to make improvements to healthplanfinder to comply with the eligibility rules changes required by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services and 42 C.F.R. Sec. 433.112(b). Funding is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY—COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,261,330,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,254,670,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $3,305,338,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $39,357,000

Criminal Justice Treatment Account—State

Appropriation $22,046,000

Problem Gambling Account—State Appropriation $3,255,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $28,518,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $28,520,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $97,862,000

Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line

Account—State Appropriation $37,649,000

Tribal Opioid Prevention and Treatment Account—State

Appropriation $16,381,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $6,094,926,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) For the purposes of this section, "behavioral health entities" means managed care organizations and behavioral health administrative services organizations that reimburse providers for behavioral health services.

(2) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, funding is provided for implementation of the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. In addition to amounts provided solely for implementation of the settlement agreement, class members must have access to supports and services funded throughout this section for which they meet eligibility and medical necessity requirements. The authority must include language in contracts that requires regional behavioral health entities to develop and implement plans for improving access to timely and appropriate treatment for individuals with behavioral health needs and current or prior criminal justice involvement who are eligible for services under these contracts.

(3)(a) $43,429,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $48,634,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $15,538,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely to continue the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The authority, in collaboration with the department of social and health services and the criminal justice training commission, must implement the provisions of the settlement agreement pursuant to the timeline and implementation plan provided for under the settlement agreement. This includes implementing provisions related to competency evaluations, competency restoration, crisis diversion and supports, education and training, and workforce development. Within these amounts, sufficient funding is provided to implement chapter 453, Laws of 2023 (competency evaluations).

(b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $5,108,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $6,341,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided for implementation of chapter 453, Laws of 2023 (competency evaluations). Of these amounts, $186,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $186,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to increase compensation for staff in outpatient competency restoration programs pursuant to chapter 453, Laws of 2023 (competency evaluations).

(4) $8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue diversion grant programs funded through contempt fines pursuant to *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The authority must consult with the plaintiffs and court monitor to determine, within the amounts provided, which of the programs will continue to receive funding through this appropriation. The programs shall use this funding to provide assessments, mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, case management, employment, and other social services.

(5) $18,891,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $18,561,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $41,062,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority and behavioral health entities to continue to contract for implementation of high-intensity programs for assertive community treatment (PACT) teams. In determining the proportion of medicaid and nonmedicaid funding provided to behavioral health entities with PACT teams, the authority shall consider the differences between behavioral health entities in the percentages of services and other costs associated with the teams that are not reimbursable under medicaid. The authority may allow behavioral health entities which have nonmedicaid reimbursable costs that are higher than the nonmedicaid allocation they receive under this section to supplement these funds with local dollars or funds received under subsection (6) of this section. The authority and behavioral health entities shall maintain consistency with all essential elements of the PACT evidence-based practice model in programs funded under this section.

(6) $139,238,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $139,238,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for persons and services not covered by the medicaid program. To the extent possible, levels of behavioral health entity spending must be maintained in the following priority order: Crisis and commitment services; community inpatient services; and residential care services, including personal care and emergency housing assistance. These amounts must be distributed to behavioral health entities as follows:

(a) $124,713,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $124,713,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the authority to contract with behavioral health administrative service organizations for behavioral health treatment services not covered under the medicaid program.

(b) $14,525,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $14,525,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the authority to contract with medicaid managed care organizations for wraparound services to medicaid enrolled individuals that are not covered under the medicaid program.

(7) The authority is authorized to continue to contract directly, rather than through contracts with behavioral health entities for children's long-term inpatient facility services.

(8) Behavioral health entities may use local funds to earn additional federal medicaid match, provided the locally matched rate does not exceed the upper-bound of their federally allowable rate range, and provided that the enhanced funding is used only to provide medicaid state plan or waiver services to medicaid clients. Additionally, behavioral health entities may use a portion of the state funds allocated in accordance with subsection (6) of this section to earn additional medicaid match, but only to the extent that the application of such funds to medicaid services does not diminish the level of crisis and commitment, community inpatient, residential care, and outpatient services presently available to persons not eligible for medicaid.

(9) $2,291,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,291,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for mental health services for mentally ill offenders while confined in a county or city jail and for facilitating access to programs that offer mental health services upon release from confinement. The authority must collect information from the behavioral health entities on their plan for using these funds, the numbers of individuals served, and the types of services provided.

(10) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, funding is provided for the authority to develop and phase in intensive mental health services for high needs youth consistent with the settlement agreement in *T.R. v. Dreyfus and Porter*.

(11) The authority must establish minimum and maximum funding levels for all reserves allowed under behavioral health administrative service organization contracts and include contract language that clearly states the requirements and limitations. The reserve levels must be informed by the types of risk carried by behavioral health administrative service organizations for mandatory services and also consider reasonable levels of operating reserves. The authority must monitor and ensure that behavioral health administrative service organization reserves do not exceed maximum levels. The authority must monitor revenue and expenditure reports and must require a behavioral health administrative service organization to submit a corrective action plan on how it will spend its excess reserves within a reasonable period of time, when its reported reserves exceed maximum levels established under the contract. The authority must review and approve such plans and monitor to ensure compliance. If the authority determines that a behavioral health administrative service organization has failed to provide an adequate excess reserve corrective action plan or is not complying with an approved plan, the authority must reduce payments to the entity in accordance with remedial actions provisions included in the contract. These reductions in payments must continue until the authority determines that the entity has come into substantial compliance with an approved excess reserve corrective action plan. The authority must submit to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature, each December of the biennium, the minimum and maximum reserve levels established in contract for each of the behavioral health administrative service organizations for the prior fiscal year and the actual reserve levels reported at the end of the fiscal year.

(12) Within the amounts provided in this section, behavioral health entities must provide outpatient chemical dependency treatment for offenders enrolled in the medicaid program who are supervised by the department of corrections pursuant to a term of community supervision. Contracts with behavioral health entities must require that behavioral health entities include in their provider network specialized expertise in the provision of manualized, evidence-based chemical dependency treatment services for offenders. The department of corrections and the authority must develop a memorandum of understanding for department of corrections offenders on active supervision who are medicaid eligible and meet medical necessity for outpatient substance use disorder treatment. The agreement will ensure that treatment services provided are coordinated, do not result in duplication of services, and maintain access and quality of care for the individuals being served. The authority must provide all necessary data, access, and reports to the department of corrections for all department of corrections offenders that receive medicaid paid services.

(13) The criminal justice treatment account—state appropriation is provided solely for treatment and treatment support services for offenders with a substance use disorder pursuant to RCW 71.24.580. The authority must offer counties the option to administer their share of the distributions provided for under RCW 71.24.580(5)(a). If a county is not interested in administering the funds, the authority shall contract with behavioral health entities to administer these funds consistent with the plans approved by local panels pursuant to RCW 71.24.580(5)(b). Funding from the criminal justice treatment account may be used to provide treatment and support services through the conclusion of an individual's treatment plan to individuals participating in a drug court program as of February 24, 2021, if that individual wishes to continue treatment following dismissal of charges they were facing under RCW 69.50.4013(1). Such participation is voluntary and contingent upon substantial compliance with drug court program requirements.

(14)(a) $12,878,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $12,878,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for:

(i) A memorandum of understanding with the department of children, youth, and families to provide substance abuse treatment programs;

(ii) A contract with the Washington state institute for public policy to conduct a cost-benefit evaluation of the implementations of chapter 3, Laws of 2013 (Initiative Measure No. 502);

(iii) Designing and administering the Washington state healthy youth survey and the Washington state young adult behavioral health survey;

(iv) Maintaining increased services to pregnant and parenting women provided through the parent child assistance program;

(v) Maintaining increased prevention and treatment service provided by tribes and federally recognized American Indian organization to children and youth;

(vi) Maintaining increased residential treatment services for children and youth;

(vii) Training and technical assistance for the implementation of evidence-based, research based, and promising programs which prevent or reduce substance use disorder;

(viii) Expenditures into the home visiting services account; and

(ix) Grants to community-based programs that provide prevention services or activities to youth.

(b) The authority must allocate the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection amongst the specific activities proportionate to the fiscal year 2021 allocation.

(15) $1,850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $13,312,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for substance use disorder peer support services included in behavioral health capitation rates in accordance with section 213(5)(ss), chapter 299, Laws of 2018. The authority shall require managed care organizations to provide access to peer support services for individuals with substance use disorders transitioning from emergency departments, inpatient facilities, or receiving treatment as part of hub and spoke networks.

(16) $708,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $708,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $1,598,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for implementing mental health peer respite centers and a pilot project to implement a mental health drop-in center in accordance with chapter 324, Laws of 2019.

(17) $446,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $446,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $178,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the University of Washington's evidence-based practice institute which supports the identification, evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based or promising practices. The institute must work with the authority to develop a plan to seek private, federal, or other grant funding in order to reduce the need for state general funds. The authority must collect information from the institute on the use of these funds and submit a report to the office of financial management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature by December 1st of each year of the biennium.

(18) As an element of contractual network adequacy requirements and reporting, the authority shall direct managed care organizations to make all reasonable efforts to develop or maintain contracts with provider networks that leverage local, federal, or philanthropic funding to enhance effectiveness of medicaid-funded integrated care services. These networks must promote medicaid clients' access to a system of services that addresses additional social support services and social determinants of health as defined in RCW 43.20.025 in a manner that is integrated with the delivery of behavioral health and medical treatment services.

(19) $9,000,000 of the criminal justice treatment account—state appropriation is provided solely for therapeutic courts that engage in evidence-based practices, to include medication assisted treatment in jail settings pursuant to RCW 71.24.580. Funding provided under this subsection shall not supplant existing funds utilized for this purpose.

(20) In establishing, re-basing, enhancing, or otherwise updating medicaid rates for behavioral health services, the authority and contracted actuaries shall use a transparent process that provides an opportunity for medicaid managed care organizations, behavioral health administrative service organizations, and behavioral health provider agencies, and their representatives, to review and provide data and feedback on proposed rate changes within their region or regions of service operation. The authority and contracted actuaries shall transparently incorporate the information gained from this process and make adjustments allowable under federal law when appropriate.

(21) The authority shall seek input from representatives of the managed care organizations (MCOs), licensed community behavioral health agencies, and behavioral health administrative service organizations to develop specific metrics related to behavioral health outcomes under integrated managed care. These metrics must include, but are not limited to: (a) Revenues and expenditures for community behavioral health programs, including medicaid and nonmedicaid funding; (b) access to services, service denials, and utilization by state plan modality; (c) claims denials and record of timely payment to providers; (d) client demographics; and (e) social and recovery measures and managed care organization performance measures. The authority must work with managed care organizations and behavioral health administrative service organizations to integrate these metrics into an annual reporting structure designed to evaluate the performance of the behavioral health system in the state over time. The authority must submit a report to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature, before December 30th of each year during the fiscal biennium, that details the implemented metrics and relevant performance outcomes for the prior calendar year.

(22) The authority must pursue opportunities for shifting state costs to the state's unused allocation of federal institutions for mental disease disproportionate share hospital funding.

(23) $1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the authority to contract with the King county behavioral health administrative services organization to maintain children's crisis outreach response system services that were previously funded through the department of children, youth, and families. The authority, in consultation with the behavioral health administrative services organization, medicaid managed care organizations, and the actuaries responsible for developing medicaid managed care rates, must work to maximize federal funding provided for the children's crisis outreach response system program.

(24) $65,701,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $66,157,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $92,293,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority to contract with community hospitals or freestanding evaluation and treatment centers to provide long-term inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025. Within these amounts, the authority must meet the requirements for reimbursing counties for the judicial services for patients being served in these settings in accordance with RCW 71.05.730. The authority must coordinate with the department of social and health services in developing the contract requirements, selecting contractors, and establishing processes for identifying patients that will be admitted to these facilities. Of the amounts in this subsection, sufficient amounts are provided in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 for the authority to reimburse community hospitals and nonhospital residential treatment centers serving clients in long-term inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025 as follows:

(a) For a hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW that requires a hospital specific medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate for long-term civil commitment patients because the hospital has completed a medicare cost report, the authority shall analyze the most recent medicare cost report of the hospital after a minimum of 200 medicaid inpatient psychiatric days. The authority shall establish the inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate for long-term civil commitment patients for the hospital at 100 percent of the allowable cost of care, based on the most recent medicare cost report of the hospital.

(b) For a hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW that has not completed a medicare cost report with more than 200 medicaid inpatient psychiatric days, the authority shall establish the medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate for long-term civil commitment patients for the hospital at the higher of the hospital's current medicaid inpatient psychiatric rate; or the annually updated statewide average of the medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate of all acute care hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW providing long-term civil commitment services.

(c) For a hospital licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW and currently providing long-term civil commitment services, the authority shall establish the medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate at $1,250 for fiscal year 2026 and $1,250 for fiscal year 2027 plus adjustments that may be needed to capture costs associated with long-term psychiatric patients that are not allowable on the medicare cost report or reimbursed separately. The hospital may provide the authority with supplemental data to be considered and used to make appropriate adjustments to the medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate of the hospital. Adjustment of costs may include:

(i) Costs associated with professional services and fees not accounted for in the hospital's medicare cost report or reimbursed separately;

(ii) Costs associated with the hospital providing the long-term psychiatric patient access to involuntary treatment court services that are not reimbursed separately; and

(iii) Other costs associated with caring for long-term psychiatric patients that are not reimbursed separately.

(d) For a hospital licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW that requires an initial medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate for long-term civil commitment services because it has not yet completed a medicare cost report, the authority shall establish the medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate at the higher of:

(i) The hospital's current medicaid inpatient psychiatric rate; or

(ii) The annually updated statewide average of the medicaid long-term inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate of all freestanding psychiatric hospitals licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW providing long-term civil commitment services.

(e) For nonhospital residential treatment centers certified to provide long-term inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025, the authority shall establish the medicaid psychiatric per diem payment rate at $1,250 per bed for fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027.

(f) The authority shall pay a rate enhancement for patients committed pursuant to the dismissal of criminal charges and a civil evaluation ordered under RCW 10.77.086 or 10.77.088. The enhancement shall be available to all hospital and nonhospital facilities providing services under this subsection except those whose rates are set at 100 percent of their most recent medicare cost report. The rate enhancement shall not exceed the tiered rate enhancements established under the 1915(i) state plan.

(g) The authority may pay a rate enhancement of $500 per day for individuals with complex medical needs, challenging behaviors often diagnosed with co-occurring intellectual or developmental disability, traumatic brain injury, dementia, or significant medical issues requiring personal care. The rate enhancement shall be available to providers contracting directly with the authority.

(h) Provider payments for vacant bed days shall not exceed six percent of their annual contracted bed days.

(25) $2,262,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and $2,262,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided solely for supported housing and employment services described in initiative 3a and 3b of the 1115 demonstration waiver and this is the maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose. Within these amounts, funding is provided for the authority to support community discharge efforts for patients at the state hospitals. Under this initiative, the authority and the department of social and health services shall ensure that allowable and necessary services are provided to eligible clients as identified by the authority or its providers or third party administrator. The department and the authority in consultation with the medicaid forecast work group, shall ensure that reasonable reimbursements are established for services deemed necessary within an identified limit per individual. The authority shall not increase general fund—state expenditures above appropriated levels for this specific purpose. The secretary in collaboration with the director of the authority shall report to the joint select committee on health care oversight no less than quarterly on financial and health outcomes. The secretary in cooperation with the director shall also report to the fiscal committees of the legislature the expenditures of this subsection and shall provide such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form requested by the legislative fiscal committees.

(26) Within the amounts provided in this section, sufficient funding is provided for the authority to maintain and increase the capabilities of a tool to track medication assisted treatment provider capacity.

(27) $2,433,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $2,433,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $8,412,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority to contract for long-term involuntary treatment services in a 16-bed residential treatment facility being developed by the Tulalip tribe in Stanwood.

(28) $956,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $956,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for wraparound with intensive services for youth ineligible for medicaid as outlined in the settlement agreement under *AGC v. Washington State Health Care Authority*, Thurston county superior court no. 21-2-00479-34.

(29) $15,704,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $15,704,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for claims for services rendered to medicaid eligible clients admitted to institutions of mental disease that were determined to be unallowable for federal reimbursement due to medicaid's institutions for mental disease exclusion rules.

(30) $6,010,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $6,010,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $1,980,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority, in coordination with the department of health, to deploy an opioid awareness campaign and to contract with syringe service programs and other service settings assisting people with substance use disorders to: Prevent and respond to overdoses; provide other harm reduction services and supplies, including but not limited to distributing naloxone; fentanyl testing and other drug testing supplies; and for expanding contingency management services. The authority is encouraged to use these funds to leverage federal funding for this purpose to expand buying power when possible. The authority should prioritize funds for naloxone in coordination with the department of health, to expand the distribution of naloxone through the department's overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Funding must be prioritized to fill naloxone access gaps in community behavioral health and other community settings, including providing naloxone for agency staff in organizations such as syringe service programs, housing providers, and street outreach programs. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the authority to deploy an opioid awareness campaign targeted at youth to increase the awareness of the dangers of fentanyl.

(31) $2,387,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,387,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support individuals enrolled in the foundational community supports initiative who are transitioning from benefits under RCW 74.04.805 due to increased income or other changes in eligibility. The authority, department of social and health services, and department of commerce shall collaborate on this effort.

(32) $2,249,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,249,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the authority to contract with programs to provide medical respite care for individuals with behavioral health needs. The programs must serve individuals with complex medical issues, who may also have significant behavioral health needs who do not require hospitalization but are unable to provide adequate self-care for their medical conditions. The programs must prioritize services to individuals with complex medical and behavioral health issues who are homeless or who were recently discharged from a hospital setting. The services must meet quality standards and best practices developed by the national health care for the homeless council and may include, but are not limited to, medical oversight and health education; care transitions; and discharge planning to and from primary care, inpatient hospital, emergency rooms, and supportive housing. In selecting the contractors, the authority must prioritize projects that demonstrate the active involvement of an established medical provider that is able to leverage federal medicaid funding in the provision of these services. The authority must work with the medicaid managed care organizations to encourage their participation and assist the plans and the contractor in identifying mechanisms for appropriate use of medicaid reimbursement in this setting.

(33) $988,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $988,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $618,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority to contract for three regional behavioral health mobile crisis response teams focused on supported housing to prevent individuals with behavioral health conditions at high risk of losing housing from becoming homeless, identify and prioritize serving the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness, and increase alternative housing options to include short-term alternatives which may temporarily deescalate situations where there is high risk of a household from becoming homeless.

(34) $361,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $361,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $482,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority, in collaboration with the department of social and health services research and data analysis division, to implement community behavioral health service data into the existing executive management information system. Of these amounts, $288,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $288,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $384,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority to reimburse the research and data analysis division for staff costs associated with this project. The data elements shall be incorporated into the monthly executive management information system reports on a phased-in basis, allowing for elements which are readily available to be incorporated in the initial phase, and elements which require further definition and data collection changes to be incorporated in a later phase. The authority must collaborate with the research and data analysis division to ensure data elements are clearly defined and must include requirements in medicaid managed care organization and behavioral health administrative services organization contracts to provide the data in a consistent and timely manner for inclusion into the system. The community behavioral health executive management system information data elements must include, but are not limited to: Psychiatric inpatient bed days; evaluation and treatment center bed days; long-term involuntary community psychiatric inpatient bed days; children's long-term inpatient bed days; substance use disorder inpatient, residential, withdrawal evaluation and management, and secure withdrawal evaluation and management bed days; crisis triage and stabilization services bed days; mental health residential bed days; mental health and substance use disorder outpatient treatment services; opioid substitution and medication assisted treatment services; program of assertive treatment team services; wraparound with intensive services; mobile outreach crisis services; recovery navigator team services; foundational community supports housing and employment services; projects for assistance in transition from homelessness services; housing and recovery through peer services; other housing services administered by the authority; mental health and substance use disorder peer services; designated crisis responder investigations and outcomes; involuntary commitment hearings and outcomes; pregnant and parenting women case management services; and single bed certifications and no available bed reports. Wherever possible and practical, the data must include historical monthly counts and shall be broken out to distinguish services to medicaid and nonmedicaid individuals and children and adults. The authority and the research and data analysis division must consult with the office of financial management and staff from the fiscal committees of the legislature on the development and implementation of the community behavioral health data elements.

(35) $24,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $24,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the authority to contract with behavioral health administrative service organizations to implement the statewide recovery navigator program established in chapter 311, Laws of 2021 and for related technical assistance to support this implementation. This includes funding for recovery navigator teams to provide community-based outreach and case management services based on the law enforcement assisted diversion model and for technical assistance support from the law enforcement assisted diversion national support bureau. The authority and technical assistance contractor must encourage recovery navigator programs to provide educational information and outreach regarding recovery navigator program services to local retailers that have high levels of retail theft. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 must be allocated to maintain recovery navigator services in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. These amounts must be in addition to the proportion of the allocation of the remaining funds in this subsection the regional behavioral health administrative services organizations serving those counties were allocated pursuant to section 22(1), chapter 311, Laws of 2021.

(36) $3,114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $3,114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $5,402,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority to implement clubhouse services in every region of the state.

(37) $7,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $7,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the authority to implement homeless outreach stabilization teams pursuant to chapter 311, Laws of 2021 (drug possession—State v. Blake decision).

(38) $1,400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for behavioral health administrative service organizations to develop regional recovery navigator program plans pursuant to chapter 311, Laws of 2021 (drug possession—State v. Blake decision), and to establish positions focusing on regional planning to improve access to and quality of regional behavioral health services with a focus on integrated care.

(39) $66,064,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is provided solely for the authority to contract with the University of Washington behavioral health teaching facility to provide long-term inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025. The authority must coordinate with the department of social and health services and the University of Washington to evaluate and determine criteria for the current population of state hospital patients, committed pursuant to the dismissal of criminal charges and a civil evaluation ordered under RCW 10.77.086 or 10.77.088, who can be effectively treated at the University of Washington behavioral health teaching facility.

(40) $15,638,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state appropriation is provided solely for the authority to pass through to tribes and urban Indian health programs for opioid and overdose response activities. The funding must be used for prevention, outreach, treatment, recovery support services, and other strategies to address and mitigate the effects of the misuse and abuse of opioid related products. The authority must provide the tribes and urban Indian health programs the latitude to use the funding as they see fit to benefit their communities, provided the activities are allowable under the terms of the opioid settlement agreements.

(41) Within existing resources, the authority shall continue to collaborate with the department of social and health services to develop a program for individuals admitted to a state hospital for purposes of civil commitment under RCW 10.77.086. The program must prioritize the use of assisted outpatient treatment resources for eligible individuals and draw upon existing programs, including the program of assertive community treatment and the governor's opportunity for supportive housing program to provide wraparound services for individuals who may be ready to quickly return to the community following an admission.

(42) $5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for bridge funding grants to community behavioral health agencies participating in federal certified community behavioral health clinic expansion grant programs to sustain their continued level of operations following expiration of federal grant funding during the planning process for adoption of the certified community behavioral health clinic model statewide.

(43) $900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to reimburse either King county or other legal services organizations, or both, for the cost of conducting 180-day commitment hearings at state operated facilities operating within King county.

(44)(a) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $500,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the authority to continue work on the behavioral health comparison rate project, including:

(i) Developing phase 3 comparison rates for all major medicaid managed care behavioral health services not addressed in phase 1 or phase 2 of the behavioral health comparison rates project or through other work streams; and

(ii) Preparing to implement a minimum fee schedule for behavioral health services, including developing solutions to resolve any current data and systems limitations.

(b) By October 1, 2025, the authority must provide a final report to the office of financial management and appropriate committees of the legislature that:

(i) Summarizes the new comparison rates developed as part of phase 3;

(ii) Updates comparison rates developed in phase 1 and phase 2 for new salary and wage information based on most current bureau of labor statistics data;

(iii) Estimates the cost and other impacts to fee for service and managed care of incorporating additional behavioral health services developed as part of phase 3 of the behavioral health comparison rates project into a minimum fee schedule effective January 1, 2027;

(iv) Identifies planned actions and funding needs if any to resolve any remaining limitations to implement the phase 3 minimum fee schedule by January 1, 2027;

(v) Provides additional analysis of variation between the comparison rates developed as part of phase 3 and current payment levels at a service and regional level; and

(vi) Describes how the authority plans to propose to the legislature implementation of the phase 3 minimum fee schedule by January 1, 2027, to better match medicaid payments to the cost of care.

(45) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to tribes to implement the Icelandic model of prevention in their communities.

(46) $4,000,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state appropriation is provided solely for a tribal opioid prevention campaign to inform and educate tribal communities about opioid misuse prevention, overdose response, and treatment.

(47)(a) $72,412,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $72,724,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $148,163,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for supportive supervision and oversight services pursuant to a 1915(i) state plan amendment. For medicaid clients enrolled in managed care, the authority must contract for these services through managed care organizations utilizing an actuarially sound rate structure as established by the authority and approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services. The authority may not implement a skills development and restoration benefit until funding is provided for that specific purpose.

(b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $52,686,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $52,808,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $109,800,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are for supportive supervision and oversight services in adult family home settings.

(c) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $18,335,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $18,524,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $38,363,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are for supportive supervision and oversight services in assisted living or enhanced services facility settings.

(d) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for managed care organizations to provide reimbursement for the state share of exceptional behavioral health personal care services for individuals who have not transitioned into the new 1915(i) state plan services.

(e) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $376,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $376,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $752,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are for administrative costs associated with implementation of the 1915(i) state plan.

(f) Within the amounts provided in this subsection, the authority must assure that managed care organizations reimburse the department of social and health services aging and long term support administration for the general fund—state cost of exceptional behavioral health personal care services for medicaid enrolled individuals who require these services because of a psychiatric disability.

(48) $5,278,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $5,153,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $98,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for postinpatient housing programs designed for young adults pursuant to chapter 175, Laws of 2024 (postinpatient housing). Contracts with postinpatient housing providers are exempt from the competitive procurement requirements in chapter 39.26 RCW.

(49) $26,915,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $32,168,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to implement the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The authority must implement the provisions of the settlement agreement pursuant to the timeline and implementation plan provided for under the settlement agreement. This includes implementing provisions related to outpatient competency restoration, forensic housing and recovery through peer services, forensic projects for assistance in transition from homelessness, crisis stabilization and housing, and global leasing.

(50) $16,381,000 of the tribal opioid prevention and treatment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the authority to pass through to tribes and urban Indian health programs for opioid and overdose response activities. The funding must be used for prevention, outreach, treatment, recovery support services, and other strategies to address and mitigate the effects of the misuse and abuse of opioid related products. The authority must provide the tribes and urban Indian health programs the latitude to use the funding as they see fit to benefit their communities, provided the activities are allowable under the terms of the opioid settlement agreements.

(51) $758,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state appropriation is provided solely for the authority to contract for a program that provides Washington state emergency departments with real-time medications for opioid use disorder clinical guidance and follow-up appointment scheduling.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $6,003,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $5,960,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $3,058,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $15,021,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE APPEALS**

Worker and Community Right to Know Fund—State

Appropriation $10,000

Accident Account—State Appropriation $28,506,000

Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation $28,499,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $57,015,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $59,171,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $58,410,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $12,983,000

Death Investigations Account—State Appropriation $1,724,000

Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account—State

Appropriation $460,000

Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account—

State Appropriation $8,979,000

Washington Internet Crimes Against Children

Account—State Appropriation $2,270,000

24/7 Sobriety Account—State Appropriation $20,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $144,017,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided to the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs solely to verify the address and residency of registered sex offenders and kidnapping offenders under RCW 9A.44.130.

(2) Funding in this section is sufficient for 75 percent of the costs of providing 23 statewide basic law enforcement trainings in each fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027. The criminal justice training commission must schedule its funded classes to minimize wait times throughout each fiscal year and meet statutory wait time requirements. The criminal justice training commission must track and report the average wait time for students at the beginning of each class and provide the findings in an annual report to the legislature due in December of each year. Each year, at least two classes must be held in Spokane, two classes must be held in Vancouver, two classes must be held in Arlington, and two classes must be held in Pasco.

(3) The criminal justice training commission may not run a basic law enforcement academy class of fewer than 30 students.

(4) $2,270,000 of the Washington internet crimes against children account—state appropriation is provided solely for the implementation of chapter 84, Laws of 2015.

(5) $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the mental health field response team program administered by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs. The association must distribute $7,000,000 in grants to the phase one and phase two regions as outlined in the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et. al. v. Department of Social and Health Services*, et. al., U.S. District Court-Western District, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The association must submit an annual report to the Governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by September 1st of each year of the biennium. The report shall include best practice recommendations on law enforcement and behavioral health field response and include outcome measures on all grants awarded.

(6) $899,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $899,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for crisis intervention training for the phase one regions as outlined in the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et. al. v. Department of Social and Health Services*, et. al., U.S. District Court-Western District, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP.

(7) $1,598,000 of the death investigations account—state appropriation is provided solely for the commission to provide 240 hours of medicolegal forensic investigation training to coroners and medical examiners to meet the recommendations of the national commission on forensic science for certification and accreditation.

(8) $346,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 321, Laws of 2021 (officer duty to intervene).

(9) $30,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $30,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional grants to local jurisdictions to investigate instances where a purchase or transfer of a firearm was attempted by an individual who is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm.

(10) $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the criminal justice training commission to provide grant funding to local law enforcement agencies to support law enforcement wellness programs. Of the amount provided in this subsection:

(a) $1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the commission to provide grants to local law enforcement and corrections agencies for the purpose of establishing officer wellness programs. Grants provided under this subsection may be used for, but not limited to building resilience, injury prevention, peer support programs, physical fitness, proper nutrition, stress management, suicide prevention, and physical or behavioral health services. The commission must consult with a representative from the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs and a representative of the Washington state fraternal order of police and the Washington council of police and sheriffs in the development of the grant program.

(b) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to establish and coordinate an online or mobile-based application for any Washington law enforcement officer; 911 operator or dispatcher; and any other current or retired employee of a Washington law enforcement agency, and their families, to anonymously access on-demand wellness techniques, suicide prevention, resilience, physical fitness, nutrition, and other behavioral health and wellness supports.

(11) $290,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $290,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for academy training for limited authority Washington peace officers employed by the Washington state gambling commission, Washington state liquor and cannabis board, Washington state parks and recreation commission, department of natural resources, and the office of the insurance commissioner.

(a) Up to 30 officers must be admitted to attend the basic law enforcement academy and up to 30 officers must be admitted to attend basic law enforcement equivalency academy.

(b) Allocation of the training slots amongst the agencies must be based on the earliest application date to the commission. Training does not need to commence within six months of employment.

(c) The state agencies must reimburse the commission for the actual cost of training.

(12) $1,312,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,306,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $870,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation are provided solely for the commission to conduct four additional corrections officer academy classes. These classes may be conducted at the corrections officer academy in Burien or at a regional corrections officer academy established by the commission.

(13) $236,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $236,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the administration of the firearms certificate program. The commission will raise the fees for the program so that revenues collected by the program match these increased expenditures.

(14) $710,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $672,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional staff to improve the delays in review and investigation of officer certification complaint cases.

(15) Within existing resources, each agency that receives allocations from the Washington auto theft prevention authority account must produce a report detailing its expenditures from the account for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including documentation of how expenditures were used in accordance with RCW 46.66.080. The report must include recommendations based on outcomes from prior years' expenditures for how funds from the account can be used to most effectively prevent auto theft. The report must be submitted to the office of financial management and the fiscal committees of the legislature by October 1, 2025.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $17,849,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $19,603,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $37,452,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $9,383,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $9,383,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for dedicated staffing at regional offices to include at least regional investigator supervisors, investigators, forensic investigators, family liaisons, and evidence technicians.

(2) $1,124,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,124,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to contract with the Washington state patrol for laboratory-based testing and processing of crime scene evidence collected during investigations.

(3) $251,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $251,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for contracted specialized training for investigators relating to death investigations in cases involving deadly force.

(4) $2,257,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,057,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for training development, additional staff training costs, crime lab processing, and contract services to include polygraphs, background checks, personnel evaluations, contracted security, and software licensing.

(5) $1,700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for the office to pay for one-time tenant improvements necessary for a regional office.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $22,376,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $18,975,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $13,271,000

Asbestos Account—State Appropriation $647,000

Electrical License Account—State Appropriation $81,443,000

Farm Labor Contractor Account—State Appropriation $28,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $250,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $127,000

Worker and Community Right to Know Fund—State

Appropriation $1,173,000

Construction Registration Inspection Account—State

Appropriation $32,905,000

Public Works Administration Account—State

Appropriation $15,373,000

Manufactured Home Installation Training Account—

State Appropriation $475,000

Accident Account—State Appropriation $472,214,000

Accident Account—Federal Appropriation $20,183,000

Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation $449,730,000

Medical Aid Account—Federal Appropriation $3,960,000

Plumbing Certificate Account—State Appropriation $3,741,000

Pressure Systems Safety Account—State Appropriation $5,261,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,142,132,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $8,952,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and $8,952,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided solely for the labor and industries workers' compensation information system replacement project and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act. The department must:

(a) Submit quarterly data within 30 calendar days of the end of each quarter on:

(i) The quantifiable deliverables accomplished and the amount spent by each deliverable in each of the following subprojects:

(A) Business readiness;

(B) Change readiness;

(C) Commercial off the shelf procurement;

(D) Customer access;

(E) Program foundations;

(F) Independent assessment; and

(G) In total by fiscal year;

(ii) All of the quantifiable deliverables accomplished by subprojects identified in (a)(i)(A) through (F) of this subsection and in total and the associated expenditures by each deliverable by fiscal month;

(iii) The contract full time equivalent charged by subprojects identified in (a)(i)(A) through (F) of this subsection, and in total, compared to the budget spending plan by month for each contracted vendor and what the ensuing contract equivalent budget spending plan by subprojects identified in (a)(i)(A) through (F) of this subsection, and in total, assumes by fiscal month;

(iv) The performance metrics by subprojects identified in (a)(i)(A) through (F) of this subsection, and in total, that are currently used, including monthly performance data; and

(v) The risks identified independently by at least the quality assurance vendor and Washington technology solutions, and how the project:

(A) Has mitigated each risk; and

(B) Is working to mitigate each risk, and when it will be mitigated; and

(b) Submit the report in (a) of this subsection to fiscal and policy committees of the legislature.

(2) $258,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and $258,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided solely for the department of labor and industries safety and health assessment research for prevention program to conduct research to prevent the types of work-related injuries that require immediate hospitalization. The department will develop and maintain a tracking system to identify and respond to all immediate in-patient hospitalizations and will examine incidents in defined high-priority areas, as determined from historical data and public priorities. The research must identify and characterize hazardous situations and contributing factors using epidemiological, safety-engineering, and human factors/ergonomics methods. The research must also identify common factors in certain types of workplace injuries that lead to hospitalization. The department must submit a report to the governor and appropriate legislative committees no later than August 30th of each year of the fiscal biennium summarizing work-related immediate hospitalizations and prevention opportunities, actions that employers and workers can take to make workplaces safer, and ways to avoid severe injuries.

(3)(a) $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to promote workforce development in aerospace and aerospace related supply chain industries by: Expanding the number of registered apprenticeships, preapprenticeships, and aerospace-related programs; and providing support for registered apprenticeships or programs in aerospace and aerospace-related supply chain industries.

(b) Grants awarded under this section may be used for:

(i) Equipment upgrades or new equipment purchases for training purposes;

(ii) New training space and lab locations to support capacity needs and expansion of training to veterans and veteran spouses, and underserved populations;

(iii) Curriculum development and instructor training for industry experts;

(iv) Tuition assistance for degrees in engineering and high-demand degrees that support the aerospace industry; and

(v) Funding to increase capacity and availability of child care options for shift work schedules.

(c) An entity is eligible to receive a grant under this subsection if it is a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or institution of higher education that provides training opportunities, including apprenticeships, preapprenticeships, preemployment training, aerospace-related degree programs, or incumbent worker training to prepare workers for the aerospace and aerospace-related supply chain industries.

(d) The department may use up to 5 percent of these funds for administration of these grants.

(4) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the crime victims' compensation program to pay for medical exams for suspected victims of domestic violence. Neither the hospital, medical facility, nor victim is to pay for the cost of the medical exam. This funding must not supplant existing funding for sexual assault medical exams. If the cost of medical exams exceeds the funding provided in this subsection, the program shall not reduce the reimbursement rates for medical providers seeking reimbursement for other claimants, and instead the program shall return to paying for domestic violence medical exams after insurance.

(5) $250,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to analyze patients who are maintained on chronic opioids. The department must submit an annual report of its findings to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than October 1st of each year of the fiscal biennium. The report shall include analysis of patient data, describing the characteristics of patients who are maintained on chronic opioids and their clinical needs, and a preliminary evaluation of potential interventions to improve care and reduce harms in this population.

(6) $1,406,000 of the public works administration account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the final year of system improvements to the prevailing wage program information technology system. This project is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

(7) $410,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely to continue conducting a four-year retention study of state registered apprentices as provided in chapter 156, Laws of 2022 (apprenticeship programs). The study shall include the collection of data from all apprentices three months into their apprenticeship to understand challenges and barriers they face towards program participation. The aggregate data by trade must be displayed on a publicly available dashboard. Study data must be provided with apprenticeship coordinators to implement an early response to connect apprentices with needed supports. The department shall submit an annual report to the governor and appropriate legislative committees on June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

(8) $881,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and $887,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided solely to expand access to worker rights and safety information for workers with limited English proficiency (LEP) through outreach and translation of safety-related information, training, and other materials.

(9) $108,000 of the public works administration account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 342, Laws of 2023 (apprenticeship utilization).

(10) $1,072,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and $187,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided solely to create an effective information technology solution necessary for the implementation of chapter 145, Laws of 2023 (fire-resistant materials).

(11) $200,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation and $200,000 of the accident account—state appropriation are provided solely for the staffing of a resolution process for complaints regarding light duty work under Title 51 RCW.

(12) $1,044,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and $183,000 of the medical account—state appropriation are provided solely for implementation of chapter 250, Laws of 2024 (adult entertainment workers).

(13) $1,840,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and $1,838,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided solely for claims management staffing to expand capacity to reduce claims caseload, effective July 1, 2025.

(14) $3,477,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and $614,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided solely for wage payment act, retaliation, child labor, and determinations, and fiscal units staffing to expand capacity to conduct timely worker complaint investigations, effective July 1, 2025.

(15) $1,495,000 of the construction registration inspection account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 213, Laws of 2023 (contractor consumer protection).

(16) $56,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $59,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 298, Laws of 2024 (supporting victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse).

(17) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

(1) The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) The department of veterans affairs shall not initiate any services that will require expenditure of state general fund moneys unless expressly authorized in this act or other law. The department may seek, receive, and spend, under RCW 43.79.260 through 43.79.282, federal moneys that are unrelated to the coronavirus response and not anticipated in this act as long as the federal funding does not require expenditure of state moneys for the program in excess of amounts anticipated in this act. If the department receives unanticipated unrestricted federal moneys that are unrelated to the coronavirus response, those moneys must be spent for services authorized in this act or in any other legislation that provides appropriation authority, and an equal amount of appropriated state moneys shall lapse. Upon the lapsing of any moneys under this subsection, the office of financial management shall notify the legislative fiscal committees. As used in this subsection, "unrestricted federal moneys" includes block grants and other funds that federal law does not require to be spent on specifically defined projects or matched on a formula basis by state funds.

(b) Each year, there is fluctuation in the revenue collected to support the operation of the state veteran homes. When the department has foreknowledge that revenue will decrease, such as from a loss of census or from the elimination of a program, the legislature expects the department to make reasonable efforts to reduce expenditures in a commensurate manner and to demonstrate that it has made such efforts. In response to any request by the department for general fund—state appropriation to backfill a loss of revenue, the legislature shall consider the department's efforts in reducing its expenditures in light of known or anticipated decreases to revenues.

(2) HEADQUARTERS

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $5,892,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $5,560,000

Charitable, Educational, Penal, and Reformatory

Institutions Account—State Appropriation $10,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $11,462,000

(3) FIELD SERVICES

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $12,784,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $11,931,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $8,834,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $6,547,000

Veteran Estate Management Account—Private/Local

Appropriation $719,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $40,815,000

(4) STATE VETERANS HOMES PROGRAM

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $17,114,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $18,790,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $163,800,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $19,855,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $219,559,000

The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) If the department receives additional unanticipated federal resources that are unrelated to the coronavirus response at any point during the remainder of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, an equal amount of general fund—state must be placed in unallotted status so as not to exceed the total appropriation level specified in this subsection. The department may submit as part of the policy level budget submittal documentation required by RCW 43.88.030 a request to maintain the general fund—state resources that were unallotted as required by this subsection.

(b) Appropriations have been adjusted in this section to reflect anticipated changes in state, federal, and local resources as a result of census changes. The department shall incorporate these adjustments in the governor's projected maintenance level budget required in RCW 43.88.030.

(5) CEMETERY SERVICES

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $219,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $236,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $1,042,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,497,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

(1) The appropriations to the department of health in this act shall be expended for the programs and in the amounts specified in this act. Appropriations made in this act to the department of health shall initially be allotted as required by this act. Subsequent allotment modifications shall not include transfers of moneys between sections of this act except as expressly provided in this act, nor shall allotment modifications permit moneys that are provided solely for a specified purpose to be used for other than that purpose.

(2) The department of health shall not initiate any services that will require expenditure of state general fund moneys unless expressly authorized in this act or other law. The department of health and the state board of health shall not implement any new or amended rules pertaining to primary and secondary school facilities until the rules and a final cost estimate have been presented to the legislature, and the legislature has formally funded implementation of the rules through the omnibus appropriations act or by statute. The department may seek, receive, and spend, under RCW 43.79.260 through 43.79.282, federal moneys not anticipated in this act as long as the federal funding does not require expenditure of state moneys for the program in excess of amounts anticipated in this act. If the department receives unanticipated unrestricted federal moneys, those moneys shall be spent for services authorized in this act or in any other legislation that provides appropriation authority, and an equal amount of appropriated state moneys shall lapse. Upon the lapsing of any moneys under this subsection, the office of financial management shall notify the legislative fiscal committees. As used in this subsection, "unrestricted federal moneys" includes block grants and other funds that federal law does not require to be spent on specifically defined projects or matched on a formula basis by state funds.

(3) In accordance with RCW 43.70.110 and 71.24.037, the department is authorized to adopt license and certification fees in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to support the costs of the regulatory program. The department's fee schedule shall have differential rates for providers with proof of accreditation from organizations that the department has determined to have substantially equivalent standards to those of the department, including but not limited to the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations, the commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities, and the council on accreditation. To reflect the reduced costs associated with regulation of accredited programs, the department's fees for organizations with such proof of accreditation must reflect the lower costs of licensing for these programs than for other organizations which are not accredited.

(4) Within the amounts appropriated in this act, and in accordance with RCW 70.41.100, the department shall set fees to include the full costs of the performance of inspections pursuant to RCW 70.41.080.

(5) In accordance with RCW 43.70.110 and 71.24.037, the department is authorized to adopt fees for the review and approval of mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 as necessary to support the costs of the regulatory program. The department's fee schedule must have differential rates for providers with proof of accreditation from organizations that the department has determined to have substantially equivalent standards to those of the department, including but not limited to the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations, the commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities, and the council on accreditation. To reflect the reduced costs associated with regulation of accredited programs, the department's fees for organizations with such proof of accreditation must reflect the lower cost of licensing for these programs than for other organizations which are not accredited.

(6) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the department of social and health services, the department of health, the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth, and families shall work together within existing resources to establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be a multi-organization collaborative that provides strategic direction and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when collaborating with the coalition to ensure that projects are planned for in a manner that ensures the efficient use of state resources, supports the adoption of a cohesive technology and data architecture, and maximizes federal financial participation. The work of the coalition and any project identified as a coalition project is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

(7) Within the amounts appropriated in this act, and in accordance with RCW 43.70.110 and 71.12.470, the department shall set fees to include the full costs of the performance of inspections pursuant to RCW 71.12.485.

(8) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—ADMINISTRATION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $23,057,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $20,527,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $58,240,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $22,681,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $462,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $490,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $618,000

Climate Investment Account—State Appropriation $136,000

Foundational Public Health Services Account—State

Appropriation $229,000

Hospital Data Collection Account—State Appropriation $108,000

Health Professions Account—State Appropriation $38,385,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $103,000

Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Systems

Trust Account—State Appropriation $1,636,000

Medicaid Fraud Penalty Account—State Appropriation $135,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $16,000

Safe Drinking Water Account—State Appropriation $1,590,000

Drinking Water Assistance Account—Federal

Appropriation $4,700,000

Waterworks Operator Certification Account—State

Appropriation $389,000

Drinking Water Assistance Administrative Account—

State Appropriation $408,000

Site Closure Account—State Appropriation $35,000

Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation $72,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $1,608,000

Medical Test Site Licensure Account—State

Appropriation $896,000

Secure Drug Take-Back Program Account—State

Appropriation $256,000

Youth Tobacco and Vapor Products Prevention Account—

State Appropriation $522,000

Public Health Supplemental Account—Private/Local

Appropriation $552,000

Accident Account—State Appropriation $67,000

Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation $9,000

Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line

Account—State Appropriation $1,530,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $422,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $179,879,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $1,378,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,378,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the child profile health promotion notification system.

(2) $599,000 of the health professions account—state appropriation is provided solely for ongoing maintenance of the HEALWA web portal to provide access to health information for health care providers.

(3) $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to maintain the master person index as part of the health and human services coalition master person index initiative.

(4) $7,355,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $7,355,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for operation of the statewide medical logistics center. Within these amounts, the department must coordinate with the department of social and health services to develop processes that will minimize the disposal and destruction of personal protective equipment and for interagency distribution of personal protective equipment.

(5) $315,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $315,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to operate the universal development screening system.

(6) $4,296,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,296,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain public health information technology infrastructure in a cloud-based environment.

(7) $1,001,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $975,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain the WA Health bed tracking and supply database.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $10,268,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $10,398,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $33,129,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $27,135,000

Safe Drinking Water Account—State Appropriation $11,878,000

Drinking Water Assistance Account—Federal

Appropriation $22,482,000

Waterworks Operator Certification Account—State

Appropriation $2,559,000

Drinking Water Assistance Administrative Account—

State Appropriation $2,113,000

Site Closure Account—State Appropriation $167,000

Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation $1,094,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $9,327,000

Climate Investment Account—State Appropriation $562,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $18,518,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $62,000

Accident Account—State Appropriation $327,000

Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation $52,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $150,071,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $492,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $492,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to coordinate with local health jurisdictions to establish and maintain comprehensive group B programs to ensure safe drinking water. These funds shall be used for implementation costs, including continued development and adoption of rules, policies, and procedures; technical assistance; and training.

(2) $186,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $186,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to test for lead in child care facilities to prevent child lead exposure and to research, identify, and connect facilities to financial resources available for remediation costs.

(3)(a) $4,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely to support and administer a workplace health and safety program for workers who are affected by climate impacts, including but not limited to, extreme heat and cold, wildfire smoke, drought, and flooding. This program will focus on workplace health and safety for farmworkers, construction workers, and other workers who face the most risk from climate-related impacts. This amount shall be limited to supporting vulnerable populations in overburdened communities under the climate commitment act as defined in RCW 70A.65.010. Funding shall be provided for:

(i) Pass through grants to community-based organizations, tribal governments, and tribal organizations to support workplace health and safety for workers who are burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts; and

(ii) Procurement and distribution of equipment and resources for workers who are burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts directly by the department of health, or through pass-through grants to community-based organizations, tribal governments, and tribal organizations. Equipment and resources may include but are not limited to: Personal protective equipment, other protective or safety clothing for cold and heat, air purifiers for the workplace or worker housing, protection from ticks and mosquitoes, and heating and cooling devices.

(b) The department of health, in consultation with the environmental justice council, community groups, and the department of labor and industries, shall evaluate mechanisms to provide workers with financial assistance to cover lost wages or other financial hardships caused by extreme weather events and climate threats.

(c) No more than five percent of this funding may be used to administer this grant program.

(4) $808,000 of the drinking water assistance administrative account—state appropriation is provided solely for the water system consolidation grant program.

(5) $1,044,000 of the safe drinking water account—state appropriation is provided solely for the drinking water technical services program.

(6) $7,146,000 of the drinking water assistance account—federal appropriation is provided solely for the office of drinking water to provide technical assistance, direct engineering support, and construction management to small water systems.

(7) $811,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $811,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to assist with access to safe drinking water for homes and businesses with individual wells or small water systems that are contaminated.

(8) $48,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Puget Sound clean air agency to coordinate meetings with local health jurisdictions in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties to better understand air quality issues, align messaging, and facilitate delivery of ready-to-go air quality and health interventions. The amount provided in this subsection may be used for agency staff time, meetings and events, outreach materials, and tangible air quality and health interventions.

(9) $5,496,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide grants to school districts making updates to existing heating, venting, and air conditioning systems using small district modernization grants.

(10) $1,000,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely to implement actions provided in the nitrate water hazard mitigation plan to support safe drinking water in the lower Yakima valley. Implementation of this plan includes, but is not limited to, education and outreach, well testing, and provision of alternate water supplies. The department may contract with local governments, local health jurisdictions, and nonprofit organizations to administer the plan.

(11) $428,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely for continued implementation of chapter 156, Laws of 2021 (risk-based water standards), to create standards for developers seeking to reuse wastewater in buildings.

(12) $888,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for an operations manager and translation services for the environmental justice council.

(13) $382,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for one FTE to lead cross agency coordination for wildfire and extreme heat emergency management.

(14) $1,124,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely to migrate, maintain, and continue community engagement to update the health disparities map and increase operating staff to complete environmental assessments.

(15) $267,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely to extend the pesticide application safety committee until June 30, 2027.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—HEALTH SYSTEMS QUALITY ASSURANCE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $17,685,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $17,181,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $13,614,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $39,164,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $1,038,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $1,063,000

Hospital Data Collection Account—State Appropriation $502,000

Health Professions Account—State Appropriation $169,398,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $544,000

Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Systems

Trust Account—State Appropriation $8,603,000

Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation $674,000

Medicaid Fraud Penalty Account—State Appropriation $23,000

Medical Test Site Licensure Account—State

Appropriation $4,446,000

Secure Drug Take-Back Program Account—State

Appropriation $1,251,000

Public Health Supplemental Account—State

Appropriation $235,000

Public Health Supplemental Account—Private/Local

Appropriation $44,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $275,465,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the Washington board of nursing must hire sufficient staff to process applications for nursing licenses so that the time required for processing does not exceed seven days.

(2) $622,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $622,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the ongoing operations and maintenance of the prescription monitoring program maintained by the department.

(3) $12,509,000 of the health professions account—state appropriation is provided solely for the regulation of health professions.

(4) $1,865,000 of the medical test site licensure account—state appropriation is provided solely for the medical test site regulatory program for inspections and other regulatory activities.

(5) $2,276,000 of the health professions account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Washington board of nursing for nursing licensure and other regulatory activities.

(6) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the midwifery licensure and regulatory program to supplement revenue from fees. The department shall charge no more than $525 annually for new or renewed licenses for the midwifery program.

(7) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for three full-time emergency medical technicians and other resources necessary for the Franklin county public hospital district #1 to provide health services as part of medical transport operations services, including services to the Coyote Ridge corrections center.

(8) $196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for community compensation stipends for low-income individuals who participate in priority engagements across the department.

(9) $1,490,000 of the health professional services account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Washington board of nursing to continue to implement virtual nursing assistant training and testing modalities, create an apprenticeship pathway into nursing for nursing assistants, implement rule changes to support a career path for nursing assistants, and collaborate with the workforce training and education coordinating board on a pilot project to transform the culture and practice in long term care settings. The goal of these activities is to expand the nursing workforce for long term care settings.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $53,916,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $53,480,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $407,620,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $62,964,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $11,285,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $11,521,000

Youth Tobacco and Vapor Products Prevention Account—

State Appropriation $2,767,000

Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line

Account—State Appropriation $79,486,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $5,737,000

Public Health Supplemental Account—Private/Local

Appropriation $3,301,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $692,077,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $96,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $92,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for community outreach to prepare culturally and linguistically appropriate hepatitis B information in a digital format to be distributed to ethnic and cultural leaders and organizations to share with foreign-born and limited or non-English speaking community networks.

(2) $2,265,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,265,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for:

(a) Staffing by the department, the department of veterans affairs, and the department of corrections to expand statewide suicide prevention efforts, which efforts include suicide prevention efforts for military service members and veterans and incarcerated persons;

(b) A suicide prevention public awareness campaign to provide education regarding the signs of suicide, interventions, and resources for support;

(c) Staffing for call centers to support the increased volume of calls to suicide hotlines;

(d) Training for first responders to identify and respond to individuals experiencing suicidal ideation;

(e) Support for tribal suicide prevention efforts;

(f) Strengthening behavioral health and suicide prevention efforts in the agricultural sector;

(g) Support for the three priority areas of the governor's challenge regarding identifying suicide risk among service members and their families, increasing the awareness of resources available to service members and their families, and lethal means safety planning;

(h) Training for community health workers to include culturally informed training for suicide prevention;

(i) Coordination with the office of the superintendent of public instruction; and

(j) Support for the suicide prevention initiative housed in the University of Washington.

(3) $3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the fruit and vegetable incentives program.

(4) $3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington board of nursing to manage a grant process to incentivize nurses to supervise nursing students in health care settings. The goal of the grant program is to create more clinical placements for nursing students to complete required clinical hours to earn their nursing degree and related licensure.

(5) $1,205,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,205,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to provide grants to support school-based health centers and behavioral health services. The department must develop a plan for the school-based health centers to become financially self-sufficient.

(6) $1,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to coordinate and lead a multi-agency approach to youth suicide prevention and intervention.

(7) $2,000,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state appropriation is provided solely for prevention, treatment, and recovery support services to remediate the impacts of the opioid epidemic. This funding must be used consistent with conditions of the opioid settlement agreements that direct how funds deposited into the opioid abatement settlement account created in RCW 43.79.483 must be used.

(8) $8,469,250 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $7,853,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for programs and grants to maintain access to abortion care. Of the amounts provided in this subsection:

(a) For fiscal year 2026, those funds in (b) of this subsection must be used before funds in (c) through (e) of this subsection can be disbursed to providers.

(b) $616,250 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided for grants to providers of abortion care who participate in the department's sexual and reproductive health program solely for the purchase of state-acquired mifepristone.

(c) $2,939,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,939,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to providers of abortion care.

(d) $364,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $364,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for outreach, patient navigation, staffing at the department, and training.

(e) $4,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to providers of abortion care who participate in the department's sexual and reproductive health program for workforce retention and recruitment initiatives to ensure continuity of services.

(f) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to providers of abortion care that participate in the department's sexual and reproductive health program for security investments.

(9) $607,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $607,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the early hearing detection, diagnosis, and intervention program.

(10) $1,150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to expand the birth equity project with the goal of reducing prenatal and perinatal health disparities.

(11) $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for tobacco, vapor product, and nicotine control, cessation, treatment, and prevention, and other substance use prevention and education, with an emphasis on community-based strategies. These strategies must include programs that consider the disparate impacts of nicotine, specifically flavored nicotine products, addiction on specific populations, including youth, and racial or other disparities.

(12) Sufficient funding is provided for the 988 technology platform implementation project as described in RCW 71.24.890(5)(a). The amount provided is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements provided in section 701 of this act and any requirements as established in chapter 364, Laws of 2024 (988 system timeline). The department must actively collaborate with Washington technology solutions and the health care authority so that the statewide 988 technology solutions will be coordinated and interoperable.

(13) $304,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support health equity zones, as defined in RCW 43.70.595, in identification and implementation of targeted interventions to have a significant impact on health outcomes and health disparities.

(14) $32,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $32,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for costs identified to expand membership to the LGBTQ commission, women's commission, governor's committee on disability issues and employment, and additional community members.

(15) $4,236,000 of the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response line account—state appropriation is provided solely for behavioral crisis coordination.

(16) $375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely as pass-through funding to an organization that specializes in culturally relevant sports programs for indigenous children and adolescents, with the goal of keeping at-risk youth out of the juvenile justice system.

(17) $3,150,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state appropriation is provided solely to launch a tele-buprenorphine hotline that facilitates access to medications for opioid use disorder. This funding must be used consistent with conditions of the opioid settlement agreements that direct how funds deposited into the opioid abatement settlement account created in RCW 43.79.483 must be used.

(18) $410,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state appropriation is provided solely for perinatal opioid use disorder information and services. This funding must be used consistent with conditions of the opioid settlement agreements that direct how funds deposited into the opioid abatement settlement account created in RCW 43.79.483 must be used.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—HEALTH SCIENCE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $35,465,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $36,443,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $94,729,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $44,039,000

Drinking Water Assistance Account—Federal

Appropriation $14,000

Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation $14,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $965,000

Foundational Public Health Services Account—

State Appropriation $72,000

Public Health Supplemental Account—State

Appropriation $53,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $7,248,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $219,042,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $1,225,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,225,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington poison center. This funding is provided in addition to funding pursuant to RCW 69.50.540.

(2) $1,856,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide cystic fibrosis DNA testing and to engage with a courier service to transport specimens to the public health laboratory.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $6,418,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $6,513,000

Foundational Public Health Services Account—State

Appropriation $2,066,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $4,091,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $19,088,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: $154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for staffing to support a new office of tribal policy at the department.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the department of social and health services, the department of health, the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth, and families shall work together within existing resources to establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be a multiorganization collaborative that provides strategic direction and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when collaborating with the coalition to ensure that the development of projects identified in this report are planned for in a manner that ensures the efficient use of state resources and maximizes federal financial participation. The work of the coalition and any project identified as a coalition project is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(1) ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $163,288,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $165,435,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $400,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $168,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $564,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $329,855,000

The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(2) CORRECTIONAL OPERATIONS

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $812,308,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $830,653,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $4,326,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $334,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $577,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $474,000

Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account—

State Appropriation $5,282,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,653,954,000

The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) The department may contract for local jail beds statewide to the extent that it is at no net cost to the department. The department shall calculate and report the average cost per offender per day, inclusive of all services, on an annual basis for a facility that is representative of average medium or lower offender costs. The department shall not pay a rate greater than $85 per day per offender excluding the costs of department of corrections provided services, including evidence-based substance abuse programming, dedicated department of corrections classification staff on-site for individualized case management, transportation of offenders to and from department of corrections facilities, and gender responsive training for jail staff. The capacity provided at local correctional facilities must be for offenders whom the department of corrections defines as close medium or lower security offenders. Programming provided for offenders held in local jurisdictions is included in the rate, and details regarding the type and amount of programming, and any conditions regarding transferring offenders must be negotiated with the department as part of any contract. Local jurisdictions must provide health care to offenders that meets standards set by the department. The local jail must provide all medical care including unexpected emergent care. The department must utilize a screening process to ensure that offenders with existing extraordinary medical/mental health needs are not transferred to local jail facilities. If extraordinary medical conditions develop for an inmate while at a jail facility, the jail may transfer the offender back to the department, subject to terms of the negotiated agreement. Health care costs incurred prior to transfer are the responsibility of the jail.

(b) $3,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department of corrections to provide wages and gratuities of no less than $1.00 per hour to incarcerated persons working in class III correctional industries.

(c) Within existing resources, each agency that receives allocations from the Washington auto theft prevention authority account must produce a report detailing its expenditures from the account for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including documentation of how expenditures were used in accordance with RCW 46.66.080. The report must include recommendations based on outcomes from prior years' expenditures for how funds from the account can be used to most effectively prevent auto theft. The report must be submitted to the office of financial management and the fiscal committees of the legislature by October 1, 2025.

(d) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(3) COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $239,653,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $250,808,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $4,142,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $9,022,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $503,625,000

The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) The department of corrections shall contract with local and tribal governments for jail capacity to house offenders who violate the terms of their community supervision. A contract rate increase may not exceed five percent each year. The department may negotiate to include medical care of offenders in the contract rate if medical payments conform to the department's offender health plan and pharmacy formulary, and all off-site medical expenses are preapproved by department utilization management staff. If medical care of offender is included in the contract rate, the contract rate may exceed five percent to include the cost of that service. The department shall pay the bed rate for the day of release.

(b) The department shall engage in ongoing mitigation strategies to reduce the costs associated with community supervision violators, including improvements in data collection and reporting and alternatives to short-term confinement for low-level violators.

(4) CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $9,725,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $9,743,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $600,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $1,034,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $21,102,000

(5) INTERAGENCY PAYMENTS

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $83,985,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $66,896,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $50,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $150,931,000

(6) OFFENDER CHANGE

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $90,424,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $92,758,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $1,436,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $184,618,000

The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) The department of corrections shall use funds appropriated in this subsection (6) for programming for incarcerated individuals. The department shall develop and implement a written comprehensive plan for programming for incarcerated individuals that prioritizes programs which follow the risk-needs-responsivity model, are evidence-based, and have measurable outcomes. The department is authorized to discontinue ineffective programs and to repurpose underspent funds according to the priorities in the written plan.

(b) The department of corrections shall collaborate with the state health care authority to explore ways to utilize federal medicaid funds as a match to fund residential substance use disorder treatment-based alternative beds under RCW 9.94A.664 under the drug offender sentencing alternative program and residential substance use disorder treatment beds that serve individuals on community custody.

(c) Within existing resources, the department of corrections may provide reentry support items such as disposable cell phones, prepaid phone cards, hygiene kits, housing vouchers, and release medications associated with individuals resentenced or ordered released from confinement as a result of policies or court decisions including, but not limited to, the *State v. Blake* decision.

(d) $122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for work on reentry 2030, continued internal and cross agency reentry collaboration, and work on the state's medicaid 1115 transformation waiver impacts to the department.

(7) HEALTH CARE SERVICES

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $274,138,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $279,536,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $6,720,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $2,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $8,916,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $569,312,000

The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) The state prison medical facilities may use funds appropriated in this subsection to purchase goods, supplies, and services through hospital or other group purchasing organizations when it is cost effective to do so.

(b) $4,458,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state appropriation is provided solely for opioid treatment for individuals in the department of corrections' custody on full confinement.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $6,455,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $6,550,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $29,824,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $68,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $42,897,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: $99,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $99,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to federally recognized tribes of Washington to support culturally appropriate vocational rehabilitation services, independent living, youth supports, and adaptive technologies for tribal members who are blind, low-visioned, or deaf-blind.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,603,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,609,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $182,054,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $38,893,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $404,000

Unemployment Compensation Administration Account—

Federal Appropriation $311,360,000

Administrative Contingency Account—State

Appropriation $63,786,000

Employment Service Administrative Account—State

Appropriation $134,998,000

Family and Medical Leave Insurance Account—State

Appropriation $191,733,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $1,000

Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account—State

Appropriation $40,122,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $966,563,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The department is directed to maximize the use of federal funds. The department must update its budget annually to align expenditures with anticipated changes in projected revenues.

(2) $6,397,000 of the long-term services and supports trust account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of the long-term services and support trust program information technology project and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

(3) Within existing resources, the department must reassess its ongoing staffing and funding needs for the paid family medical leave program and submit documentation of the updated need to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by October 1st of each fiscal year.

(4) Within existing resources, the department shall report the following to the legislature and the governor by October 15th of each fiscal year:

(a) An inventory of the department's programs, services, and activities, identifying federal, state, and other funding sources for each;

(b) Federal grants received by the department, segregated by line of business or activity, for the most recent five fiscal years, and the applicable rules;

(c) State funding available to the department, segregated by line of business or activity, for the most recent five fiscal years;

(d) A history of staffing levels by line of business or activity, identifying sources of state or federal funding, for the most recent five fiscal years;

(e) A projected spending plan for the employment services administrative account and the administrative contingency account. The spending plan must include forecasted revenues and estimated expenditures under various economic scenarios.

(5)(a) $20,510,000 of the administrative contingency account—state appropriation is provided solely for career connected learning grants as provided in RCW 28C.30.050, including sector intermediary grants, technical assistance and support grants, and administrative expenses associated with grant administration.

(b) Of the amount provided in (a) of this subsection, up to $921,000 may be used for the department to contract with the student achievement council to lead the career connected learning cross-agency work group and provide staffing support as required in RCW 28C.30.040.

(6) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(7)(a) $9,154,000 of the employment service administrative account—state appropriation is provided solely for the replacement of the WorkSource integrated technology platform. The replacement system must support the workforce administration statewide to ensure adoption of the United States department of labor's integrated service delivery model and program performance requirements for the state's workforce innovation and opportunity act and other federal grants. This subsection is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

(b) $5,938,000 of the employment service administrative account—state appropriation is provided solely for the maintenance and operations of the WorkSource integrated technology project.

(8) $1,448,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,448,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $17,818,000 of the employment services administrative account—state appropriation are provided solely for implementation of the economic services for all programs as defined in chapter 92, Laws of 2024.

(9) $3,826,000 of the employment services administration account—state appropriation is provided solely for the continuation of the office of agricultural and seasonal workforce services.

(10) $140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time employee to provide casework on behalf of constituents who contact their legislators to escalate unresolved claims.

(11)(a) $7,792,000 of the administrative contingency account—state appropriation and $14,470,000 of the employment service administrative account—state appropriation are provided solely to address a projected shortfall of federal revenue that supports the administration of the unemployment insurance program.

(b) The department must submit a report no later than November 1st of each year in the fiscal biennium to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature outlining how the funding in (a) of this subsection is being utilized and recommendations for long-term solutions to address future decreases in federal funding.

(12) $1,740,000 of the administrative contingency account—state appropriation is provided solely to increase the stipend for Washington service corps members to $26,758 per year and for one staff member to assist with program outreach. The stipend increase is for members that enter into a service year with income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

(13) $10,823,000 of the family and medical leave insurance account—state appropriation is provided solely to increase staffing for the paid family and medical leave program to process claims and respond to customer and employer inquiries in a timely manner.

(14) $8,966,000 of the family and medical leave insurance account—state appropriation is provided solely for information technology staffing to complete system enhancements for any remaining statutorily required components of the paid family and medical leave program, including, but not limited to, the establishment and collection of overpayments, crossmatching eligibility with other programs, and elective coverage for tribes.

(15) $5,074,000 of the long-term services and supports trust account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 120, Laws of 2024 (LTSS trust access).

(16) $500,000 of the unemployment compensation administration account—federal appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with a vendor to evaluate current unemployment insurance technology systems and to produce a comprehensive roadmap that addresses system challenges, makes recommendations for future enhancements, and identifies costs associated with the recommendations. If the department does not receive adequate funding form the United States department of labor to cover these costs, the department may use funding made available to the state through section 903 (d), (f), and (g) of the social security act (Reed act) in an amount not to exceed the amount provided in this subsection.

(17) $1,000,000 of the employment services administrative account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely to improve access to the unemployment insurance program to underserved communities by expanding the use of navigators within community-based organizations. At a minimum, $684,000 of the amount shall be used to contract with community-based organizations to raise awareness of the unemployment insurance program and help individuals navigate the application process.

(18) Within existing resources, the department must submit a report to the legislature and the governor by September 12, 2026, that provides an analysis of unemployment insurance fraud, strategies deployed to address fraud including those that reduce the false-positive rate, percentage of fraudulent issues identified to claims filed and the average number of days to resolve, alternative approaches that the department could consider along with potential benefits, risks, and costs, and the necessary staffing levels to address fraudulent claims.

(19) $11,156,000 of the employment services administrative account—state appropriation is provided solely to increase staffing for the unemployment insurance program to process claims and respond to customer inquiries in a timely manner and to maintain unemployment insurance ambassadors.

(20) $2,107,000 of the employment services administrative account—state appropriation is provided solely for a pilot to offer pre- and post-release employment readiness services for justice involved individuals in Thurston, Snohomish, and Walla Walla counties.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES—GENERAL**

(1) The appropriations to the department of children, youth, and families in this act shall be expended for the programs and in the amounts specified in this act. Appropriations made in this act to the department of children, youth, and families shall initially be allotted as required by this act. The department shall seek approval from the office of financial management prior to transferring moneys between sections of this act except as expressly provided in this act. Subsequent allotment modifications shall not include transfers of moneys between sections of this act except as expressly provided in this act, nor shall allotment modifications permit moneys that are provided solely for a specified purpose to be used for other than that purpose.

(2) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the department of social and health services, the department of health, the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth, and families shall work together within existing resources to establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be a multi-organization collaborative that provides strategic direction and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when collaborating with the coalition to ensure that projects are planned for in a manner that ensures the efficient use of state resources, supports the adoption of a cohesive technology and data architecture, and maximizes federal financial participation.

(3) Information technology projects or investments and proposed projects or investments impacting time capture, payroll and payment processes and systems, eligibility, case management, and authorization systems within the department are subject to technical oversight by Washington technology solutions.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES—CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $581,012,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $588,450,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $537,083,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $3,824,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $4,860,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,715,229,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $748,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $748,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to contract for the operation of one pediatric interim care center. The center shall provide residential care for up to 13 children through two years of age. Seventy-five percent of the children served by the center must be in need of special care as a result of substance abuse by their mothers. The center shall also provide on-site training to biological, adoptive, or foster parents. The center shall provide at least three months of consultation and support to the parents accepting placement of children from the center. The center may recruit new and current foster and adoptive parents for infants served by the center. The department shall not require case management as a condition of the contract.

(2) $453,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $453,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the costs of hub home foster and kinship families that provide a foster care delivery model that includes a hub home. Use of the hub home model is intended to support foster parent retention, provide support to biological families, improve child outcomes, and encourage the least restrictive community placements for children in out-of-home care.

(3) $1,620,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,620,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for services provided through children's advocacy centers.

(4) In each fiscal year, the department shall provide a tracking report for social service specialists and corresponding social services support staff to the office of financial management, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature. The report shall detail continued implementation of the targeted 1:18 caseload ratio standard for child and family welfare services caseload-carrying staff and targeted 1:8 caseload ratio standard for child protection services caseload carrying staff. To the extent to which the information is available, the report shall include the following information identified separately for social service specialists doing case management work, supervisory work, and administrative support staff, and identified separately by job duty or program, including but not limited to intake, child protective services investigations, child protective services family assessment response, and child and family welfare services:

(a) Total full-time equivalent employee authority, allotments and expenditures by region, office, classification, and band, and job duty or program;

(b) Vacancy rates by region, office, and classification and band; and

(c) Average length of employment with the department, and when applicable, the date of exit for staff exiting employment with the department by region, office, classification and band, and job duty or program.

(5) $94,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $94,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a contract with a child advocacy center in Spokane to provide continuum of care services for children who have experienced abuse or neglect and their families.

(6)(a) $999,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, $656,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation, and $252,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for a contract with an educational advocacy provider with expertise in foster care educational outreach. The amounts in this subsection are provided solely for contracted education coordinators to assist foster children in succeeding in K-12 and higher education systems and to assure a focus on education during the department's transition to performance-based contracts. Funding must be prioritized to regions with high numbers of foster care youth, regions where backlogs of youth that have formerly requested educational outreach services exist, or youth with high educational needs. The department is encouraged to use private matching funds to maintain educational advocacy services.

(b) The department shall contract with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, which in turn shall contract with a nongovernmental entity or entities to provide educational advocacy services pursuant to RCW 28A.300.590.

(7) For purposes of meeting the state's maintenance of effort for the state supplemental payment program, the department of children, youth, and families shall track and report to the department of social and health services the monthly state supplemental payment amounts attributable to foster care children who meet eligibility requirements specified in the state supplemental payment state plan. Such expenditures must equal at least $3,100,000 annually and may not be claimed toward any other federal maintenance of effort requirement. Annual state supplemental payment expenditure targets must continue to be established by the department of social and health services. Attributable amounts must be communicated by the department of children, youth, and families to the department of social and health services on a monthly basis.

(8) $197,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $197,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to conduct biennial inspections and certifications of facilities, both overnight and day shelters, that serve those who are under 18 years old and are homeless.

(9)(a) $6,195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $8,981,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $1,188,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the department to operate emergent placement and enhanced emergent placement contracts.

(b) The department shall not include the costs to operate emergent placement contracts in the calculations for family foster home maintenance payments and shall submit as part of the budget submittal documentation required by RCW 43.88.030 any costs associated with increases in the number of emergent placement contract beds after the effective date of this section that cannot be sustained within existing appropriations.

(10) The department must provide semiannual reports to the governor and appropriate legislative committees that includes the number of in-state behavioral rehabilitation services providers and licensed beds, the number of out-of-state behavioral rehabilitation services placements, and a comparison of these numbers to the same metrics expressed as an average over the prior six months. The report shall identify separately beds with the enhanced behavioral rehabilitation services rate. To the extent the information is available, the report shall include the same information for emergency placement services beds and enhanced emergency placement services beds.

(11) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementing the supportive visitation model that utilizes trained visit navigators to provide a structured and positive visitation experience for children and their parents.

(12) $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for enhanced adoption placement services for legally free children in state custody, through a partnership with a national nonprofit organization with private matching funds. These funds must supplement, but not supplant, the work of the department to secure permanent adoptive homes for children with high needs.

(13) The department of children, youth, and families shall make foster care maintenance payments to programs where children are placed with a parent in a residential program for substance abuse treatment. These maintenance payments are considered foster care maintenance payments for purposes of forecasting and budgeting at maintenance level as required by RCW 43.88.058.

(14) If the department receives an allocation of federal funding through an unanticipated receipt, the department shall not expend more than what was approved or for another purpose than what was approved by the governor through the unanticipated receipt process pursuant to RCW 43.79.280.

(15) $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract with one or more nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations to purchase and deliver concrete goods to low-income families.

(16) $2,400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of performance-based contracts for family support and related services pursuant to RCW 74.13B.020.

(17) The department will only refer child welfare cases to the department of social and health services division of child support enforcement when the court has found a child to have been abandoned by their parent or guardian as defined in RCW 13.34.030.

(18) $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the provision of SafeCare, an evidence-based parenting program, for families in Grays Harbor county.

(19) $10,016,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $9,349,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $512,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the phase-in of the settlement agreement under *D.S. et al. v. Department of Children, Youth, and Families et al.*, United States district court for the western district of Washington, cause no. 2:21-cv-00113-BJR. The department must implement the provisions of the settlement agreement pursuant to the timeline and implementation plan provided for under the settlement agreement. This includes implementing provisions related to the emerging adulthood housing program, statewide hub home model, emergent facility-based receiving care resources, exceptional placement costs, and plaintiff legal fees. To comply with the settlement agreement, funding in this subsection is provided as follows:

(a) $1,576,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,576,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the emerging adulthood housing program.

(b) $245,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the statewide hub home model. The department shall develop and adapt the existing hub home model to serve youth as described in the settlement agreement.

(c) $5,959,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $7,016,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for emergent facility-based receiving care resources.

(d) $1,474,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $428,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for exceptional placement costs.

(e) $640,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $640,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for plaintiff legal fees.

(f) $122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $117,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $84,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for continuous quality improvement.

(20) $6,696,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $6,696,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $2,940,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for contracted visitation services for children in temporary out-of-home care. Funding is provided to reimburse providers for certain uncompensated services, which may include work associated with missed or canceled visits.

(21) $375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $112,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the department to develop, implement, and expand strategies to improve the capacity, reliability, and effectiveness of contracted visitation services for children in temporary out-of-home care and their parents and siblings. Strategies may include, but are not limited to, increasing mileage reimbursement for providers, offering transportation-only contract options, and mechanisms to reduce the level of parent-child supervision when doing so is in the best interest of the child. The department shall report to the office of financial management and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the legislature regarding these strategies by September 1, 2025. The report shall include the number and percentage of parents requiring supervised visitation and the number and percentage of parents with unsupervised visitation, prior to reunification.

(22) $2,351,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,351,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to a nonprofit organization in Spokane that has experience administering a family-centered drug treatment and housing program for families experiencing substance use disorder. As a requirement for receiving this funding, the nonprofit organization must provide an annual report to the governor and the department that includes, but is not limited to, the following information: Number of children and families served each month, number of families that entered and exited the program each month, and a comprehensive budget for all costs incurred by the program.

(23) $872,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation are provided solely for two pilot programs that implement an evidence-based, comprehensive, intensive, in-home parenting services support model to serve children and families from birth to age 18 who are involved in child welfare, children's mental health, or juvenile justice systems. One pilot program will serve families west of the crest of the Cascade mountain range and one pilot program will serve families east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES—JUVENILE REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $185,451,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $178,977,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $720,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $35,000

Home Visiting Services Account—State Appropriation $101,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $1,302,000

Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account—

State Appropriation $196,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $366,782,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $2,841,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,841,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to county juvenile courts for effective, community-based programs that are culturally relevant, research-informed, and focused on supporting positive youth development, not just reducing recidivism. Additional funding for this purpose is provided through an interagency agreement with the health care authority. County juvenile courts shall apply to the department of children, youth, and families for funding for program-specific participation and the department shall provide grants to the courts consistent with the per-participant treatment costs identified by the institute. The block grant oversight committee, in consultation with the Washington state institute for public policy, shall identify effective, community-based programs that are culturally relevant, research-informed, and focused on supporting positive youth development to receive funding.

(2) $1,537,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,537,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for expansion of the juvenile justice treatments and therapies in the department of children, youth, and families. The juvenile rehabilitation evidence-based expansion committee, in consultation with the Washington state institute for public policy, will work with community expert partners to identify culturally relevant and research-informed programs for prevention and intervention services. These programs will include principles of positive youth development, healing centered engagement, or peer centered approaches that holistically benefit young people, or all three principles. The department may concentrate delivery of these treatments and therapies at a limited number of programs to deliver the treatments in a cost-effective manner.

(3)(a) $6,698,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $6,698,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to implement evidence- and research-based programs through community juvenile accountability grants, administration of the grants, and evaluations of programs funded by the grants. In addition to funding provided in this subsection, funding to implement alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs for locally committed offenders is provided through an interagency agreement with the health care authority.

(b) The department of children, youth, and families shall administer a block grant to county juvenile courts for the purpose of serving youth as defined in RCW 13.40.510(4)(a) in the county juvenile justice system. Funds dedicated to the block grant include: Consolidated juvenile service funds, community juvenile accountability act grants, chemical dependency/mental health disposition alternative, and suspended disposition alternative. The department of children, youth, and families shall follow the following formula and must prioritize evidence-based programs and disposition alternatives and take into account juvenile courts program-eligible youth in conjunction with the number of youth served in each approved evidence-based program or disposition alternative: (i) Thirty-seven and one-half percent for the at-risk population of youth ten to seventeen years old; (ii) fifteen percent for the assessment of low, moderate, and high-risk youth; (iii) twenty-five percent for evidence-based program participation; (iv) seventeen and one-half percent for minority populations; (v) three percent for the chemical dependency and mental health disposition alternative; and (vi) two percent for the suspended dispositional alternatives. Funding for the special sex offender disposition alternative shall not be included in the block grant, but allocated on the average daily population in juvenile courts. Funding for the evidence-based expansion grants shall be excluded from the block grant formula. Funds may be used for promising practices when approved by the department of children, youth, and families and juvenile courts, through the community juvenile accountability act committee, based on the criteria established in consultation with Washington state institute for public policy and the juvenile courts.

(c) The department of children, youth, and families and the juvenile courts shall establish a block grant funding formula oversight committee with equal representation from the department of children, youth, and families and the juvenile courts. The purpose of this committee is to assess the ongoing implementation of the block grant funding formula, utilizing data-driven decision making and the most current available information. The committee will be co-chaired by the department of children, youth, and families and the juvenile courts, who will also have the ability to change members of the committee as needed to achieve its purpose. The committee may make changes to the formula categories in (b) of this subsection if it determines the changes will increase statewide service delivery or effectiveness of evidence-based program or disposition alternative resulting in increased cost/benefit savings to the state, including long-term cost/benefit savings. The committee must also consider these outcomes in determining when evidence-based expansion or special sex offender disposition alternative funds should be included in the block grant or left separate.

(d) The juvenile courts and administrative office of the courts must collect and distribute information and provide access to the data systems to the department of children, youth, and families and the Washington state institute for public policy related to program and outcome data. The department of children, youth, and families and the juvenile courts must work collaboratively to develop program outcomes that reinforce the greatest cost/benefit to the state in the implementation of evidence-based practices and disposition alternatives.

(4) $645,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $645,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for funding of the teamchild project.

(5) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant program focused on criminal street gang prevention and intervention. The department of children, youth, and families may award grants under this subsection. The department of children, youth, and families shall give priority to applicants who have demonstrated the greatest problems with criminal street gangs. Applicants composed of, at a minimum, one or more local governmental entities and one or more nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that have a documented history of creating and administering effective criminal street gang prevention and intervention programs may apply for funding under this subsection. Each entity receiving funds must report to the department of children, youth, and families on the number and types of youth served, the services provided, and the impact of those services on the youth and the community.

(6) The juvenile rehabilitation institutions may use funding appropriated in this subsection to purchase goods, supplies, and services through hospital group purchasing organizations when it is cost-effective to do so.

(7) $50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to county juvenile courts to establish alternative detention facilities similar to the proctor house model in Jefferson county, Washington, that will provide less restrictive confinement alternatives to youth in their local communities. County juvenile courts shall apply to the department of children, youth, and families for funding and each entity receiving funds must report to the department on the number and types of youth serviced, the services provided, and the impact of those services on the youth and the community.

(8) $432,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $432,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to provide housing services to clients releasing from incarceration into the community.

(9)(a) $878,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $879,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 206, Laws of 2021 (concerning juvenile rehabilitation community transition services).

(b) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection, $105,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $105,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for housing vouchers.

(10) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a credible messenger mentorship organization located in Kitsap county to provide peer counseling, peer support services, and mentorship for at-risk youth and families.

(11)(a) $140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 150, Laws of 2023 (sexual offenses by youth).

(b) The department of children, youth, and families—juvenile rehabilitation shall develop and implement a grant program that allows defense attorneys and counties to apply for funding for sex offender evaluation and treatment programs. The department shall provide funding to counties for: (a) Process mapping, site assessment, and training for additional sex offender treatment modalities such as multisystemic therapy-problem sexual behavior or problematic sexual behavior-cognitive behavioral therapy; and (b) for any evaluation and preadjudication treatment costs which are not covered by the court.

(12) $505,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $505,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for contracted services for housing for youth exiting juvenile rehabilitation facilities.

(13) $1,048,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,048,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a contract to provide opioid use disorder post-release education and intervention services.

(14) $1,302,000 of the state opioid abatement settlement account—state appropriation is provided solely for medical personnel to provide medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) education and treatment.

(15) Within existing resources, each agency that receives allocations from the Washington auto theft prevention authority account must produce a report detailing its expenditures from the account for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including documentation of how expenditures were used in accordance with RCW 46.66.080. The report must include recommendations based on outcomes from prior years' expenditures for how funds from the account can be used to most effectively prevent auto theft. The report must be submitted to the office of financial management and the fiscal committees of the legislature by October 1, 2025.

(16) Within existing resources, the department shall develop a proposal for future capacity growth. This proposal must evaluate the feasibility of using existing state-owned facilities, including the property and facilities of Mission Creek corrections center for women. The department must submit a report to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature by September 15, 2025. The report must include:

(a) Planned bed capacity to align with forecasted bed needs by risk classification that addresses both a short-term solution for immediate relief of overcrowding and a long-term plan to implement best practices;

(b) Assessment of the impact of expanded use of the community transition services program, or other alternatives to total confinement, on bed capacity needs;

(c) Cost estimates for all aspects of the bed capacity plan including a full assessment of necessary capital improvements and staffing needs for both custody and programming; and

(d) Analysis of workforce availability for all locations included in the plan.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES—EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,210,436,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,393,933,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $475,352,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $579,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $427,633,000

Home Visiting Services Account—State Appropriation $37,510,000

Home Visiting Services Account—Federal Appropriation $37,061,000

Washington Opportunity Pathways Account—State

Appropriation $80,000,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $25,458,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $3,687,962,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1)(a) $168,650,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $183,781,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, $91,810,000 of the education legacy trust account—state appropriation, and $80,000,000 of the opportunity pathways account—state appropriation are provided solely for the early childhood education and assistance program. These amounts shall support at least 16,433 slots in fiscal year 2026 and 16,933 slots in fiscal year 2027. Of the total slots in each fiscal year, 100 slots must be reserved for foster children to receive school-year-round enrollment.

(b) Funding provided in (a) of this subsection is sufficient to:

(i) Provide a slot rate increase of 18 percent on full day slots in fiscal year 2026; and

(ii) Convert 250 part day slots to full day slots and add 500 full day slots in fiscal year 2027.

(c) The department of children, youth, and families must develop a methodology to identify, at the school district level, the geographic locations of where early childhood education and assistance program slots are needed to meet the entitlement specified in RCW 43.216.556. This methodology must be linked to the caseload forecast produced by the caseload forecast council and must include estimates of the number of slots needed at each school district and the corresponding facility needs required to meet the entitlement in accordance with RCW 43.216.556. This methodology must be included as part of the budget submittal documentation required by RCW 43.88.030.

(2) The department is the lead agency for and recipient of the federal child care and development fund grant. Amounts within this grant shall be used to fund child care licensing, quality initiatives, agency administration, and other costs associated with child care subsidies.

(3) The department of children, youth, and families shall work in collaboration with the department of social and health services to determine the appropriate amount of state expenditures for the working connections child care program to claim towards the state's maintenance of effort for the temporary assistance for needy families program. The departments will also collaborate to track the average monthly child care subsidy caseload and expenditures by fund type, including child care development fund, general fund—state appropriation, and temporary assistance for needy families for the purpose of estimating the annual temporary assistance for needy families reimbursement from the department of social and health services to the department of children, youth, and families. Effective December 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the department of children, youth, and families must report to the governor and the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature the total state contribution for the working connections child care program claimed the previous fiscal year towards the state's maintenance of effort for the temporary assistance for needy families program and the total temporary assistance for needy families reimbursement from the department of social and health services for the previous fiscal year.

(4)(a) $330,186,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $348,307,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for enhancements to the working connections child care program.

(b) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection:

(i) $132,924,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $139,888,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to increase subsidy base rates to the 85th percentile of market based on the 2024 market rate survey for child care centers.

(ii) $89,494,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $94,046,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to implement the 2025-2027 collective bargaining agreement covering family child care providers as provided in section 907 of this act. Of the amounts provided in this subsection:

(A) $5,342,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $5,784,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are for a 50 cent per hour per child rate increase for family, friends, and neighbor providers (FFNs) beginning July 1, 2025.

(B) $2,785,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,343,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are for a health care contribution increase.

(C) $81,367,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $84,919,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are for a cost of care rate enhancement.

(iii) $107,768,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $114,373,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided to increase subsidy base rates to the 85th percentile of market based on the 2024 market rate survey for licensed family homes.

(c) Funding in this subsection must be expended with internal controls that provide child-level detail for all transactions.

(d) On July 1st of each fiscal year, the department, in collaboration with the department of social and health services, must report to the governor and the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature on the status of overpayments in the working connections child care program. The report must include the following information for the previous fiscal year:

(i) A summary of the number of overpayments that occurred;

(ii) The reason for each overpayment;

(iii) The total cost of overpayments;

(iv) A comparison to overpayments that occurred in the past two preceding fiscal years; and

(v) Any planned modifications to internal processes that will take place in the coming fiscal year to further reduce the occurrence of overpayments.

(e) Within available amounts, the department in consultation with the office of financial management shall report enrollments and active caseload for the working connections child care program to the governor and the legislative fiscal committees and the legislative-executive WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force on an agreed upon schedule. The report shall also identify the number of cases participating in both temporary assistance for needy families and working connections child care. The department must also report on the number of children served through contracted slots.

(5) $12,034 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $54,684,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $20,348,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the department to comply with new federal requirements of the child care development fund grant, including implementing enrollment-based pay, prospective pay, 12 full months of eligibility, additional new children during eligibility period, and to not pursue overpayments in certain cases.

(6) $22,764,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the working connections child care program under RCW 43.216.135.

(7) $353,402,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is reimbursed by the department of social and health services to the department of children, youth, and families for qualifying expenditures of the working connections child care program under RCW 43.216.135.

(8) $1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department of children, youth, and families to contract with a countywide nonprofit organization with early childhood expertise in Pierce county for a project to prevent child abuse and neglect using nationally recognized models.

(a) The nonprofit organization must continue to implement a countywide resource and referral linkage system for families of children who are prenatal through age five.

(b) The nonprofit organization must offer a voluntary brief newborn home visiting program. The program must meet the diverse needs of Pierce county residents and, therefore, it must be flexible, culturally appropriate, and culturally responsive.

(9) $3,577,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $3,587,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $9,588,000 of the education legacy trust account—state appropriation are provided solely for the early childhood intervention prevention services (ECLIPSE) program. The department shall contract for ECLIPSE services to provide therapeutic child care and other specialized treatment services to abused, neglected, at-risk, and/or drug-affected children. The department shall pursue opportunities to leverage other funding to continue and expand ECLIPSE services. Priority for services shall be given to children referred from the department.

(10) The department shall place a ten percent administrative overhead cap on any contract entered into with the University of Washington. In a bi-annual report to the governor and the legislature, the department shall report the total amount of funds spent on the quality rating and improvements system and the total amount of funds spent on degree incentives, scholarships, and tuition reimbursements.

(11) $1,728,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,728,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for reducing barriers for low-income providers to participate in the early achievers program.

(12) $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a contract with a nonprofit entity experienced in the provision of promoting early literacy for children through pediatric office visits.

(13) $4,000,000 of the education legacy trust account—state appropriation is provided solely for early intervention assessment and services.

(14) $515,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $515,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a statewide family resource and referral linkage system, with coordinated access point of resource navigators who will connect families with children prenatal through age five with services, programs, and community resources through a facilitated referral and linkage process.

(15)(a) The department must provide to the education research and data center, housed at the office of financial management, data on all state-funded early childhood programs. These programs include the early support for infants and toddlers, early childhood education and assistance program (ECEAP), and the working connections and seasonal subsidized childcare programs including license-exempt facilities or family, friend, and neighbor care. The data provided by the department to the education research data center must include information on children who participate in these programs, including their name and date of birth, and dates the child received services at a particular facility.

(b) ECEAP early learning professionals must enter any new qualifications into the department's professional development registry each school year. By October of each fiscal year, the department must provide updated ECEAP early learning professional data to the education research data center.

(c) The department must request federally funded head start programs to voluntarily provide data to the department and the education research data center that is equivalent to what is being provided for state-funded programs.

(d) The education research and data center must provide an updated report on early childhood program participation and K-12 outcomes to the house of representatives appropriations committee and the senate ways and means committee using available data every March for the previous school year.

(e) The department, in consultation with the department of social and health services, must withhold payment for services to early childhood programs that do not report on the name, date of birth, and the dates a child received services at a particular facility.

(16) $260,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $260,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to continue implementation of an infant and early childhood mental health consultation initiative to support tribal child care and early learning programs. Funding may be used to provide culturally congruent infant and early childhood mental health supports for tribal child care, the tribal early childhood education and assistance program, and tribal head start providers. The department must consult with federally recognized tribes which may include round tables through the Indian policy early learning committee.

(17) $660,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $660,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for continued expansion and support of family, friend, or neighbor caregivers with a focus on the provision of play and learn groups. The amounts provided in this subsection may be used for the department to:

(a) Fund consistent staffing across the state's six geographic regions to support the needs of family, friend, or neighbor caregivers;

(b) Contract with a statewide child care resource and referral program to sustain and expand the number of facilitated play groups to meet the needs of communities statewide;

(c) Support existing infrastructure for organizations that have developed the three existing play and learn program models so they have capacity to provide training, technical assistance, evaluation, data collection, and other support needed for implementation; and

(d) Provide direct implementation support to community-based organizations that offer play and learn groups.

(18) Within existing resources, the department, in consultation with the office of tribal relations, must prioritize complex needs funds and equity grants to tribal early learning providers.

(19) $2,354,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,431,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to continue the birth-to-three early childhood education and assistance program.

(20) $270,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $1,480,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for infant and early childhood mental health consultation. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $150,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is for infant and early childhood mental health consultation services to support rural schools and child care programs in rural communities.

(21) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract with an organization that provides relationship-based professional development support to family, friend, and neighbor, child care center, and licensed family care providers to work with child care workers to establish and support new affordable, high quality child care and early learning programs. To be eligible to receive funding, the organization must:

(a) Provide professional development services for child care providers and early childhood educators, including training and mentorship programs;

(b) Provide mentorship and other services to assist with child care provider and facility licensing;

(c) Administer or host a system of shared services and consulting related to operating a child care business; and

(d) Administer a state sponsored substitute pool child care provider program.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES—PROGRAM SUPPORT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $315,382,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $312,098,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $234,282,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $2,711,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $1,381,000

Home Visiting Services Account—State Appropriation $486,000

Home Visiting Services Account—Federal Appropriation $380,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $241,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $866,961,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a Washington state mentoring organization to continue its public-private partnerships providing technical assistance and training to mentoring programs that serve at-risk youth.

(2) $25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $29,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $47,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the implementation of an agreement reached between the governor and the Washington federation of state employees for the language access providers under the provisions of chapter 41.56 RCW for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, as provided in section 907 of this act.

(3) $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a full-time employee to coordinate policies and programs to support pregnant and parenting individuals receiving chemical dependency or substance use disorder treatment.

(4) $282,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $266,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $181,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for fiscal support to support the phase-in of the settlement agreement under *D.S. et al. v. Department of Children, Youth, and Families et al.*, United States district court for the western district of Washington, cause no. 2:21-cv-00113-BJR. The department must implement the provisions of the settlement agreement pursuant to the timeline and implementation plan provided for under the settlement agreement. This includes implementing provisions related to the emerging adulthood housing program, statewide hub home model, emergent facility-based receiving care resources, exceptional placement costs, and plaintiff legal fees.

(5) $1,494,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is provided solely for continued implementation of the family first prevention services act requirements, including technology enhancements to support the automated assessments, data quality, and reporting requirements. Funding provided in this subsection is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

(6) $1,248,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,248,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continuation of the emergency adolescent housing pilot program. The housing pilot will serve hard-to-place foster youth who are at least 16 years old with housing and intensive case management.

(7) $406,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,010,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $430,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation are provided solely for the department to contract with two community organizations with expertise in the LifeSet case management model to serve youth and adults currently being served in or exiting the foster care, juvenile justice, and mental health systems to successfully transition to adulthood.

(8) $700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for funding of the teamchild project.

(9) $14,590,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $18,503,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $33,093,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely to begin design, development, and implementation of the comprehensive child welfare information system. The funding in this section is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(10) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

**PART III**

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,188,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,222,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $32,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $2,230,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $138,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $4,810,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $105,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $108,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a land use planner to provide land use planning services dedicated to Klickitat county. Because the activities of the land use planner are solely for the benefit of Washington state, Oregon is not required to provide matching funds for this activity.

(2) $175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $350,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation are provided solely for finalizing the access database replacement project.

(3) The commission must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $41,664,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $40,637,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $245,742,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $39,691,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $17,539,000

Emergency Drought Response Account—State

Appropriation $6,000,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $15,490,000

Reclamation Account—State Appropriation $4,966,000

Flood Control Assistance Account—State Appropriation $5,176,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $692,000

Refrigerant Emission Management Account—State

Appropriation $4,411,000

State Emergency Water Projects Revolving Account—

State Appropriation $40,000

Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control

Account—State Appropriation $42,269,000

State Drought Preparedness Account—State

Appropriation $224,000

State and Local Improvements Revolving Account—Water

Supply Facilities—State Appropriation $186,000

Water Rights Tracking System Account—State

Appropriation $48,000

Site Closure Account—State Appropriation $582,000

Wood Stove Education and Enforcement Account—State

Appropriation $739,000

Worker and Community Right to Know Fund—State

Appropriation $2,283,000

Water Rights Processing Account—State Appropriation $39,000

Water Quality Permit Account—State Appropriation $75,696,000

Underground Storage Tank Account—State Appropriation $5,209,000

Biosolids Permit Account—State Appropriation $3,165,000

Hazardous Waste Assistance Account—State

Appropriation $11,751,000

Radioactive Mixed Waste Account—State Appropriation $28,088,000

Air Pollution Control Account—State Appropriation $6,017,000

Oil Spill Prevention Account—State Appropriation $11,249,000

Air Operating Permit Account—State Appropriation $6,093,000

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification

Account—State Appropriation $840,000

Oil Spill Response Account—State Appropriation $7,076,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $362,339,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—Local

Appropriation $499,000

Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account—State

Appropriation $17,459,000

Voluntary Cleanup Account—State Appropriation $381,000

Paint Product Stewardship Account—State

Appropriation $155,000

Water Pollution Control Revolving Administration

Account—State Appropriation $9,642,000

Clean Fuels Program Account—State Appropriation $5,815,000

Climate Investment Account—State Appropriation $68,987,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,088,879,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $455,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $455,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to grant to the northwest straits commission to provide funding, technical assistance, and/or coordination support equally to the seven Puget Sound marine resources committees.

(2) $770,000 of the oil spill prevention account—state appropriation is provided solely for a contract with the University of Washington's sea grant program to continue an educational program targeted to small spills from commercial fishing vessels, ferries, cruise ships, ports, and marinas.

(3) $102,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $102,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of Executive Order No. 12-07, Washington's response to ocean acidification.

(4) $24,000,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide grants to local governments for the purpose of supporting local solid waste and financial assistance programs.

(5) $150,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of the state marine management plan and ongoing costs of the Washington coastal marine advisory council to serve as a forum and provide recommendations on coastal management issues.

(6) $2,000,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to convene a stakeholder group, including representatives from overburdened communities, to assist with developing a water quality implementation plan for polychlorinated biphenyls and to address other emerging contaminants in the Spokane river. The department must also consult with the Spokane tribe of Indians and other interested tribes when developing and implementing actions to address water quality in the Spokane river.

(7) $4,002,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely to address flood prevention in the Nooksack basin and Sumas prairie. Of this amount:

(a) $2,000,000 is provided solely to expand and sustain Whatcom county's floodplain integrated planning (FLIP) team planning process, including supporting communication, community participation, coordination, technical studies and analysis, and development of local solutions.

(b) $900,000 is provided solely for the department to support transboundary coordination, including facilitation and technical support to develop and evaluate alternatives for managing transboundary flooding in Whatcom county and British Columbia.

(c) $1,102,000 is provided solely to support dedicated local and department capacity for floodplain planning and technical support. Of the amount in this subsection (c), $738,000 is solely for a grant to Whatcom county. The remaining amount is for the department to provide ongoing staff technical assistance and support to flood prevention efforts in this area.

(8) $24,536,000 of the climate investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for capacity grants to federally recognized tribes for: (a) Consultation on spending decisions on grants in accordance with RCW 70A.65.305; (b) consultation on clean energy siting projects; (c) activities supporting climate resilience and adaptation; (d) developing tribal clean energy projects; (e) applying for state or federal grant funding; (f) participation on a science advisory panel and other associated work on offshore wind; and (g) other related work. In order to meet the requirements of RCW 70A.65.230(1)(b), tribal applicants are encouraged to include a tribal resolution supporting their request with their grant application. Of this amount, $3,000,000 is reserved solely to ensure completion of grants awarded or amended between January 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025.

(9) $1,363,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for preparation and filing of adjudications of state water rights in water resource inventory area 1 (Nooksack).

(10) $2,468,000 of the climate investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for addressing air quality in overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution under RCW 70A.65.020.

(11) $189,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $189,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to validate a proposed standardized channel migration zone mapping methodology, develop a statewide channel migration zone mapping implementation plan, and provide technical assistance to local and tribal governments looking to use the new standard.

(12) $2,256,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide technical assistance to landowners and local governments to promote voluntary compliance, implement best management practices, and support implementation of water quality clean-up plans in shellfish growing areas, agricultural areas, forestlands, and other types of land uses, including technical assistance focused on protection and restoration of critical riparian management areas important for salmon recovery.

(13) $1,914,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely for activities related to coastal hazards, including expanding the coastal monitoring and analysis program, operating a coastal hazard organizational resilience team, and operating a coastal hazards grant program to help local communities design projects and apply for funding opportunities. At least 25 percent of the funding in this subsection must be used for the benefit of tribes.

(14) $276,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely for a grant to San Juan county for the enhancement of ongoing oil spill response preparedness staff hiring, spill response equipment acquisition, and spill response training and operational expenses.

(15) $750,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely to:

(a) Identify additional priority consumer products containing PFAS for potential regulatory action; and

(b) Issue orders to manufacturers under RCW 70A.350.040 and 70A.350.030 to obtain ingredient information, including for chemical ingredients used to replace priority chemicals.

(16)(a) $816,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided to the department of ecology to report on the state's authority relevant to the potential siting and permitting of floating offshore wind energy projects in federal waters off Washington's Pacific Ocean coast. In coordination with the departments of fish and wildlife, natural resources, and parks, the energy facility site evaluation council, and the utilities and transportation commission, the department shall:

(i) Study and report on how and when state laws, regulations, and enforceable policies apply during a federal process for floating offshore wind energy projects, including the siting of associated onshore and nearshore transmission infrastructure;

(ii) Identify the state's regulatory decisions in the federal process for which a state agency would be required to undergo consultation with federally recognized tribes and solicit public comment; and

(iii) Evaluate and recommend whether additional regulatory actions are needed to improve the state's readiness for a federal leasing process, including but not limited to:

(A) Modification and/or addition to the state's enforceable policies under the federal coastal zone management act in 16 U.S.C Sec. 1456 and articulated in the state's marine spatial plan adopted under chapter 43.372 RCW; and

(B) Designation of a geographic location description under 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1465.

(b) In developing the report, the department shall consult with federally recognized tribes and seek input from interested and affected parties, including the Washington coastal marine advisory council established in RCW 43.143.050. The department, in coordination with other state agencies, shall also host a minimum of two scenario planning exercises where agencies test run how their authority would be applied in the event of a federal leasing for offshore wind projects. The department shall incorporate the lessons it learns from these exercises into the report.

(c) The department shall submit a report summarizing its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by November 1, 2026.

(17)(a) $731,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided to convene a tribal-state science advisory panel to guide the advancement of our scientific understanding of potential ecological impacts of floating offshore wind projects. Considering current research, the advisory panel should develop a prioritized science agenda to increase understanding of how floating offshore wind projects sited off of Washington's coast could impact Washington's marine and coastal environment and resources, with an emphasis on potential impacts to treaty-protected tribal resources. The advisory panel should also consider and advance understanding of how offshore projects could be designed and sited to avoid or minimize identified impacts and maximize co-use with other ocean uses. The department shall invite representatives from coastal tribes, inter-tribal organizations, and relevant state agencies to participate on the advisory panel. In coordination with the advisory panel, the department shall:

(i) Identify and catalog the potentially significant ecological impacts that floating offshore wind projects sited off of Washington's coastline may have on Washington's marine and coastal environment, including consideration of potential impacts to upwelling and the California current ecosystem;

(ii) Contract with a third-party science organization to conduct a literature review of scientific studies on the identified potentially significant ecological impacts and summarize impacts that are not substantiated by literature, impacts for which the literature find successful avoidance or mitigation measures, and impacts needing additional study;

(iii) After considering the findings from the literature review, develop a prioritized scientific agenda to increase understanding of how offshore wind could impact Washington's marine and coastal environment and resources, with an emphasis on potential impacts to treaty-protected tribal resources; and

(iv) Coordinate with other states to identify and leverage joint opportunities for advancing research.

(b) In conducting its work, the department and advisory panel must seek input from scientific experts and may seek input from federal agencies, coastal stakeholders including fishing representatives, and representatives from the offshore wind industry.

(c) By November 1, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature summarizing its findings and the prioritized scientific agenda.

(18) $4,428,000 of the water quality permit account—state appropriation, $2,212,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation, and $1,864,000 of the hazardous waste assistance account—state appropriation are provided solely for the department to address and mitigate 6PPD. The department may provide funding from this subsection to the University of Washington and Washington State University for the purposes of this subsection. Of these amounts:

(a) $1,094,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely to conduct monitoring and analyze water and sediment for 6PPD.

(b) $1,864,000 of the hazardous waste assistance account—state appropriation and $1,118,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely to find safer alternatives to 6PPD in consumer products.

(c) $4,428,000 of the water quality permit account—state appropriation is provided solely to identify effective best management practices to treat 6PPD in stormwater.

(19) $1,317,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to assist local governments in building climate resilience by addressing emerging implementation challenges and updating guidance for local jurisdictions, including integration of updated climate policies through amendments to local shoreline master programs.

(20) $580,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to coordinate implementation of the state's climate resilience strategy developed pursuant to chapter 70A.05 RCW. The department shall coordinate resilience activities among state agencies identified in the strategy, gather data from state agencies to support tracking and progress reporting, and conduct outreach and engagement. The department may also facilitate the establishment of the recommended durable governance structure and support implementation of key resilience activities, as resources allow.

(21) $1,197,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementing water resources and climate resilience actions that build the capacity and knowledge base needed to boost instream flows and support statewide water security.

(a) The department shall fund data collection and analysis of water supply changes projected due to climate change, focusing on Puget Sound and Western Washington watersheds. The department shall summarize its fundings in a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature and to the office of financial management by June 30, 2027.

(b) The department shall initiate rule making processes to update the reclaimed water rule (chapter 173-219 WAC) and update the Wenatchee instream flow rule (chapter 173-545 WAC). Rulemaking must be initiated during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium with the intent that it will be completed by the end of the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium.

(22) $542,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement account—state appropriation is provided solely to support research to enhance understanding of European green crab behavior and dispersal in Washington's waters and inform the state's response to this invasive pest. The department shall hold technical assistance workshops for natural resource managers to implement larval identification monitoring programs.

(23)(a) $3,908,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation and $100,000 of the water quality permit account—state appropriation are provided solely to:

(i) Investigate and monitor the sources and impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the environment;

(ii) Identify and reduce the risks posed by PFAS used in industry, manufacturing, and businesses through outreach activities and technical assistance to those that have or currently use PFAS;

(iii) Support water quality source control and treatment of PFAS at municipal wastewater facilities and cleanup sites. The department will use the amount identified in this subsection from the water quality permit account to complete a study of state waste discharge permittees to inform how the state should best manage these discharges; and

(iv) Increase cleanup capacity at PFAS contaminated sites.

(b) When engaging in work benefiting specific communities, the department shall prioritize investments to benefit vulnerable populations in overburdened communities as defined in RCW 70A.02.010 with a goal of investing at least 40 percent of funds to this purpose.

(24) $400,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to develop a report that analyzes equity and accessibility considerations for environmental incident reporting and resolution, and to provide recommendations for changes and improvements. The department will consult with relevant government entities that manage environmental incident reporting for incidents that pollute and damage land, air, and water, such as the department of health, the office of the attorney general, regional air agencies, and relevant state and local agencies. The department will consult with Washington state community based and non-governmental organizations representing overburdened communities. The department may contract with a third party to prepare the report.

(a) The report must include: (i) An overview of the existing environmental incident reporting systems in Washington state and a description of business objectives; (ii) challenges, barriers, and accessibility concerns with the current state environmental incident reporting systems; (iii) evaluation of possible service gaps in incident reporting in overburdened communities; and (iv) options and recommendations for improving environmental incident reporting, including improvements to reporting access, process transparency, and equitable service to overburdened communities and vulnerable populations.

(b) By October 1, 2026, the department must submit its final report and recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature.

(25) $882,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation, $352,000 of the climate investment account—state appropriation, $176,000 of the water quality permit account—state appropriation, and $176,000 of the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account—state appropriation are provided solely for the department to continue implementation of environmental justice requirements in the HEAL act, state and federal environmental justice and equity mandates, and embed expertise within specific environmental programs.

(26) $291,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation and $115,000 of the wood stove education and enforcement account—state appropriation are provided solely for the department to implement House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0018.2/25) (wood burning devices). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

(27) $774,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to implement House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0101.4/25) (the photovoltaic module stewardship and takeback program). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount provided in this subsection shall lapse.

(28) The department must report the department's expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE WASHINGTON POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM**

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $1,151,000

Pollution Liability Insurance Agency Underground

Storage Tank Revolving Account—State

Appropriation $1,260,000

Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account—

State Appropriation $10,429,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $12,840,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $45,566,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $43,366,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $7,311,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $980,000

Winter Recreation Program Account—State

Appropriation $4,944,000

ORV and Nonhighway Vehicle Account—State

Appropriation $336,000

Snowmobile Account—State Appropriation $5,736,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $380,000

Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account—State

Appropriation $158,204,000

Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account—Private/Local

Appropriation $720,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $267,543,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $362,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $362,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to create a statewide data management system with the department of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife to make informed management decisions that meet conservation goals for public lands. The agencies will also collaborate with tribal governments to ensure cultural resources and cultural practices are considered and incorporated into agency management plans. The agency must partner with the governor's office of Indian affairs to identify and award the professional service contract for third-party facilitation and intermediary services.

(2) $129,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $129,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant for the operation of the Northwest weather and avalanche center.

(3) The commission must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(4) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a public planning process to help determine the future of Cama Beach state park. Planning activities should include consideration of alternatives to replace recently decommissioned cabins due to climate impacts. The planning process should consider reuse of the historic cabins, alternatives for day-use, and options for replacement cabins or other overnight accommodations in the area.

(5) $121,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $187,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $462,000 of the parks renewal and stewardship account—state appropriation are provided solely to increase compliance with the Americans with disabilities act.

(6) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to conduct detailed assessments of the agency's highest priority bridges and dams to be used in the development and implementation of maintenance and preservation plans.

(7) $500,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for cultural resource vulnerability assessments.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $4,346,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $4,000,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $6,391,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $24,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $490,000

Firearms Range Account—State Appropriation $37,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $394,000

Recreation Resources Account—State Appropriation $5,632,000

NOVA Program Account—State Appropriation $1,618,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $22,932,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $37,000 of the firearms range account—state appropriation is provided solely to the recreation and conservation funding board for administration of the firearms range grant program as described in RCW 79A.25.210.

(2) $5,124,000 of the recreation resources account—state appropriation is provided solely to the recreation and conservation funding board for administrative and coordinating costs of the recreation and conservation office and the board as described in RCW 79A.25.080(1).

(3) $1,564,000 of the NOVA program account—state appropriation is provided solely to the recreation and conservation funding board for administration of the nonhighway and off-road vehicle activities program as described in chapter 46.09 RCW.

(4) $135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the governor's salmon recovery office to implement the governor's salmon recovery strategy update by convening the natural resources subcabinet on a regular basis and developing biennial statewide work priorities with a recommended budget for salmon recovery pursuant to RCW 77.85.030(4)(e) that align with tribal priorities and regional salmon recovery plans. The office shall submit the biennial implementation plan to the governor's office and the office of financial management no later than October 31, 2026.

(5) $1,714,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,714,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for operational and administrative support of lead entities and salmon recovery regions.

(6) $170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to a nonprofit organization with a mission for salmon and steelhead restoration to install and store near-term solutions to prevent steelhead mortality at the Hood canal bridge.

(7) The office must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE HEARINGS OFFICE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $4,315,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $4,338,000

Climate Investment Account—State Appropriation $100,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $267,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $9,020,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $164,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $379,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $100,000 of the climate investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for the agency to hire staff to respond to increased caseloads, including appeals as a result of the climate commitment act, chapter 316, Laws of 2021.

(2) The office must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $16,993,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $16,919,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $2,482,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $8,641,000

Public Works Assistance Account—State Appropriation $10,726,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $1,110,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $56,871,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $4,000,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely to the commission to work with conservation districts to implement priority forest health and community wildfire resilience projects.

(2) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to connect scientists, practitioners, and researchers and coordinate efforts to monitor and quantify benefits of best management practices on agricultural lands, and better understand values and motivations of landowners to implement voluntary incentive programs.

(3) $10,726,000 of the public works assistance account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of the voluntary stewardship program. This amount may not be used to fund agency indirect and administrative expenses.

(4) The commission must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(5) $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to fulfill the statutory requirement to provide grants, through a partnership with their local conservation district, to eligible farmers and ranchers who suffer losses from natural disasters.

(6) $1,400,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation are provided solely to increase native tree and shrub availability for riparian restoration projects under the governor's salmon strategy.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $194,240,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $184,883,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $173,010,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $77,079,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $3,565,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $7,304,000

ORV and Nonhighway Vehicle Account—State

Appropriation $558,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $14,737,000

Recreational Fisheries Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $3,885,000

Warm Water Game Fish Account—State Appropriation $3,116,000

Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Account—

State Appropriation $396,000

Limited Fish and Wildlife Account—State

Appropriation $38,451,000

Special Wildlife Account—State Appropriation $2,945,000

Special Wildlife Account—Federal Appropriation $532,000

Special Wildlife Account—Private/Local Appropriation $3,864,000

Wildlife Rehabilitation Account—State Appropriation $361,000

Ballast Water and Biofouling Management Account—

State Appropriation $10,000

Regional Fisheries Enhancement Salmonid Recovery

Account—Federal Appropriation $5,001,000

Oil Spill Prevention Account—State Appropriation $1,345,000

Aquatic Invasive Species Management Account—State

Appropriation $1,038,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $9,831,000

Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account—State

Appropriation $91,777,000

Oyster Reserve Land Account—State Appropriation $524,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $818,452,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $1,777,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,777,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to grant to the northwest Indian fisheries commission for hatchery operations that are prioritized to increase prey abundance for southern resident orcas, including $200,000 per fiscal year for tagging and marking costs, and the remainder to grant to tribes in the following amounts per fiscal year: $150,000 for the Quinault Indian Nation, $199,000 for the Tulalip Tribes, $268,000 for the Quileute Tribe, $186,000 for the Puyallup Tribe, $122,000 for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, $25,000 for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, $207,000 for the Squaxin Island Tribe, $142,000 for the Skokomish Indian Tribe, and $278,000 for the Lummi Nation.

(2) $330,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $330,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to provide to the Yakama Nation for hatchery operations that are prioritized to increase prey abundance for southern resident orcas.

(3) $175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to grant to public utility districts for additional hatchery production that is prioritized to increase prey abundance for southern resident orcas.

(4) $467,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $467,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to pay for emergency fire suppression costs. These amounts may not be used to fund agency indirect and administrative expenses.

(5) $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a state match to support the Puget Sound nearshore partnership between the department and the United States army corps of engineers.

(6) $6,082,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $6,082,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to implement eradication and control measures on European green crabs through coordination and grants with partner organizations. The department must provide annual progress reports on the success and challenges of the measures to the appropriate committees of the legislature by September 15th of each fiscal year.

(7)(a) $390,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $390,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to develop conflict mitigation strategies for wolf recovery and staff resources statewide for response to wolf-livestock conflicts. The department shall not hire contract range riders in northeast Washington unless there is a gap in coverage from entities funded through the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management grant program as provided in RCW 16.76.020. The department must focus on facilitating coordination with other entities providing conflict deterrence, including range riding, and technical assistance to livestock producers in order to minimize wolf-livestock issues. The department is discouraged from the use of firearms from helicopters for removing wolves.

(b) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection, $200,000 shall be used to implement a conflict mitigation pilot program in Southeast Washington in partnership with projects guarding the respective interests of predators and humans.

(8) $639,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $639,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to provide additional capacity to the attorney general's office to prosecute environmental crimes. The department must provide an annual report by December 1st of each year, to the appropriate committees of the legislature, on the progress made in prosecuting environmental crimes.

(9) $810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for expanded management of pinniped populations on the lower Columbia river and its tributaries with the goal of increasing chinook salmon abundance and prey availability for southern resident orcas.

(10) $6,042,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely to continue and increase the capacity to analyze salmon contaminants of emerging concern (CEC), including substances such as 6PPD-quinone, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in already collected tissue samples. This research will accelerate recovery and protection by identifying the location and sources of CEC exposure.

(11) $130,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $130,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for an external facilitator to seek solutions through a collaborative process using the department's wolf advisory group.

(12) $822,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $822,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to monitor recreational steelhead spawning and harvest in freshwater streams and rivers in Puget Sound.

(13) $825,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $825,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue the assessment of riparian ecosystems. The assessment must include identifying common statewide definitions of terms for riparian usage, recommendations to improve data sharing, and identifying any gaps in vegetated cover relative to a science-based standard for a fully functioning riparian ecosystem and comparing the status and gaps to water temperature impairments, known fish passage barriers, and status of salmonid stocks.

(14) $285,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $285,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to manage electronic tracked crab fishery gear to avoid whale entanglements during their migration in accordance with the endangered species act incidental take permit.

(15) $750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue operations of the Toutle and Skamania hatcheries.

(16) $492,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $492,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $3,400,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation are provided solely to create a statewide data management system with the department of natural resources and the state parks and recreation commission to make informed management decisions that meet conservation goals for public lands. The agencies will also collaborate with tribal governments to ensure cultural resources and cultural practices are considered and incorporated into agency management plans. The natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely for tribal participation grants, which the agency must partner with the governor's office of Indian affairs to develop and administer. The governor's office of Indian affairs will select grantees and determine award amounts.

(17) $1,200,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely to reduce severe wildfire risk and increase forest resiliency through fuels reduction, thinning, fuel break creation, and prescribed burning on agency lands. The amounts provided in this subsection may not be used to fund agency indirect and administrative expenses.

(18) $13,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $13,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the protection, recovery, and restoration of biodiversity, the recovery of threatened and endangered species, and a review of the department of fish and wildlife. Examples include habitat protection and restoration, technical assistance for growth management act planning, fish passage improvements, conservation education, scientific research for species and ecosystem protection, and similar activities. Funding in this subsection may include pass-throughs to public, nonprofit, academic, or tribal entities for the purposes of this subsection.

(19) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(20) $1,175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to continue to restore shrubsteppe habitat and associated wildlife on public lands as well as private lands by landowners who are willing to participate. The restoration effort must be coordinated with other natural resource agencies and interested stakeholders.

(21) $3,750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue to address the maintenance backlog associated with providing recreation on lands managed by the department. Allowable uses include, but are not limited to, maintenance, repair, or replacement of trails, toilet facilities, roads, parking lots, campgrounds, picnic sites, water access areas, signs, kiosks, and gates. The department is encouraged to partner with nonprofit organizations in the maintenance of public lands.

(22) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to increase the work of regional fisheries enhancement groups.

(23) $2,966,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for habitat recovery and restoration work on agency owned and managed lands damaged from wildfires.

(24) $1,866,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $584,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, $1,219,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation, $513,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation, $5,000 of the ORV and nonhighway vehicle account—state appropriation, $104,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement account—state appropriation, $22,000 of the warm water game fish account—state appropriation, $5,000 of the eastern Washington pheasant enhancement account—state appropriation, $271,000 of the limited fish and wildlife account—state appropriation, $21,000 of the special wildlife account—state appropriation, $9,000 of the oil spill prevention account—state appropriation, $56,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation, and $634,000 of the fish, wildlife, and conservation account—state appropriation, are provided solely to procure a human resource management system. The agency will evaluate and prioritize management systems that have the capability to track and manage volunteer safety training requirements. A letter must be sent to the director of the office of financial management explaining the rationale if the agency selects a technical solution that is not able to support management of volunteer training requirements. The project is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

(25) $1,810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $3,262,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation are provided solely for monitoring and response efforts for invasive quagga mussels. Possible activities include coordination with tribal, federal, regional, state, and local entities, watercraft inspections and decontamination, equipment and training, monitoring of potential residential and commercial pathways, and public outreach.

(26) $1,150,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation and $530,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation are provided solely for increasing management planning capacity for habitat connectivity and to achieve meaningful greenhouse gas emissions reduction through energy efficiency projects.

(27) $121,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $89,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a hatchery conservation program to address critical salmon recovery needs for west Kitsap summer chum salmon in the Hood Canal.

(28) $113,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $113,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional microbiology laboratory capacity to support hatchery fish health services.

(29) $318,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $318,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for regional staffing capacity to support the anticipated increase in permitting associated with implementing the new rules associated with the fishways, flow, and screening statutes.

(30) $1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $978,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to implement response efforts to chronic wasting disease in accordance with the chronic wasting disease management plan.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $8,878,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $8,853,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $32,294,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $1,522,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $1,378,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $52,925,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) By October 15, 2026, the Puget Sound partnership shall provide the governor and appropriate legislative fiscal committees a single, prioritized list of state agency 2027-2029 capital and operating budget requests related to Puget Sound recovery and restoration.

(2) $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the partnership to implement shipping noise reduction initiatives and monitoring programs in the Puget Sound, in coordination with Canadian and United States authorities. The partnership must contract with Washington maritime blue in order to establish and administer the quiet sound program to better understand and reduce the cumulative effects of acoustic and physical disturbance from large commercial vessels on southern resident orcas throughout their range in Washington state. Washington maritime blue will support a quiet sound leadership committee and work groups that include relevant federal and state agencies, ports, industry, research institutions, and nongovernmental organizations and consult early and often with relevant federally recognized tribes.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $187,892,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $187,537,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $117,557,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $5,776,000

Access Road Revolving Nonappropriated Account—State

Appropriation $1,248,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $7,083,000

Derelict Structure Removal Account—State

Appropriation $2,605,000

Forest Development Account—State Appropriation $59,255,000

Forest Fire Protection Assessment Nonappropriated

Account—State Appropriation $492,000

Forest Health Revolving Nonappropriated Account—

State Appropriation $578,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $14,880,000

Natural Resources Federal Lands Revolving

Nonappropriated Account—State Appropriation $108,000

ORV and Nonhighway Vehicle Account—State

Appropriation $8,182,000

State Forest Nursery Revolving Nonappropriated

Account—State Appropriation $194,000

Surveys and Maps Account—State Appropriation $2,406,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $23,409,000

Resource Management Cost Account—State Appropriation $126,129,000

Surface Mining Reclamation Account—State

Appropriation $4,696,000

Disaster Response Account—State Appropriation $23,966,000

Forest and Fish Support Account—State Appropriation $14,424,000

Aquatic Land Dredged Material Disposal Site Account—

State Appropriation $395,000

Natural Resources Conservation Areas Stewardship

Account—State Appropriation $58,000

Forest Practices Application Account—State

Appropriation $2,166,000

Air Pollution Control Account—State Appropriation $949,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $966,000

Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community

Resilience Account—State Appropriation $124,629,000

Derelict Vessel Removal Account—State Appropriation $10,646,000

Community Forest Trust Account—State Appropriation $52,000

Agricultural College Trust Management Account—State

Appropriation $3,615,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $931,893,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $2,823,000 of the forest and fish support account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to carry out the forest practices adaptive management program pursuant to RCW 76.09.370 and the May 24, 2012, settlement agreement entered into by the department and the department of ecology. Scientific research must be carried out according to the master project schedule and work plan of cooperative monitoring, evaluation, and research priorities adopted by the forest practices board. This amount is dependent upon enactment of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0258.1/25) (surcharge on timber and wood products). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount provided in this subsection shall lapse.

(2) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the small forest landowner office, in order to restore staffing capacity reduced during the great recession and to support small forest landowners, including assistance related to forest and fish act regulations.

(3) $1,583,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,515,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for deposit into the agricultural college trust management account and are provided solely to manage approximately 70,700 acres of Washington State University's agricultural college trust lands.

(4) $85,320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $85,320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $16,050,000 of the disaster response account—state appropriation are provided solely for emergency response, including fire suppression. The department shall provide a monthly report to the office of financial management and the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature with an update of fire suppression costs incurred and the number and type of wildfires suppressed.

(5) $9,854,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $9,854,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $330,000 of the disaster response account—state appropriation are provided solely for indirect and administrative expenses related to fire suppression.

(6) $5,500,000 of the forest and fish support account—state appropriation is provided solely for outcome-based performance contracts with tribes to participate in the implementation of the forest practices program. Contracts awarded may only contain indirect costs set at or below the rate in the contracting tribe's indirect cost agreement with the federal government. Of the amount provided in this subsection, $500,000 is contingent upon receipts under RCW 82.04.261 exceeding $12,000,000 per biennium. If receipts under RCW 82.04.261 are more than $12,000,000 but less than $12,500,000 for the biennium, an amount equivalent to the difference between actual receipts and $12,500,000 shall lapse.

(7) Consistent with the recommendations of the *Wildfire Suppression Funding and Costs (18-02)* report of the joint legislative audit and review committee, the department shall submit a report to the governor and legislature by December 1, 2025, and December 1, 2026, describing the previous fire season. At a minimum, the report shall provide information for each wildfire in the state, including its location, impact by type of land ownership, the extent it involved timber or range lands, cause, size, costs, and cost-share with federal agencies and nonstate partners. The report must also be posted on the agency's website.

(8) $4,206,000 of the aquatic land enhancement account—state appropriation is provided solely for the removal of creosote pilings and debris from the marine environment and to continue monitoring zooplankton and eelgrass beds on state-owned aquatic lands managed by the department. Actions will address recommendations to recover the southern resident orca population and to monitor ocean acidification as well as help implement the Puget Sound action agenda.

(9) $286,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $286,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for compensation to the trust beneficiaries and department for lost revenue from leases to amateur radio operators who use space on the department managed radio towers for their equipment. The department is authorized to lease sites at the rate of up to $100 per year, per site, per lessee. The legislature makes this appropriation to fulfill the remaining costs of the leases at market rate per RCW 79.13.510.

(10) $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to collect and refresh statewide lidar data.

(11) $1,350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for increased law enforcement capacity on agency managed lands, to develop a statewide recreation plan, and to jointly create a statewide data management system with the Washington department of fish and wildlife and the state parks and recreation commission to make informed management decisions that meet conservation goals for public lands. The agencies will also collaborate with tribal governments to ensure cultural resources and cultural practices are considered and incorporated into agency management plans.

(12) $9,448,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely for investment in urban forestry to support reduction of negative environmental conditions such as heat, flooding, and pollution and helping communities become greener, cleaner, healthier, and more resilient.

(13) $1,830,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to make investments in education and training to bolster a statewide natural resources workforce to support the health and resilience of Washington's forests. Of this amount, $400,000 is provided solely to provide wildland fire management training to tribal communities and members.

(14) $1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $1,581,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement account—state appropriation are provided solely for full-time and seasonal crews from the Washington conservation corps and other corps programs to conduct work benefiting the management of state managed lands, including aquatic reserves management, natural areas restoration and conservation, trail work, and forest resiliency activities as well as other recreation and habitat projects with agency partners.

(15) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(16) $458,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $458,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to coordinate with the Olympic natural resources center to study emerging ecosystem threats such as Swiss needlecast disease, fully implement the T3 watershed experiments on state trust lands, continue field trials for long-term ecosystem productivity, and engage stakeholders through learning-based collaboration.

(17) $3,750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue to address the maintenance backlog associated with providing recreation on lands managed by the department. Allowable uses include, but are not limited to, maintenance, repair, or replacement of trails, toilet facilities, roads, parking lots, campgrounds, picnic sites, water access areas, signs, kiosks, and gates. The department is encouraged to partner with nonprofit organizations in the maintenance of public lands.

(18) $2,543,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to implement eradication and control measures on European green crabs on state-owned aquatic lands and adjacent lands as appropriate. The department must report to and coordinate with the department of fish and wildlife to support the department of fish and wildlife's quarterly progress reports to the legislature.

(19) The department must enter into an interagency agreement with the department of fish and wildlife to complete biological survey work necessary to implement the wildstock geoduck commercial fishery. The department must compensate the department of fish and wildlife for direct costs, but not for agency overhead or indirect costs.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $102,029,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $98,511,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $48,592,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $193,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $1,484,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $1,484,000

Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account—State

Appropriation $2,000,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $2,943,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $5,759,000

Water Quality Permit Account—State Appropriation $73,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $14,743,000

Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Management

Nonappropriated Account—State Appropriation $912,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $278,723,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for local food system infrastructure and market access grants.

(2) $4,761,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,761,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementing a *Popillia japonica* monitoring and eradication program in central Washington.

(3) $46,625,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $46,625,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementing the emergency food assistance program as defined in RCW 43.23.290.

(4) $912,000 of the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management nonappropriated account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to conduct the following:

(a) Offer grants for the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management program as provided in RCW 16.76.020. Funds from the grant program must be used only for the deployment of nonlethal deterrence, specifically with the goal to reduce the likelihood of cattle being injured or killed by wolves by deploying proactive, preventative methods that have a high probability of producing effective results. Grant proposals will be assessed partially on this intent. Grantees who use funds for range riders or herd monitoring must deploy this tool in a manner so that targeted areas with cattle are visited daily or near daily. Grantees must collaborate with other grantees of the program and other entities providing prevention efforts resulting in coordinated wolf-livestock conflict deterrence efforts, both temporally and spatially, therefore providing well timed and placed preventative coverage on the landscape. Additionally, range riders must document their activities with GPS track logs and provide written description of their efforts to the department of fish and wildlife on a monthly basis. The department shall incorporate the requirements of this subsection into contract language with the grantees.

(b) Within the amounts provided in this subsection, the department may provide up to $100,000 each fiscal year to the sheriffs offices of Ferry and Stevens counties for providing a local wildlife specialist to aid the department of fish and wildlife in the management of wolves in northeast Washington.

(5) $849,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $849,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 135, Laws of 2022, which requires the department to establish and maintain cannabis testing lab quality standards by rule.

(6) $2,038,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for organic materials management.

(7) $1,492,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely to increase capacity and support work to reduce nitrate pollution in groundwater from irrigated agriculture in the lower Yakima valley.

(8) $924,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $924,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $1,400,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely to match federal funding for eradication treatments and follow-up monitoring of invasive moths.

(9) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue the early detection program for the spotted lanternfly and the associated invasive *Ailanthus altissima,* known colloquially as tree-of-heaven, survey and control programs.

(10) The department must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(11) $170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue a shellfish coordinator position.

(12) $635,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $635,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for compliance-based laboratory analysis of pesticides in cannabis.

(13) $692,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for capacity to address core needs of provisions of the healthy environment for all act.

(14) $553,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $158,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to ensure compliance with the federal food and drug administration's food safety modernization act as the agency adjusts fee schedules to accommodate the increased inspection workload.

(15) $1,786,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely to support planning and development of statewide livestock composting infrastructure to protect human health and reduce greenhouse gas emission.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,825,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,779,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $6,236,000

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Account—

Private/Local Appropriation $28,264,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $38,104,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $1,068,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely to support agency operations and to hire additional environmental siting and compliance positions needed to support an anticipated workload increase from new clean energy projects.

(2) $1,034,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for preapplication development and clean energy manufacturing review, reimbursement to tribes for costs associated with clean energy project application reviews, and contracted services for green hydrogen and clean energy manufacturing programs.

(3) The council must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

**PART IV**

**TRANSPORTATION**

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,333,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,269,000

Architects' License Account—State Appropriation $317,000

Real Estate Commission Account—State Appropriation $17,839,000

Uniform Commercial Code Account—State Appropriation $4,408,000

Real Estate Education Program Account—State

Appropriation $276,000

Real Estate Appraiser Commission Account—State

Appropriation $426,000

Business and Professions Account—State Appropriation $35,175,000

Real Estate Research Account—State Appropriation $415,000

Concealed Pistol License Renewal Notification

Account—State Appropriation $224,000

Derelict Vessel Removal Account—State Appropriation $41,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $63,723,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: $146,000 of the business and professions account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0007.3/25) (business and professions account changes). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount provided in this subsection shall lapse.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $87,983,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $87,176,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $17,030,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $3,187,000

Death Investigations Account—State Appropriation $9,793,000

County Criminal Justice Assistance Account—State

Appropriation $4,946,000

Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account—State

Appropriation $1,824,000

Fire Service Trust Account—State Appropriation $131,000

Vehicle License Fraud Account—State Appropriation $119,000

Disaster Response Account—State Appropriation $8,000,000

Fire Service Training Account—State Appropriation $13,987,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $596,000

Fingerprint Identification Account—State

Appropriation $15,553,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $250,325,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $7,500,000 of the disaster response account—state appropriation is provided solely for Washington state fire service resource mobilization costs incurred in response to an emergency or disaster authorized under RCW 43.43.960 through 43.43.964. The state patrol shall submit a report quarterly to the office of financial management and the legislative fiscal committees detailing information on current and planned expenditures from this account. This work shall be done in coordination with the military department.

(2) $500,000 of the disaster response account—state appropriation, is provided solely to continue a pilot project for the early deployment or prepositioning of Washington state fire service resources in advance of an expected mobilization event. Any authorization for the deployment of resources under this section must be authorized in accordance with section 6 of the Washington state fire services resource mobilization plan.

(3) $1,000,000 of the fire service training account—state appropriation is provided solely for the firefighter apprenticeship training program.

(4) $1,809,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $51,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for procurement of a Pilatus PC-12 aircraft and an infrared camera.

(5) Any funds provided to the missing and exploited children task force shall ensure operations are adherent to federally established internet crimes against children standards.

(6)(a) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state patrol to provide assistance to the forensic investigation council for the following:

(i) Compliance with chapter 42.56 RCW (public records act), chapter 42.30 RCW (open public meetings act), records management requirements, general administrative support, and payment processing;

(ii) In coordination with Washington technology solutions, the creation and maintenance of a website for the forensic investigation council; and

(iii) In coordination with Washington technology solutions, state email addresses for the forensic investigation council.

(b) To provide this assistance, the Washington state patrol may assist directly or may enter into interagency agreements as it deems appropriate.

**PART V**

**EDUCATION**

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $51,931,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $50,933,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $151,368,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $8,083,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $639,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $654,000

Washington Opportunity Pathways Account—State

Appropriation $293,000

Performance Audits of Government Account—State

Appropriation $213,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $1,911,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $266,025,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) BASE OPERATIONS AND EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE

(a) $29,772,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $28,909,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the operation and expenses of the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(i) By October 31st of each year, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall produce an annual status report on implementation of the budget provisos in this section and sections 515 and 522 of this act. The status report of each proviso shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: Purpose and objective, number of state staff funded by the proviso, number of contractors, status of proviso implementation, number of beneficiaries by year, list of beneficiaries, a comparison of budgeted funding and actual expenditures, other sources and amounts of funding, and proviso outcomes and achievements.

(ii) Districts shall annually report to the office of the superintendent of public instruction on: (A) The annual number of graduating high school seniors within the district earning the Washington state seal of biliteracy provided in RCW 28A.300.575; and (B) the number of high school students earning competency-based high school credits for world languages by demonstrating proficiency in a language other than English. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide a summary report to the office of the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1st of each year.

(iii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall perform ongoing program reviews of alternative learning experience programs, dropout reengagement programs, and other high risk programs. Findings from the program reviews will be used to support and prioritize the office of the superintendent of public instruction outreach and education efforts that assist school districts in implementing the programs in accordance with statute and legislative intent, as well as to support financial and performance audit work conducted by the office of the state auditor.

(b) $826,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $804,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of chapter 240, Laws of 2010, including staffing the office of equity and civil rights.

(c) $61,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $61,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the ongoing work of the education opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.

(d) $293,000 of the Washington opportunity pathways account—state appropriation is provided solely for activities related to public schools other than common schools authorized under chapter 28A.710 RCW.

(e) $385,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $385,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of native education to increase services to tribes, including but not limited to, providing assistance to tribes and school districts to implement Since Time Immemorial, applying to become tribal compact schools, convening the Washington state native American education advisory committee, and extending professional learning opportunities to provide instruction in tribal history, culture, and government. The professional development must be done in collaboration with school district administrators and school directors. Funding in this subsection is sufficient for the office, the Washington state school directors' association government-to-government task force, and the association of educational service districts to collaborate with the tribal leaders congress on education to develop a tribal consultation training and schedule.

(f) Districts shall report to the office the results of each collective bargaining agreement for certificated staff within their district using a uniform template as required by the superintendent, within thirty days of finalizing contracts. The data must include but is not limited to: Minimum and maximum base salaries, supplemental salary information, and average percent increase for all certificated instructional staff. Within existing resources by December 1st of each year, the office shall produce a report for the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee summarizing the district level collective bargaining agreement data.

(g) $1,172,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,164,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for providing proactive and solutions-oriented regional and local technical and financial assistance to districts.

(2) DATA SYSTEMS

(a) $1,802,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,802,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementing a comprehensive data system to include financial, student, and educator data, including development and maintenance of the comprehensive education data and research system (CEDARS).

(b) $281,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $281,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for K-20 telecommunications network technical support in the K-12 sector to prevent system failures and avoid interruptions in school utilization of the data processing and video-conferencing capabilities of the network. These funds may be used to purchase engineering and advanced technical support for the network.

(c) $450,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $450,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the superintendent of public instruction to develop and implement a statewide accountability system to address absenteeism and to improve student graduation rates. The system must use data to engage schools and districts in identifying successful strategies and systems that are based on federal and state accountability measures. Funding may also support the effort to provide assistance about successful strategies and systems to districts and schools that are underperforming in the targeted student subgroups.

(3) WORK GROUPS

(a) $68,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $68,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 128, Laws of 2023 (regional apprenticeship prgs).

(b) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to meet statutory obligations related to the provision of medically and scientifically accurate, age-appropriate, and inclusive sexual health education as authorized by chapter 206, Laws of 1988 (AIDS omnibus act) and chapter 265, Laws of 2007 (healthy youth act).

(c) $118,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $118,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 75, Laws of 2018 (dyslexia).

(d) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 386, Laws of 2019 (social emotional learning).

(e) $107,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $107,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to support the children and youth behavioral health work group created in chapter 130, Laws of 2020 (child. mental health wk. grp).

(4) STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

(a) $2,836,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,836,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills. State funding shall support statewide administration and district implementation of the inventory under RCW 28A.655.080.

(b) $703,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $703,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 72, Laws of 2016 (educational opportunity gap).

(c) $950,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $950,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington reading corps. The superintendent shall allocate reading corps members to schools identified for comprehensive or targeted support and school districts that are implementing comprehensive, proven, research-based reading programs. Two or more schools may combine their Washington reading corps programs.

(d) $260,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $260,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for chapter 102, Laws of 2014 (biliteracy seal) and chapter 202, Laws of 2024 (dual and tribal language edu.). Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to provide students with access to methods for students to demonstrate proficiency in less commonly taught or assessed languages.

(e)(i) $50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for school bullying and harassment prevention activities.

(ii) $570,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $570,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to provide statewide support and coordination for the regional network of behavioral health, school safety, and threat assessment established in chapter 333, Laws of 2019 (school safety and well-being).

(iii) $196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the school safety center within the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(f) $162,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $162,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for youth suicide prevention activities.

(g)(i) $530,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $530,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, $639,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, and $654,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for dropout prevention, intervention, and reengagement programs, dropout prevention programs that provide student mentoring, and the building bridges statewide program. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall convene staff representatives from high schools to meet and share best practices for dropout prevention. Of these amounts, the entire dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation is provided solely for the building bridges statewide program and for grants to districts for life skills training for children and youth in K-12.

(ii) $293,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $293,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to support district implementation of comprehensive guidance and planning programs in support of high-quality high school and beyond plans consistent with RCW 28A.230.090.

(h) $269,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $142,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 353, Laws of 2020 (innovative learning pilot).

(i) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to provide statewide coordination towards multicultural, culturally responsive, and anti-racist education to support academically, socially, and culturally literate learners. The office must engage community members and key interested parties to:

(i) Develop a clear definition and framework for African American studies to guide instruction in grades seven through twelve;

(ii) Develop a plan for aligning African American studies across all content areas; and

(iii) Identify professional development opportunities for educators and administrators to build capacity in creating high-quality learning environments centered in belonging and racial equity, anti-racist approaches, and asset-based methodologies that pull from all students' cultural funds of knowledge.

(j) $1,226,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,226,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 164, Laws of 2021 (institutional ed./release).

(k) $553,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $553,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop and implement a mathematics pathways pilot to modernize algebra II. The office should use research and engage stakeholders to develop a revised and expanded course.

(l) $3,348,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,348,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the language access technical assistance program established in chapter 107, Laws of 2022 (language access in schools).

(m) $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the superintendent to establish a media literacy and digital citizenship ambassador program to promote the integration of media literacy and digital citizenship instruction.

(n) $75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to contract with a nongovernmental agency to coordinate and serve as a fiscal agent and to cover direct costs of the project education impact workgroup to achieve educational parity for students experiencing foster care and/or homelessness, consistent with chapter 233, Laws of 2020. The office must contract with a nongovernmental agency with experience coordinating administrative and fiscal support for project education impact.

(5) CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING

(a) $919,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for expanding career connected learning as provided in RCW 28C.30.020.

(b) $960,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for increasing the funding per full-time equivalent for career launch programs as described in RCW 28A.700.130. In the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, for career launch enrollment exceeding the funding provided in this subsection, funding is provided in section 504 of this act.

(c) $1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to administer grants to skill centers for nursing programs to purchase or upgrade simulation laboratory equipment.

(d) $2,000,000 fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 128, Laws of 2023 (regional apprenticeship prgs). Of the amount provided in this subsection, $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation is provided solely for the Marysville school district to collaborate with Arlington school district, Everett Community College, other local school districts, local labor unions, local Washington state apprenticeship and training council registered apprenticeship programs, and local industry groups to continue the regional apprenticeship pathways program.

(e) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 234, Laws of 2024 (tech. ed. core plus programs).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $3,396,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $3,326,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $6,722,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $2,194,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,209,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are for the operation and expenses of the state board of education.

(2) $23,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $23,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the state board of education to be a member in the education commission of the states.

(3) $179,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $94,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0042.3/25) (graduation requirements update). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

(4) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to the state board of education for implementation of mastery-based learning in school district demonstration sites. The state board of education shall require grant recipients to report on impacts and participate in a collaborative to share best practices. The funds must be used for grants to school districts, charter schools, or state-tribal education compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW; professional development of educators; development of a resource suite for school districts statewide; evaluation of the demonstration project; and implementation and policy support provided by the state board of education and other partners. Grants for mastery-based learning may be made in partnership with private matching funds.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $19,959,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $19,970,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $39,929,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $2,823,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,838,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are for the operation and expenses of the Washington professional educator standards board including implementation of chapter 172, Laws of 2017 (educator prep. data/PESB).

(2)(a) $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to improve preservice teacher training and funding of alternate routes to certification programs administered by the professional educator standards board.

(b) Within the amounts provided in this subsection (2), up to $496,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and up to $496,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to public or private colleges of education in Washington state to develop models and share best practices for increasing the classroom teaching experience of preservice training programs.

(3) $1,001,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $997,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the recruiting Washington teachers program with priority given to programs that support bilingual teachers, teachers from populations that are underrepresented, and English language learners. Of the amounts provided in this subsection (3), $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation and expansion of the bilingual educator initiative pilot project established under RCW 28A.180.120.

(4) $15,535,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $15,535,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 237, Laws of 2017 (paraeducators). Of the amounts provided in this subsection: $14,750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $14,873,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to districts to provide two days of training per school year in the paraeducator certificate program to all paraeducators. Funds in this subsection are provided solely for reimbursement to school districts that provide paraeducators with two days of training in the paraeducator certificate program in each of the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. Funding provided in this subsection is sufficient for new paraeducators to receive four days of training in the paraeducator certificate program during their first year. School districts receiving grants under this subsection must prioritize funding toward compensation for paraeducators who complete the required hours of instruction per school year.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR GENERAL APPORTIONMENT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $10,265,087,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $10,649,661,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $1,814,780,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $22,729,528,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1)(a) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

(b) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the superintendent shall allocate general apportionment funding to school districts as provided in the funding formulas and salary allocations in sections 504 and 505 of this act, excluding (c) of this subsection.

(c) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent shall allocate general apportionment funding to school districts programs as provided in sections 504 and 505, chapter 297, Laws of 2022, as amended.

(d) The enrollment of any district shall be the annual average number of full-time equivalent students and part-time students as provided in RCW 28A.150.350, enrolled on the fourth day of school in September and on the first school day of each month October through June, including students who are in attendance pursuant to RCW 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 who do not reside within the servicing school district. Any school district concluding its basic education program in May must report the enrollment of the last school day held in May in lieu of a June enrollment.

(e) Funding provided in part V of this act is sufficient to provide each full-time equivalent student with the minimum hours of instruction required under RCW 28A.150.220.

(f) The superintendent shall adopt rules requiring school districts to report full-time equivalent student enrollment as provided in RCW 28A.655.210.

(2) CERTIFICATED INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF ALLOCATIONS

Allocations for certificated instructional staff salaries for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years are determined using formula-generated staff units calculated pursuant to this subsection.

(a) Certificated instructional staff units, as defined in RCW 28A.150.410, shall be allocated to reflect the minimum class size allocations, requirements, and school prototypes assumptions as provided in RCW 28A.150.260. The superintendent shall make allocations to school districts based on the district's annual average full-time equivalent student enrollment in each grade.

(b) Additional certificated instructional staff units provided in this subsection (2) that exceed the minimum requirements in RCW 28A.150.260 are enhancements outside the program of basic education, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(c)(i) The superintendent shall base allocations for each level of prototypical school, including those at which more than 50 percent of the students were eligible for free and reduced-price meals in the prior school year, on the following regular education average class size of full-time equivalent students per teacher, except as provided in (c)(ii) of this subsection:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General education class size: |  |  |  |
| Grade | RCW 28A.150.260 | 2025-26  School Year | 2026-27  School Year |
| Grade K |  | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| Grade 1 |  | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| Grade 2 |  | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| Grade 3 |  | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| Grade 4 |  | 27.00 | 27.00 |
| Grades 5-6 |  | 27.00 | 27.00 |
| Grades 7-8 |  | 28.53 | 28.53 |
| Grades 9-12 |  | 28.74 | 28.74 |

The superintendent shall base allocations for: Laboratory science average class size as provided in RCW 28A.150.260; career and technical education (CTE) class size of 23.0; and skill center program class size of 19. Certificated instructional staff units provided for skills centers that exceed the minimum requirements of RCW 28A.150.260 achieve class size reductions under RCW 28A.400.007 and are part of the state's program of basic education.

(ii) Pursuant to RCW 28A.150.260(4)(a), the assumed teacher planning period, expressed as a percentage of a teacher work day, is 13.42 percent in grades K-6, and 16.67 percent in grades 7-12.

(iii) Advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses are funded at the same class size assumptions as general education schools in the same grade.

(d)(i) Funding for teacher librarians, school nurses, social workers, school psychologists, and guidance counselors is allocated based on the school prototypes as provided in RCW 28A.150.260, and is considered certificated instructional staff.

(ii) Students in approved career and technical education and skill center programs generate certificated instructional staff units to provide for the services of teacher librarians, school nurses, social workers, school psychologists, and guidance counselors at the following combined rate per 1000 student full-time equivalent enrollment:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2025-26  School Year | 2026-27  School Year |
| Career and Technical Education | 3.91 | 3.91 |
| Skill Center | 4.25 | 4.25 |

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ALLOCATIONS

(a) Allocations for school building-level certificated administrative staff salaries for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years for general education students are determined using the formula generated staff units calculated pursuant to this subsection. The superintendent shall make allocations to school districts based on the district's annual average full-time equivalent enrollment in each grade. The following prototypical school values shall determine the allocation for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building level administrators:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Prototypical School Building: |  |  |
| Elementary School |  | 1.253 |
| Middle School |  | 1.353 |
| High School |  | 1.880 |

(b) Students in approved career and technical education and skill center programs generate certificated school building-level administrator staff units at per student rates that are a multiple of the general education rate in (a) of this subsection by the following factors:

Career and Technical Education students 1.025

Skill Center students 1.198

(4) CLASSIFIED STAFF ALLOCATIONS

Allocations for classified staff units providing school building-level and district-wide support services for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years are determined using the formula-generated staff units provided in RCW 28A.150.260 and pursuant to this subsection, and adjusted based on each district's annual average full-time equivalent student enrollment in each grade.

(5) CENTRAL OFFICE ALLOCATIONS

In addition to classified and administrative staff units allocated in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, classified and administrative staff units are provided for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years for the central office administrative costs of operating a school district, at the following rates:

(a) The total central office staff units provided in this subsection (5) are calculated by first multiplying the total number of eligible certificated instructional, certificated administrative, and classified staff units providing school-based or district-wide support services, as identified in RCW 28A.150.260(6)(b) and the increased allocations provided pursuant to subsections (2) and (4) of this section, by 5.3 percent.

(b) Of the central office staff units calculated in (a) of this subsection, 74.53 percent are allocated as classified staff units, as generated in subsection (4) of this section, and 25.48 percent shall be allocated as administrative staff units, as generated in subsection (3) of this section.

(c) Staff units generated as enhancements outside the program of basic education to the minimum requirements of RCW 28A.150.260, and staff units generated by skill center and career-technical students, are excluded from the total central office staff units calculation in (a) of this subsection.

(d) For students in approved career-technical and skill center programs, central office classified units are allocated at the same staff unit per student rate as those generated for general education students of the same grade in this subsection (5), and central office administrative staff units are allocated at staff unit per student rates that exceed the general education rate established for students in the same grade in this subsection (5) by 12.41 percent in the 2025-26 school year and 12.42 percent in the 2026-27 school year for career and technical education students, and 17.74 percent in the 2025-26 school year and 17.75 percent in the 2026-27 school year for skill center students.

(6) FRINGE BENEFIT ALLOCATIONS

Fringe benefit allocations shall be calculated at a rate of 17.10 percent in the 2025-26 school year and 17.10 percent in the 2026-27 school year for certificated salary allocations provided under subsections (2), (3), and (5) of this section, and a rate of 19.30 percent in the 2025-26 school year and 18.30 percent in the 2026-27 school year for classified salary allocations provided under subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

(7) INSURANCE BENEFIT ALLOCATIONS

Insurance benefit allocations shall be calculated at the rates specified in section 506 of this act, based on the number of benefit units determined as follows: Except for nonrepresented employees of educational service districts, the number of calculated benefit units determined below. Calculated benefit units are staff units multiplied by the benefit allocation factors established in the collective bargaining agreement referenced in section 910 of this act. These factors are intended to adjust allocations so that, for the purpose of distributing insurance benefits, full-time equivalent employees may be calculated on the basis of 630 hours of work per year, with no individual employee counted as more than one full-time equivalent. The number of benefit units is determined as follows:

(a) The number of certificated staff units determined in subsections (2), (3), and (5) of this section multiplied by 1.02; and

(b) The number of classified staff units determined in subsections (4) and (5) of this section multiplied by 1.43.

(8) MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND OPERATING COSTS (MSOC) ALLOCATIONS

Funding is allocated per annual average full-time equivalent student for the materials, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC) incurred by school districts, consistent with the requirements of RCW 28A.150.260.

(a)(i) MSOC funding for general education students are allocated at the following per student rates:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| MSOC RATES/STUDENT FTE | | |
|  | | |
| MSOC Component | 2025-26  School Year | 2026-27  School Year |
|  |  |  |
| Technology | $217.63 | $190.50 |
| Utilities and Insurance | $438.43 | $457.93 |
| Curriculum and Textbooks | $167.61 | $175.06 |
| Other Supplies | $332.74 | $347.54 |
| Library Materials | $23.09 | $24.11 |
| Instructional Professional Development for Certificated  and Classified Staff | $29.50 | $30.81 |
| Facilities Maintenance | $210.13 | $219.48 |
| Security and Central Office | $149.15 | $155.78 |
| TOTAL MSOC/STUDENT FTE | $1,568.28 | $1,601.21 |

(ii) For the 2025-26 school year and 2026-27 school year, as part of the budget development, hearing, and review process required by chapter 28A.505 RCW, each school district must disclose: (A) The amount of state funding to be received by the district under (a) and (d) of this subsection (8); (B) the amount the district proposes to spend for materials, supplies, and operating costs; (C) the difference between these two amounts; and (D) if (a)(ii)(A) of this subsection (8) exceeds (a)(ii)(B) of this subsection (8), any proposed use of this difference and how this use will improve student achievement.

(b) Students in approved skill center programs generate per student FTE MSOC allocations of $1,797.81 for the 2025-26 school year and $1,835.56 for the 2026-27 school year.

(c) Students in approved exploratory and preparatory career and technical education programs generate per student FTE MSOC allocations of $1,797.81 for the 2025-26 school year and $1,835.56 for the 2026-27 school year.

(d) Students in grades 9-12 generate per student FTE MSOC allocations in addition to the allocations provided in (a) through (c) of this subsection at the following rate:

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| MSOC Component | 2025-26  School Year | 2026-27  School Year |
| Technology | $45.90 | $46.87 |
| Curriculum and Textbooks | $50.10 | $51.15 |
| Other Supplies | $98.06 | $100.12 |
| Library Materials | $6.31 | $6.44 |
| Instructional Professional Development for Certified  and Classified Staff | $8.35 | $8.52 |
| TOTAL GRADE 9-12 BASIC EDUCATION MSOC/STUDENT FTE | $208.72 | $213.10 |

(9) SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ALLOCATIONS

For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, funding for substitute costs for classroom teachers is based on four (4) funded substitute days per classroom teacher unit generated under subsection (2) of this section, at a daily substitute rate of $151.86.

(10) ALTERNATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAM FUNDING

(a) Amounts provided in this section from July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, are adjusted to reflect provisions of chapter 297, Laws of 2022, as amended (allocation of funding for students enrolled in alternative learning experiences).

(b) The superintendent of public instruction shall require all districts receiving general apportionment funding for alternative learning experience (ALE) programs as defined in WAC 392-121-182 to provide separate financial accounting of expenditures for the ALE programs offered in district or with a provider, including but not limited to private companies and multidistrict cooperatives, as well as accurate, monthly headcount and FTE enrollment claimed for basic education, including separate counts of resident and nonresident students.

(11) DROPOUT REENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The superintendent shall adopt rules to require students claimed for general apportionment funding based on enrollment in dropout reengagement programs authorized under RCW 28A.175.100 through 28A.175.115 to meet requirements for at least weekly minimum instructional contact, academic counseling, career counseling, or case management contact. Districts must also provide separate financial accounting of expenditures for the programs offered by the district or under contract with a provider, as well as accurate monthly headcount and full-time equivalent enrollment claimed for basic education, including separate enrollment counts of resident and nonresident students.

(12) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND REMOTE AND NECESSARY PLANTS

For small school districts and remote and necessary school plants within any district which have been judged to be remote and necessary by the superintendent of public instruction, additional staff units are provided to ensure a minimum level of staffing support. Additional administrative and certificated instructional staff units provided to districts in this subsection shall be reduced by the general education staff units, excluding career and technical education and skills center enhancement units, otherwise provided in subsections (2) through (5) of this section on a per district basis.

(a) For districts enrolling not more than twenty-five average annual full-time equivalent students in grades K-8, and for small school plants within any school district which have been judged to be remote and necessary by the superintendent of public instruction and enroll not more than twenty-five average annual full-time equivalent students in grades K-8:

(i) For those enrolling no students in grades 7 and 8, 1.76 certificated instructional staff units and 0.24 certificated administrative staff units for enrollment of not more than five students, plus one-twentieth of a certificated instructional staff unit for each additional student enrolled; and

(ii) For those enrolling students in grades 7 or 8, 1.68 certificated instructional staff units and 0.32 certificated administrative staff units for enrollment of not more than five students, plus one-tenth of a certificated instructional staff unit for each additional student enrolled;

(b) For specified enrollments in districts enrolling more than twenty-five but not more than one hundred average annual full-time equivalent students in grades K-8, and for small school plants within any school district which enroll more than twenty-five average annual full-time equivalent students in grades K-8 and have been judged to be remote and necessary by the superintendent of public instruction:

(i) For enrollment of up to sixty annual average full-time equivalent students in grades K-6, 2.76 certificated instructional staff units and 0.24 certificated administrative staff units; and

(ii) For enrollment of up to twenty annual average full-time equivalent students in grades 7 and 8, 0.92 certificated instructional staff units and 0.08 certificated administrative staff units;

(c) For districts operating no more than two high schools with enrollments of less than three hundred average annual full-time equivalent students, for enrollment in grades 9-12 in each such school, other than alternative schools, except as noted in this subsection:

(i) For remote and necessary schools enrolling students in any grades 9-12 but no more than twenty-five average annual full-time equivalent students in grades K-12, four and one-half certificated instructional staff units and one-quarter of a certificated administrative staff unit;

(ii) For all other small high schools under this subsection, nine certificated instructional staff units and one-half of a certificated administrative staff unit for the first sixty average annual full-time equivalent students, and additional staff units based on a ratio of 0.8732 certificated instructional staff units and 0.1268 certificated administrative staff units per each additional forty-three and one-half average annual full-time equivalent students;

(iii) Districts receiving staff units under this subsection shall add students enrolled in a district alternative high school and any grades nine through twelve alternative learning experience programs with the small high school enrollment for calculations under this subsection;

(d) For each nonhigh school district having an enrollment of more than seventy annual average full-time equivalent students and less than one hundred eighty students, operating a grades K-8 program or a grades 1-8 program, an additional one-half of a certificated instructional staff unit;

(e) For each nonhigh school district having an enrollment of more than fifty annual average full-time equivalent students and less than one hundred eighty students, operating a grades K-6 program or a grades 1-6 program, an additional one-half of a certificated instructional staff unit;

(f)(i) For enrollments generating certificated staff unit allocations under (a) through (e) of this subsection, one classified staff unit for each 2.94 certificated staff units allocated under such subsections;

(ii) For each nonhigh school district with an enrollment of more than fifty annual average full-time equivalent students and less than one hundred eighty students, an additional one-half of a classified staff unit; and

(g) School districts receiving additional staff units to support small student enrollments and remote and necessary plants under this subsection (12) shall generate additional MSOC allocations consistent with the nonemployee related costs (NERC) allocation formula in place for the 2010-11 school year as provided section 502, chapter 37, Laws of 2010 1st sp. sess. (2010 supplemental budget), adjusted annually for inflation.

(13) Any school district board of directors may petition the superintendent of public instruction by submission of a resolution adopted in a public meeting to reduce or delay any portion of its basic education allocation for any school year. The superintendent of public instruction shall approve such reduction or delay if it does not impair the district's financial condition. Any delay shall not be for more than two school years. Any reduction or delay shall have no impact on levy authority pursuant to RCW 84.52.0531 and local effort assistance pursuant to chapter 28A.500 RCW.

(14) The superintendent may distribute funding for the following programs outside the basic education formula during fiscal years 2026 and 2027 as follows:

(a) $650,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $650,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for fire protection for school districts located in a fire protection district as now or hereafter established pursuant to chapter 52.04 RCW.

(b) $436,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $436,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for programs providing skills training for secondary students who are enrolled in extended day school-to-work programs, as approved by the superintendent of public instruction. The funds shall be allocated at a rate not to exceed $500 per full-time equivalent student enrolled in those programs.

(15) Funding in this section is sufficient to fund a maximum of 1.6 FTE enrollment for skills center students pursuant to chapter 463, Laws of 2007.

(16) Funding in this section is sufficient to fund a maximum of 1.2 FTE enrollment for career launch students pursuant to RCW 28A.700.130. Expenditures for this purpose must come first from the appropriations provided in section 501(5) of this act; funding for career launch enrollment exceeding those appropriations is provided in this section. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide a summary report to the office of the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2026. The report must include the total FTE enrollment for career launch students, the FTE enrollment for career launch students that exceeded the appropriations provided in section 501(5) of this act, and the amount expended from this section for those students.

(17)(a) Students participating in running start programs may be funded up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.4 FTE including school district and institution of higher education enrollment consistent with the running start course requirements provided in chapter 202, Laws of 2015 (dual credit education opportunities). In calculating the combined 1.4 FTE, the office of the superintendent of public instruction:

(i) Must adopt rules to fund the participating student's enrollment in running start courses provided by the institution of higher education during the summer academic term; and

(ii) May average the participating student's September through June enrollment to account for differences in the start and end dates for courses provided by the high school and the institution of higher education.

(b) In consultation with the state board for community and technical colleges, the participating institutions of higher education, the student achievement council, and the education data center, must annually track and report to the fiscal committees of the legislature on the combined FTE experience of students participating in the running start program, including course load analyses at both the high school and community and technical college system.

(18) If two or more school districts consolidate and each district was receiving additional basic education formula staff units pursuant to subsection (12) of this section, the following apply:

(a) For three school years following consolidation, the number of basic education formula staff units shall not be less than the number of basic education formula staff units received by the districts in the school year prior to the consolidation; and

(b) For the fourth through eighth school years following consolidation, the difference between the basic education formula staff units received by the districts for the school year prior to consolidation and the basic education formula staff units after consolidation pursuant to subsection (12) of this section shall be reduced in increments of twenty percent per year.

(19)(a) Indirect cost charges by a school district to approved career and technical education middle and secondary programs shall not exceed the lesser of five percent or the cap established in federal law of the combined basic education and career and technical education program enhancement allocations of state funds. Middle and secondary career and technical education programs are considered separate programs for funding and financial reporting purposes under this section.

(b) Career and technical education program full-time equivalent enrollment shall be reported on the same monthly basis as the enrollment for students eligible for basic support, and payments shall be adjusted for reported career and technical education program enrollments on the same monthly basis as those adjustments for enrollment for students eligible for basic support.

(20) Funding in this section is sufficient to provide full general apportionment payments to school districts eligible for federal forest revenues as provided in RCW 28A.520.020. For the 2025-2027 biennium, general apportionment payments are not reduced for school districts receiving federal forest revenues.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—BASIC EDUCATION EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION**

(1) The following calculations determine the salaries used in the state allocations for certificated instructional, certificated administrative, and classified staff units as provided in RCW 28A.150.260, and under section 504 of this act: For the 2025-26 school year and the 2026-27 school year salary allocations for certificated instructional staff, certificated administrative staff, and classified staff units are determined for each school district by multiplying the statewide minimum salary allocation for each staff type by the school district's regionalization factor shown in LEAP Document 3.

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| Statewide Minimum Salary Allocation | | |
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| Staff Type | 2025-26  School Year | 2026-27  School Year |
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| Certificated Instructional | $80,086 | $81,688 |
| Certificated Administrative | $118,878 | $121,255 |
| Classified | $57,451 | $58,600 |

(2) For the purposes of this section, "LEAP Document 3" means the school district regionalization factors for certificated instructional, certificated administrative, and classified staff, as developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee on March 3, 2024, at 11:16 hours.

(3) Incremental fringe benefit factors are applied to salary adjustments at a rate of 16.47 percent for school year 2025-26 and 16.47 percent for school year 2026-27 for certificated instructional and certificated administrative staff and 16.93 percent for school year 2025-26 and 15.93 percent for the 2026-27 school year for classified staff.

(4) The salary allocations established in this section are for allocation purposes only except as provided in this subsection, and do not entitle an individual staff position to a particular paid salary except as provided in RCW 28A.400.200, as amended by chapter 13, Laws of 2017 3rd sp. sess. (fully funding the program of basic education).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $527,364,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $712,482,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,239,846,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The salary increases provided in this section are 2.4 percent for the 2025-26 school year, and 2.0 percent for the 2026-27 school year, the annual inflationary adjustments pursuant to RCW 28A.400.205.

(2)(a) In addition to salary allocations, the appropriations in this section include funding for professional learning as defined in RCW 28A.415.430, 28A.415.432, and 28A.415.434. Funding for this purpose is calculated as the equivalent of three days of salary and benefits for each of the funded full-time equivalent certificated instructional staff units. Nothing in this section entitles an individual certificated instructional staff to any particular number of professional learning days.

(b) Of the funding provided for professional learning in this section, the equivalent of one day of salary and benefits for each of the funded full-time equivalent certificated instructional staff units in the 2025-26 school year must be used to train school district staff on cultural competency, diversity, equity, or inclusion, as required in chapter 197, Laws of 2021.

(3)(a) The appropriations in this section include associated incremental fringe benefit allocations at 16.47 percent for the 2025-26 school year and 16.47 percent for the 2026-27 school year for certificated instructional and certificated administrative staff and 16.93 percent for the 2025-26 school year and 15.93 percent for the 2026-27 school year for classified staff.

(b) The appropriations in this section include the increased or decreased portion of salaries and incremental fringe benefits for all relevant state-funded school programs in part V of this act. Changes for general apportionment (basic education) are based on the salary allocations and methodology in sections 504 and 505 of this act. Changes for special education result from changes in each district's basic education allocation per student. Changes for educational service districts and institutional education programs are determined by the superintendent of public instruction using the methodology for general apportionment salaries and benefits in sections 504 and 505 of this act. Changes for pupil transportation are determined by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to RCW 28A.160.192, and impact compensation factors in sections 504, 505, and 506 of this act.

(c) The appropriations in this section include no salary adjustments for substitute teachers.

(4) The appropriations in this section are sufficient to fund the collective bargaining agreement referenced in part IX of this act and reflect the incremental change in cost of allocating rates as follows: For the 2025-26 school year, $1,324 per month and for the 2026-27 school year, $1,374 per month.

(5) The rates specified in this section are subject to revision each year by the legislature.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $821,769,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $815,124,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,636,893,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

(2)(a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school district programs for the transportation of eligible students as provided in RCW 28A.160.192. Funding in this section constitutes full implementation of RCW 28A.160.192, which enhancement is within the program of basic education. Students are considered eligible only if meeting the definitions provided in RCW 28A.160.160.

(b) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school districts programs for the transportation of students as provided in section 507, chapter 297, Laws of 2022, as amended.

(3) Within amounts appropriated in this section, up to $10,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and up to $10,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are for a transportation alternate funding grant program based on the alternate funding process established in RCW 28A.160.191. The superintendent of public instruction must include a review of school district efficiency rating, key performance indicators and local school district characteristics such as unique geographic constraints in the grant award process.

(4) A maximum of $939,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and a maximum of $939,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 may be expended for regional transportation coordinators and related activities. The transportation coordinators shall ensure that data submitted by school districts for state transportation funding shall, to the greatest extent practical, reflect the actual transportation activity of each district.

(5) Subject to available funds under this section, school districts may provide student transportation for summer skills center programs.

(6) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide reimbursement funding to a school district for school bus purchases only after the superintendent of public instruction determines that the school bus was purchased from the list established pursuant to RCW 28A.160.195(2) or a comparable competitive bid process based on the lowest price quote based on similar bus categories to those used to establish the list pursuant to RCW 28A.160.195.

(7) The superintendent of public instruction shall base depreciation payments for school district buses on the presales tax five-year average of lowest bids in the appropriate category of bus. In the final year on the depreciation schedule, the depreciation payment shall be based on the lowest bid in the appropriate bus category for that school year.

(8) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall annually disburse payments for bus depreciation in August.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $120,073,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $120,062,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $891,599,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,131,734,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $11,667,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $11,667,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for state matching money for federal child nutrition programs, and may support the meals for kids program through the following allowable uses:

(a) Elimination of breakfast copays for eligible public school students and lunch copays for eligible public school students in grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth grades who are eligible for reduced-price lunch as required in chapter 74, Laws of 2021 (reduced-price lunch copays);

(b) Assistance to school districts and authorized public and private nonprofit organizations for supporting summer food service programs, and initiating new summer food service programs in low-income areas;

(c) Reimbursements to school districts for school breakfasts served to students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch, pursuant to chapter 287, Laws of 2005; and

(d) Assistance to school districts in initiating and expanding school breakfast programs.

(2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall report annually to the fiscal committees of the legislature on annual expenditures in subsection (1)(a) through (c) of this section.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall provide the department of health with the following data, where available, for all nutrition assistance programs that are funded by the United States department of agriculture and administered by the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent must provide the report for the preceding federal fiscal year by February 1, 2026, and February 1, 2027. The report must provide:

(a) The number of people in Washington who are eligible for the program;

(b) The number of people in Washington who participated in the program;

(c) The average annual participation rate in the program;

(d) Participation rates by geographic distribution; and

(e) The annual federal funding of the program in Washington.

(4) $92,383,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $92,372,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for reimbursements to school districts for schools and groups of schools required to participate in the federal community eligibility program under section 1, chapter 7, Laws of 2022 (schools/comm. eligibility) for meals not reimbursed at the federal free meal rate.

(5) $16,023,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $16,023,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 379, Laws of 2023 (free school meals).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,133,053,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,193,645,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $646,520,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $54,694,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,027,912,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1)(a) Funding for special education programs is provided on an excess cost basis, pursuant to RCW 28A.150.390. School districts shall ensure that special education students as a class receive their full share of the general apportionment allocation accruing through sections 504 and 506 of this act. To the extent a school district cannot provide an appropriate education for special education students under chapter 28A.155 RCW through the general apportionment allocation, it shall provide services through the special education excess cost allocation funded in this section.

(b) Funding provided within this section is sufficient for districts to provide school principals and lead special education teachers annual professional development on the best-practices for special education instruction and strategies for implementation. Districts shall annually provide a summary of professional development activities to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(2)(a) The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that:

(i) Special education students are basic education students first;

(ii) As a class, special education students are entitled to the full basic education allocation; and

(iii) Special education students are basic education students for the entire school day.

(b)(i) The superintendent of public instruction shall continue to implement the full cost method of excess cost accounting, as designed by the committee and recommended by the superintendent, pursuant to section 501(1)(k), chapter 372, Laws of 2006, except as provided in (b)(ii) of this subsection.

(ii) The superintendent of public instruction shall implement any changes to excess cost accounting methods required under chapter 417, Laws of 2023 (special education funding).

(3) Each fiscal year appropriation includes such funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

(4)(a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school district programs for special education students as provided in RCW 28A.150.390, except that the calculation of the base allocation also includes allocations provided under section 504 (2) and (4) of this act and RCW 28A.150.415, which enhancement is within the program of basic education.

(b) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school district programs for special education students as provided in section 509, chapter 297, Laws of 2022, as amended.

(5) The following applies throughout this section: The definitions for enrollment and enrollment percent are as specified in RCW 28A.150.390(3). Each district's general fund—state funded special education enrollment shall be the lesser of the district's actual enrollment percent or 16 percent.

(6) At the request of any interdistrict cooperative of at least 15 districts in which all excess cost services for special education students of the districts are provided by the cooperative, the maximum enrollment percent shall be calculated in accordance with RCW 28A.150.390(3) (c) and (d), and shall be calculated in the aggregate rather than individual district units. For purposes of this subsection, the average basic education allocation per full-time equivalent student shall be calculated in the aggregate rather than individual district units.

(7) $206,037,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $206,037,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $29,574,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for safety net awards for districts with demonstrated needs for special education funding beyond the amounts provided in subsection (4) of this section. If the federal safety net awards based on the federal eligibility threshold exceed the federal appropriation in this subsection (7) in any fiscal year, the superintendent shall expend all available federal discretionary funds necessary to meet this need. At the conclusion of each school year, the superintendent shall recover safety net funds that were distributed prospectively but for which districts were not subsequently eligible.

(a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, safety net funds shall be awarded by the state safety net oversight committee as provided in section 109(1) chapter 548, Laws of 2009 (education).

(b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall make award determinations for state safety net funding in August of each school year, except that the superintendent of public instruction shall make award determinations for state safety net funding in July of each school year for the Washington state school for the blind and for the center for childhood deafness and hearing loss. Determinations on school district eligibility for state safety net awards shall be based on analysis of actual expenditure data from the current school year.

(8) A maximum of $1,250,000 may be expended from the general fund—state appropriations to fund teachers and aides at Seattle children's hospital. This amount is in lieu of money provided through the home and hospital allocation and the special education program.

(9) The superintendent shall maintain the percentage of federal flow-through to school districts at 85 percent. In addition to other purposes, school districts may use increased federal funds for high-cost students, for purchasing regional special education services from educational service districts, and for staff development activities particularly relating to inclusion issues.

(10) A school district may carry over from one year to the next year up to 10 percent of the general fund—state funds allocated under this program; however, carryover funds shall be expended in the special education program.

(11) $87,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $87,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $214,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for a special education family liaison position within the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(12) $3,100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for litigation costs for *N.D. v. Reykdal*, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICTS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $41,313,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $41,271,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $2,700,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $85,284,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The educational service districts shall continue to furnish financial services required by the superintendent of public instruction and RCW 28A.310.190 (3) and (4).

(2) Funding within this section is provided for regional professional development related to mathematics and science curriculum and instructional strategies aligned with common core state standards and next generation science standards. Funding shall be distributed among the educational service districts in the same proportion as distributions in the 2007-2009 biennium. Each educational service district shall use this funding solely for salary and benefits for a certificated instructional staff with expertise in the appropriate subject matter and in professional development delivery, and for travel, materials, and other expenditures related to providing regional professional development support.

(3) Funding in this section is provided for regional professional development related to English language arts curriculum and instructional strategies aligned with common core state standards. Each educational service district shall use this funding solely for salary and benefits for certificated instructional staff with expertise in the appropriate subject matter and in professional development delivery, and for travel, materials, and other expenditures related to providing regional professional development support.

(4) Funding in this section is provided for regional technical support for the K-20 telecommunications network to prevent system failures and avoid interruptions in school utilization of the data processing and video-conferencing capabilities of the network. These funds may be used to purchase engineering and advanced technical support for the network.

(5) Funding in this section is provided for a corps of nurses located at the educational service districts, to be dispatched in coordination with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, to provide direct care to students, health education, and training for school staff. In fiscal years 2026 and 2027, allocations for the corps of nurses is sufficient to provide one day per week of nursing services for all second-class school districts.

(6) Funding in this section is provided for staff and support at the nine educational service districts to provide a network of support for school districts to develop and implement comprehensive suicide prevention and behavioral health supports for students.

(7) Funding in this section is provided for staff and support at the nine educational service districts to provide assistance to school districts with comprehensive safe schools planning, conducting needs assessments, school safety and security trainings, coordinating appropriate crisis and emergency response and recovery, and developing threat assessment and crisis intervention teams. In fiscal years 2026 and 2027, allocations for staff and support for regional safety centers are increased to 3 full-time equivalent certificated instructional staff for each regional safety center.

(8) Funding in this section is provided for regional English language arts coordinators to provide professional development of teachers and principals around the new early screening for dyslexia requirements.

(9) The educational service districts, at the request of the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.310.010 and 28A.305.130, may receive and screen applications for school accreditation, conduct school accreditation site visits pursuant to state board of education rules, and submit to the state board of education post-site visit recommendations for school accreditation. The educational service districts may assess a cooperative service fee to recover actual plus reasonable indirect costs for the purposes of this subsection.

(10) $2,169,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,169,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for each educational service district to provide technology consultation, procurement, and training required under chapter 301, Laws of 2021 (schools/computers & devices).

(11) $1,930,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,930,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 87, Laws of 2022 (ed. service district funding).

(12) $2,700,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the cost of employing one full-time equivalent employee at each of the nine education service districts to support the expansion of career connected learning.

(13) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for educational service districts to provide students attending school in rural areas with access to a mental health professional using telemedicine. Funding must be prioritized to districts where mental health services are inadequate or nonexistent due to geographic constraints. Funding may be used for schools or school districts for technology upgrades to provide secure access for students, for contracted services, or to pay applicable copays or fees for telemedicine visits if not covered by a student's public or private insurance.

(14) $5,900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $5,900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue behavioral health regional services grants to support school districts with the least access to behavioral health services.

(15) $643,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $643,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for educational service districts 121 and 101 to coordinate with local mental health agencies and local school districts to arrange for in-school placements of social worker associates licensed under RCW 18.225.145 and masters in social work candidates enrolled in an accredited university program who commit to working as school social workers, and to coordinate clinical supervision for approved supervisors that meet the requirements as defined in rule by the department of health to provide the necessary supervision to the social worker associates and masters in social work candidates.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR LOCAL EFFORT ASSISTANCE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $207,369,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $207,369,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $414,738,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR INSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $18,769,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $19,769,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $38,538,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Each general fund—state fiscal year appropriation includes such funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

(2) State funding provided under this section is based on salaries and other expenditures for a 220-day school year. The superintendent of public instruction shall monitor school district expenditure plans for institutional education programs to ensure that districts plan for a full-time summer program.

(3) State funding for each institutional education program shall be based on the institution's annual average full-time equivalent student enrollment. Staffing ratios for each category of institution shall remain the same as those funded in the 1995-97 biennium.

(4) The funded staffing ratios for education programs for juveniles age 18 or less in department of corrections facilities shall be the same as those provided in the 1997-99 biennium.

(5) $710,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $710,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain at least one certificated instructional staff and related support services at an institution whenever the K-12 enrollment is not sufficient to support one full-time equivalent certificated instructional staff to furnish the educational program. The following types of institutions are included: Residential programs under the department of social and health services for developmentally disabled juveniles, programs for juveniles under the department of corrections, programs for juveniles under the juvenile rehabilitation administration, and programs for juveniles operated by city and county jails.

(6) Within the amounts provided in this section, funding is provided to increase the capacity of institutional education programs to differentiate instruction to meet students' unique educational needs, including students with individualized educational plans. Those needs may include but are not limited to one-on-one instruction, enhanced access to counseling for social emotional needs of the student, and services to identify the proper level of instruction at the time of student entry into the facility. Allocations of amounts for this purpose in a school year must be based on 45 percent of full-time enrollment in institutional education receiving a differentiated instruction amount per pupil equal to the total statewide allocation generated by the distribution formula under RCW 28A.150.260 (4)(a), (5), (6), and (8) and the allocation under RCW 28A.150.415, per the statewide full-time equivalent enrollment in common schools.

(7) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support two student records coordinators to manage the transmission of academic records for each of the long-term juvenile institutions. One coordinator is provided for each of the following: The Issaquah school district for the Echo Glen children's center and for the Chehalis school district for Green Hill academic school.

(8) Ten percent of the funds allocated for the institution may be carried over from one year to the next.

(9) $588,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $897,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one educational advocate to each institution with enrollments above 40 full-time equivalent students in addition to any educational advocates supported by federal funding. Educational advocates will provide the following supports to students enrolled in or just released from institutional education programs:

(a) Advocacy for institutional education students to eliminate barriers to educational access and success;

(b) Consultation with juvenile rehabilitation staff to develop educational plans for and with participating youth;

(c) Monitoring educational progress of participating students;

(d) Providing participating students with school and local resources that may assist in educational access and success upon release from institutional education facilities; and

(e) Coaching students and caregivers to advocate for educational needs to be addressed at the school district upon return to the community.

(10) Within the amounts provided in this section, funding is provided to increase materials, supplies, and operating costs by $85 per pupil for technology supports for institutional education programs. This funding is in addition to general education materials, supplies, and operating costs provided to institutional education programs, which exclude formula costs supported by the institutional facilities.

(11) $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support instruction in cohorts of students grouped by similar age and academic levels.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR PROGRAMS FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENTS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $35,117,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $35,246,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $70,363,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

(2)(a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school district programs for highly capable students as provided in RCW 28A.150.260(10)(c) except that allocations must be based on 5.0 percent of each school district's full-time equivalent enrollment. In calculating the allocations, the superintendent shall assume the following: (i) Additional instruction of 2.1590 hours per week per funded highly capable program student; (ii) fifteen highly capable program students per teacher; (iii) 36 instructional weeks per year; (iv) 900 instructional hours per teacher; and (v) the compensation rates as provided in sections 505 and 506 of this act.

(b) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school districts programs for highly capable students as provided in section 513, chapter 297, Laws of 2022, as amended.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR MISCELLANEOUS—EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT**

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $11,416,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $11,416,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—EDUCATION REFORM PROGRAMS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $65,292,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $64,888,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $97,785,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $1,454,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $1,676,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $231,095,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) ACCOUNTABILITY

(a) $26,975,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $26,975,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, $1,350,000 of the education legacy trust account—state appropriation, and $15,868,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for development and implementation of the Washington state assessment system.

(b) $14,352,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $14,352,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 159, Laws of 2013 (K-12 education - failing schools).

(2) EDUCATOR CONTINUUM

(a) During the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, and within available funds, certificated instructional staff who have met the eligibility requirements and have applied for certification from the national board for professional teaching standards may receive a conditional loan of two thousand dollars or the amount set by the office of the superintendent of public instruction to contribute toward the current assessment fee, not including the initial up-front candidacy payment. The conditional loan is provided in addition to compensation received under a district's salary allocation and shall not be included in calculations of a district's average salary and associated salary limitation under RCW 28A.400.200. Recipients who fail to receive certification after fully exhausting all years of candidacy as set by the national board for professional teaching standards are required to repay the conditional loan. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to define the terms for initial grant of the assessment fee and repayment, including applicable fees. To the extent necessary, the superintendent may use revenues from the repayment of conditional loan scholarships to ensure payment of all national board bonus payments required by this section in each school year.

(b) $3,418,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,418,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of a new performance-based evaluation for certificated educators and other activities as provided in chapter 235, Laws of 2010 (education reform) and chapter 35, Laws of 2012 (certificated employee evaluations).

(c) $477,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $477,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the leadership internship program for superintendents, principals, and program administrators.

(d) $810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the development of a leadership academy for school principals and administrators. The superintendent of public instruction shall contract with an independent organization to operate a state-of-the-art education leadership academy that will be accessible throughout the state. Semiannually the independent organization shall report on amounts committed by foundations and others to support the development and implementation of this program. Leadership academy partners shall include the state level organizations for school administrators and principals, the superintendent of public instruction, the professional educator standards board, and others as the independent organization shall identify.

(e) $11,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $11,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a beginning educator support program (BEST). The program shall prioritize first year educators in the mentoring program. School districts and/or regional consortia may apply for grant funding. The program provided by a district and/or regional consortia shall include: A paid orientation; assignment of a qualified mentor; development of a professional growth plan for each beginning educator aligned with professional certification; release time for mentors and new educators to work together; and educator observation time with accomplished peers. Funding may be used to provide statewide professional development opportunities for mentors and beginning educators. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support first year educators in the mentoring program.

(f) $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the provision of training for teachers, principals, and principal evaluators in the performance-based teacher principal evaluation program.

(g) $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for a special education teacher residency program.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR TRANSITIONAL BILINGUAL PROGRAMS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $291,932,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $304,039,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $137,159,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $733,130,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

(2)(a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school districts for transitional bilingual programs under RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080, including programs for exited students, as provided in RCW 28A.150.260(10)(b) and the provisions of this section. In calculating the allocations, the superintendent shall assume the following averages: (i) Additional instruction of 4.7780 hours per week per transitional bilingual program student in grades kindergarten through six and 6.7780 hours per week per transitional bilingual program student in grades seven through twelve in school years 2025-26 and 2026-27; (ii) additional instruction of 3.0000 hours per week in school years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the head count number of students who have exited the transitional bilingual instruction program within the previous two years based on their performance on the English proficiency assessment; (iii) fifteen transitional bilingual program students per teacher; (iv) 36 instructional weeks per year; (v) 900 instructional hours per teacher; and (vi) the compensation rates as provided in sections 505 and 506 of this act. Pursuant to RCW 28A.180.040(1)(g), the instructional hours specified in (a)(ii) of this subsection (2) are within the program of basic education.

(b) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school districts for transitional bilingual instruction programs as provided in section 516, chapter 297, Laws of 2022, as amended.

(3) The superintendent may withhold allocations to school districts in subsection (2) of this section solely for the central provision of assessments as provided in RCW 28A.180.090 (1) and (2) up to the following amounts: 2.03 percent for school year 2025-26 and 2.00 percent for school year 2026-27.

(4) The general fund—federal appropriation in this section is for migrant education under Title I Part C and English language acquisition, and language enhancement grants under Title III of the elementary and secondary education act.

(5) $35,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $35,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to track current and former transitional bilingual program students.

(6) $1,916,000 of the general fund—state appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and $1,916,000 of the general fund—state appropriation in fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the central provision of assessments as provided in RCW 28A.180.090, and is in addition to the withholding amounts specified in subsection (3) of this section.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR THE LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $521,295,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $528,285,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $636,542,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,686,122,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The general fund—state appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) The appropriations include such funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

(b)(i) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school districts for learning assistance programs as provided in RCW 28A.150.260(10)(a). In calculating the allocations, the superintendent shall assume the following averages: (A) Additional instruction of 2.3975 hours per week per funded learning assistance program student for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years; (B) additional instruction of 1.1 hours per week per funded learning assistance program student for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years in qualifying high-poverty school building; (C) 15 learning assistance program students per teacher; (D) 36 instructional weeks per year; (E) 900 instructional hours per teacher; and (F) the compensation rates as provided in sections 505 and 506 of this act.

(ii) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent shall allocate funding to school districts for learning assistance programs as provided in section 517, chapter 297, Laws of 2022, as amended.

(c) A school district's funded students for the learning assistance program shall be the sum of the district's full-time equivalent enrollment in grades K-12 multiplied by the district's percentage of October headcount enrollment in grades K-12 eligible for free or reduced-price lunch in the school year period defined under RCW 28A.150.260(10)(a). A school year's October headcount enrollment for free and reduced-price lunch shall be as reported in the comprehensive education data and research system.

(2) Allocations made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be adjusted to reflect ineligible applications identified through the annual income verification process required by the national school lunch program, as recommended in the report of the state auditor on the learning assistance program dated February, 2010.

(3) The general fund—federal appropriation in this section is provided for Title I Part A allocations of the every student succeeds act of 2016.

(4) A school district may carry over from one year to the next up to 10 percent of the general fund—state funds allocated under this program; however, carryover funds shall be expended for the learning assistance program.

(5) Within existing resources, during the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, school districts are authorized to use funds allocated for the learning assistance program to also provide assistance to high school students who have not passed the state assessment in science.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—PER PUPIL ALLOCATIONS**

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| Statewide Average Allocations  Per Annual Average Full-Time Equivalent Student | | |
| Basic Education Program | 2025-26  School Year | 2026-27  School Year |
| General Apportionment | $11,153 | $11,383 |
| Pupil Transportation | $795 | $813 |
| Special Education Programs | $13,375 | $13,598 |
| Institutional Education Programs | $27,588 | $28,136 |
| Programs for Highly Capable Students | $694 | $710 |
| Transitional Bilingual Programs | $1,660 | $1,697 |
| Learning Assistance Program | $1,085 | $1,107 |

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

(1) Amounts distributed to districts by the superintendent through part V of this act are for allocation purposes only, unless specified by part V of this act, and do not entitle a particular district, district employee, or student to a specific service, beyond what has been expressly provided in statute. Part V of this act restates the requirements of various sections of Title 28A RCW. If any conflict exists, the provisions of Title 28A RCW control unless this act explicitly states that it is providing an enhancement. Any amounts provided in part V of this act in excess of the amounts required by Title 28A RCW provided in statute, are not within the program of basic education unless clearly stated by this act.

(2) When adopting new or revised rules or policies relating to the administration of allocations in part V of this act that result in fiscal impact, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall seek legislative approval through the budget request process.

(3) Appropriations made in this act to the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall initially be allotted as required by this act. Subsequent allotment modifications shall not include transfers of moneys between sections of this act, except as provided in subsections (6) and (7) of this section.

(4) Appropriations in sections 504 and 506 of this act for insurance benefits under chapter 41.05 RCW are provided solely for the superintendent to allocate to districts for employee health benefits as provided in section 910 of this act. The superintendent may not allocate, and districts may not expend, these amounts for any other purpose beyond those authorized in section 910 of this act.

(5) As required by RCW 28A.710.110, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall transmit the charter school authorizer oversight fee for the charter school commission to the charter school oversight account.

(6) The appropriations to the office of the superintendent of public instruction in this act shall be expended for the programs and amounts specified in this act. However, after May 1, 2026, unless specifically prohibited by this act and after approval by the director of financial management, the superintendent of public instruction may transfer state general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2026 among the following programs to meet the apportionment schedule for a specified formula in another of these programs: General apportionment; employee compensation adjustments; pupil transportation; special education programs; institutional education programs; transitional bilingual programs; highly capable programs; and learning assistance programs.

(7) The director of financial management shall notify the appropriate legislative fiscal committees in writing prior to approving any allotment modifications or transfers under this section.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Washington Opportunity Pathways Account—State

Appropriation $189,266,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $189,266,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The superintendent shall distribute funding appropriated in this section to charter schools under chapter 28A.710 RCW. Within amounts provided in this section the superintendent may distribute funding for safety net awards for charter schools with demonstrated needs for special education funding beyond the amounts provided under chapter 28A.710 RCW.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION**

Washington Opportunity Pathways Account—State

Appropriation $663,000

Charter Schools Oversight Account—State

Appropriation $4,785,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,448,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The entire Washington opportunity pathways account—state appropriation in this section is provided to the superintendent of public instruction solely for the operations of the Washington state charter school commission under chapter 28A.710 RCW.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR GRANTS AND PASS THROUGH FUNDING**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $65,664,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $65,913,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $131,577,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $269,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $518,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for global compensation changes.

(2) GRADUATION SUCCESS AND PREPARATION FOR POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

(a) $4,894,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,894,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to administer programs and grants which increase equitable access to dual credit programs, including subsidizing or eliminating student costs for dual credit courses or exams.

(b) $3,152,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,152,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for secondary career and technical education grants pursuant to chapter 170, Laws of 2008, including parts of programs receiving grants that serve students in grades four through six. If equally matched by private donations, $1,475,000 of the 2026 appropriation and $1,475,000 of the 2027 appropriation shall be used to support FIRST robotics programs in grades four through twelve. Of the amounts provided in this subsection (2)(b), $800,000 of the fiscal year 2026 appropriation and $800,000 of the fiscal year 2027 appropriation are provided solely for the purpose of statewide supervision activities for career and technical education student leadership organizations.

(c) $135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for science, technology, engineering and mathematics lighthouse projects, consistent with chapter 238, Laws of 2010.

(d) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for advanced project lead the way courses at ten high schools. To be eligible for funding in 2026, a high school must have offered a foundational project lead the way course during the 2022-23 school year. The 2026 funding must be used for one-time start-up course costs for an advanced project lead the way course, to be offered to students beginning in the 2025-26 school year. To be eligible for funding in 2025, a high school must have offered a foundational project lead the way course during the 2024-25 school year. The 2027 funding must be used for one-time start-up course costs for an advanced project lead the way course, to be offered to students beginning in the 2026-27 school year. The office of the superintendent of public instruction and the education research and data center at the office of financial management shall track student participation and long-term outcome data. The office may require the recipient of these funds to report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment with the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

(e) $2,527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for annual startup, expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in maritime, construction, and aerospace and advanced manufacturing programs. To be eligible for funding to start up, maintain, or expand programs under (e)(i) through (iii) of this subsection (2), the skills center, high school, or middle school must be selected through a grant process administered by the office of the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the advisory committee established in (e)(vi) of this subsection (2). The office and the education research and data center shall report annually student participation and long-term outcome data. Within the amounts provided in this subsection (2)(e):

(i) $900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants for the annual startup, expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in aerospace and advanced manufacturing programs.

(ii) $550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants for the annual startup, expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in construction programs.

(iii) $550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants for the annual startup, expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in maritime programs.

(iv) For (e)(i) through (iii) of this subsection (2), when the grant demand does not align with the specified allocation, the superintendent may allocate funding toward sector areas that meet criteria based on agreement from industry sector representatives.

(v) $527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to administer, evaluate, and promote programs under (e)(i) through (iii) of this subsection (2) based on industry sector recommendations, including contracts with sector-specific entities to expand sector-specific employer engagement programs, increase work placement opportunities, validate credentials necessary for direct employment, and provide professional development to support schools, teachers, and students. Professional development must include pedagogy-based learning to increase English language arts, mathematics, and science outcomes through core plus programming.

(vi) The office shall collaborate with industry sector leadership from the core plus program areas and a representative from a statewide business and manufacturing association to inform the administration and continual improvement of core plus programs, review data and outcomes, recommend program improvements, ensure core plus programs reflect current industry competencies, and identify appropriate program credentials.

(f) $4,940,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,940,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state achievers scholarship and Washington higher education readiness program. The funds shall be used to: Support community involvement officers that recruit, train, and match community volunteer mentors with students selected as achievers scholars; and to identify and reduce barriers to college for low-income and underserved middle and high school students. The office may require the recipient of these funds to report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment with the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

(g) $3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to distribute after-exit running start grants for:

(i) School districts that identify running start students that have exceeded maximum enrollment under running start formulas;

(ii) High school graduates who have 15 or fewer college credits to earn before meeting associate degree requirements for instruction not funded under section 504(17) of this act. High school graduates who meet these requirements are eligible to receive funds from these grants for fees to the community and technical college to earn up to 15 college credits during the summer academic term following their high school graduation; and

(iii) School districts to apply an enhanced factor of 130 percent to the running start rate under RCW 28A.600.310 for students included in July and August enrollment counts in school year 2025-26. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $347,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided for the office to enhance the running start rate as described in this subsection (2)(g)(iii). The office must apply the enhanced summer running start rate in this subsection for students eligible to take summer running start courses under this subsection and under section 504(17) of this act, and grant school districts seven percent thereof to offset program related costs.

(3) CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, DISSEMINATION, AND SUPPORTS

(a) $75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for project citizen and we the people: The citizen and the constitution programs sponsored by the national conference of state legislatures and the center for civic education to promote participation in government by middle and high school students. Of the amounts provided, $15,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $15,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for awarding a travel grant to the winner of the we the people: The citizen and the constitution state competition.

(b) $373,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $373,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 127, Laws of 2018 (civics education). Of the amounts provided in this subsection (3)(b), $10,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $10,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grant programs to school districts to help cover travel costs associated with civics education competitions.

(c) Within the amounts appropriated in this section the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall ensure career and technical education courses are aligned with high-demand, high-wage jobs. The superintendent shall verify that the current list of career and technical education courses meets the criteria established in RCW 28A.700.020(2). The superintendent shall remove from the list any career and technical education course that no longer meets such criteria.

(d) $3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to provide grants to school districts and educational service districts for science teacher training in the next generation science standards including training in the climate science standards. At a minimum, school districts shall ensure that teachers in one grade level in each elementary, middle, and high school participate in this science training. Of the amount appropriated $1,000,000 is provided solely for community-based nonprofits including tribal education organizations to partner with public schools for next generation science standards.

(e) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Kip Tokuda memorial Washington civil liberties public education program. The superintendent of public instruction shall award grants consistent with RCW 28A.300.410.

(f) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state leadership and assistance for science education reform (LASER) regional partnership activities, including instructional material purchases, teacher and principal professional development, and school and community engagement events. The office may require the recipient of these funds to report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment with the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

(g) $50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants of $2,500 to provide twenty middle and high school teachers each year with professional development training for implementing integrated math, science, technology, and engineering programs in their schools.

(h) $62,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $62,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for competitive grants to school districts to increase the capacity of high schools to offer AP computer science courses. In making grant allocations, the office of the superintendent of public instruction must give priority to schools and districts in rural areas, with substantial enrollment of low-income students, and that do not offer AP computer science. School districts may apply to receive either or both of the following grants:

(i) A grant to establish partnerships to support computer science professionals from private industry serving on a voluntary basis as coinstructors along with a certificated teacher, including via synchronous video, for AP computer science courses; or

(ii) A grant to purchase or upgrade technology and curriculum needed for AP computer science, as well as provide opportunities for professional development for classroom teachers to have the requisite knowledge and skills to teach AP computer science.

(i) $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Mobius science center to expand mobile outreach of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education to students in rural, tribal, and low-income communities.

(j) $85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the centrum program at Fort Worden state park.

(k) $20,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $20,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to administer an outdoor learning grant program to develop and support outdoor educational experiences for students in Washington public schools. A portion of the amount provided must be used to provide outdoor educational opportunities for people with disabilities. The office may consult with the Washington recreation and conservation office on outdoor learning program grants. Of the amounts provided in this subsection (3)(l):

(i) $195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to implement chapter 112, Laws of 2022 (outdoor learning grant prg.).

(ii) $3,903,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,903,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the outdoor learning grant program, which consists of two types of grants:

(A) Allocation-based grants for school districts to develop or support outdoor educational experiences; and

(B) Competitive grants for outdoor education providers that are designed to support existing capacity and to increase future capacity for outdoor learning experiences.

(iii) $15,902,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $15,902,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the outdoor education experiences program. The office must prioritize providing the program to fifth and sixth grade students in high poverty schools, expanding to other fifth and sixth grade students subject to available funds.

(l) $3,205,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $3,205,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 238, Laws of 2022 (student financial literacy) which provides grants to school districts for integrating financial literacy education into professional development for certificated staff.

(m)(i) $4,725,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,725,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for dual language grants to grow capacity for high quality dual language learning. Grant funding may be used for new and existing dual language programs, heritage language programs for immigrant and refugee students, and indigenous language programs for native students. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for tribal language grants.

(ii) Each grant recipient must convene an advisory board to guide the development and continuous improvement of its dual language program, including but not limited to: Determining which schools and languages will be prioritized; conducting outreach to the community; and addressing enrollment considerations and the hiring of staff. At least half the members of the board must be parents of English learner students or current or former English learner students. The other members of the board must represent teachers, students, school leaders, governing board members, youth, and community-based organizations that support English learners.

(n) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to contract with a statewide nonprofit organization representing school principals to expand a student program that since 1956 has offered leadership education for all ages with proven programs, custom curriculum, and experiential opportunities that promote school-wide social and emotional growth.

(4) ELIMINATING INEQUITABLE STUDENT OUTCOMES

(a) $7,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $7,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a contract with a nongovernmental entity or entities for demonstration sites to improve the educational outcomes of students who are dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW pursuant to chapter 71, Laws of 2016 (foster youth edu. outcomes). The office may require the recipient of these funds to report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment with the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

(i) Of the amount provided in this subsection (4)(a), $446,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $446,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the demonstration site established pursuant to the 2013-2015 omnibus appropriations act, section 202(10), chapter 4, Laws of 2013, 2nd sp. sess.

(ii) Of the amount provided in this subsection (4)(a), $1,015,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,015,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the demonstration site established pursuant to the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act, section 501(43)(b), chapter 4, Laws of 2015, 3rd sp. sess., as amended.

(iii) Of the amounts provided in this subsection (4)(a), $684,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $684,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the demonstration site established with funding provided in the 2017-2019 omnibus appropriations act, chapter 1, Laws of 2017, 3rd sp. sess., as amended.

(iv) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the demonstration site established with funding provided in this act.

(v) $55,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $55,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for maintaining and implementing the data sharing agreement between the office, the department of children, youth, and families, and the contractors to support targeted service delivery, program evaluation, and statewide education outcomes measurement for students served under this section.

(b) $1,200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 157, Laws of 2016 (homeless students).

(c) $36,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $36,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for chapter 212, Laws of 2014 (homeless student educational outcomes).

(d) $750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for contracts with Washington state based nonprofit organizations that provide a career-integrated one-to-one mentoring program for disadvantaged students facing academic and personal challenges with the goal of keeping them on track for graduation and post-high school success. An applicant requesting funding under this subsection must successfully demonstrate to the office that it currently provides a career-integrated one-to-one volunteer mentoring program and has been mentoring school youth for at least 20 years in the state prior to application.

(e) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to contract with an organization to create an after-school and summer learning program in the city of Federal Way. The program shall provide comprehensive, culturally competent academic support and cultural enrichment for primarily latinx, spanish-speaking, low-income sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. The department must contract with an organization with over forty years of experience that serves the latino community in Seattle and King county and has previously established an after-school and summer learning program.

(f) $850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to create and administer a grant program for districts to reduce associated student body fees or participation fees for students who are eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meals program. The office must distribute grants for the 2025-26 school year to school districts by August 10, 2025, and grants for the 2026-27 school year by August 1, 2026.

(i) Grant awards must be prioritized in the following order:

(A) High schools implementing the United States department of agriculture community eligibility provision;

(B) High schools with the highest percentage of students in grades nine through twelve eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meals program; and

(C) High schools located in school districts enrolling 5,000 or fewer students.

(ii) High schools that do not comply with the data collection and reporting requirements in RCW 28A.320.540 are not eligible for grant funding.

(iii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall award grants that are the lesser of the cost of the high school's associated student body card multiplied by the number of students eligible for the free or reduced-price meals program that purchased a student body card in either 2022-23 or 2023-24 school year, whichever is higher, or $10,000.

(iv) The office may award additional funding if:

(A) The appropriations provided are greater than the total amount of funding requested at the end of the application cycle; and

(B) The applicant shows a demonstrated need for additional support.

(g) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to contract with a Washington-based nonprofit organization to promote equitable access in science, technology, engineering, and math education for historically underserved students and communities. The nonprofit shall provide a system of science educational programming specifically for migrant and bilingual students, including teacher professional development, culturally responsive classroom resources that are aligned with Washington state science and environmental and sustainability learning standards, and implementation support. At least 50 percent of the funding provided in this subsection must serve schools and school districts in eastern Washington. The nonprofit organization must have experience developing and implementing science and environmental science programming and resources for migrant and bilingual students.

(h) $1,399,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,399,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for school districts to support youth who are truant under chapter 28A.225 RCW or at risk of becoming truant, and for costs associated with filing or serving petitions under RCW 28A.225.030.

(i) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to school districts and educational service districts operating institutional education programs for youth in state long-term juvenile institutions to provide access to computer science elective courses created in chapter 234, Laws of 2022 (computer science instruction).

(j) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools to establish K-12 intensive tutoring programs. Grants shall be used to recruit, train, and hire tutors to provide one-on-one tutoring services to K-12 students experiencing learning loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The tutors must receive training in proven tutoring models to ensure their effectiveness in addressing learning loss.

(k) $362,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $362,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 180, Laws of 2017 (Washington Aim program).

(5) EDUCATOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a nonviolence and ethical leadership training and professional development program provided by the institute for community leadership.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $101,426,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $142,087,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $243,513,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: $1,000,000 of general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to distribute grants, in collaboration with the department of children, youth, and families, to support school districts in implementing blended early childhood education and assistance program and transition to kindergarten classrooms. Grant awards must be prioritized to school districts that the office deems closest to implementing a blended classroom model and classrooms must be blended by the conclusion of the 2026-27 school year. Of the amounts in this subsection, up to $150,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $150,000 in fiscal year 2027 may be used for administrative expenses. The office of the superintendent of public instruction is responsible for:

(1) Monitoring the grant program, in collaboration with the department of children, youth, and families, including working with school districts to blend classrooms with both early childhood education and assistance program and transition to kindergarten students, collecting and analyzing data, and collaborating with the department of children, youth, and families, to identify best practices and challenges associated with operating blended classrooms;

(2) Ensuring that grantees submit regular progress reports detailing their progress toward implementing blended classrooms and that the blending of classrooms is complete by the 2026-27 school year; and

(3) Submitting a comprehensive report by December 1, 2026, to the governor and legislature that includes identification of best practices, challenges, and policy recommendations that support future implementation of blended classrooms.

**PART VI**

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **PUBLIC BACCALAUREATE INSTITUTIONS**

(1) The state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College must accept the transfer of college-level courses taken by students under RCW 28A.600.290 or 28A.600.300 if a student seeking a transfer of the college-level courses has been admitted to the state university, the regional university, or The Evergreen State College, and if the college-level courses are recognized as transferrable by the admitting institution of higher education.

(2) Appropriations in sections 602 through 608 of this act are sufficient to implement 2025-27 collective bargaining agreements at institutions of higher education negotiated under chapter 41.80 RCW.

(3) For institutions of higher education receiving funding for cybersecurity and nursing academic programs for students in sections 602 through 608 of this act, each institution must coordinate with the student achievement council as provided in section 612(10) of this act and submit a progress report on new or expanded cybersecurity and nursing academic programs, including the number of students enrolled.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,013,524,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,048,073,000

Community/Technical College Capital Projects

Account—State Appropriation $21,376,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $166,925,000

Invest in Washington Account—State Appropriation $174,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $289,733,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,539,805,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $33,261,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $33,261,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely as special funds for training and related support services, including financial aid, as specified in RCW 28C.04.390. Funding is provided to support at least 7,170 full-time equivalent students in fiscal year 2026 and at least 7,170 full-time equivalent students in fiscal year 2027.

(2) $5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $5,450,000 of the education legacy trust account—state appropriation are provided solely for administration and customized training contracts through the job skills program. The state board shall make an annual report by January 1st of each year to the governor and to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature under RCW 43.01.036 regarding implementation of this section, listing the scope of grant awards, the distribution of funds by educational sector and region of the state, and the results of the partnerships supported by these funds.

(3) $425,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $425,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for Seattle Central College's expansion of allied health programs.

(4) $5,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $5,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the student achievement initiative.

(5) $1,610,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,610,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $904,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for the mathematics, engineering, and science achievement program.

(6) $1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for operating a fabrication composite wing incumbent worker training program to be housed at the Washington aerospace training and research center.

(7) $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the aerospace center of excellence currently hosted by Everett community college to:

(a) Increase statewide communications and outreach between industry sectors, industry organizations, businesses, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities;

(b) Enhance information technology to increase business and student accessibility and use of the center's web site; and

(c) Act as the information entry point for prospective students and job seekers regarding education, training, and employment in the industry.

(8) $25,970,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $27,530,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in RCW 28B.15.066.

(9) Community and technical colleges are not required to send mass mailings of course catalogs to residents of their districts. Community and technical colleges shall consider lower cost alternatives, such as mailing postcards or brochures that direct individuals to online information and other ways of acquiring print catalogs.

(10) The state board for community and technical colleges shall not use funds appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate athletics programs.

(11) $157,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $157,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Wenatchee Valley college wildfire prevention program.

(12) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Puget Sound welcome back center at Highline College to create a grant program for internationally trained individuals seeking employment in the behavioral health field in Washington state.

(13) $750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for increased enrollments in the integrated basic education and skills training program. Funding will support approximately 120 additional full-time equivalent enrollments annually.

(14) $216,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $216,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the opportunity center for employment and education at North Seattle College.

(15) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for Highline College to implement the Federal Way higher education initiative in partnership with the city of Federal Way and the University of Washington Tacoma campus.

(16) $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for Peninsula College to maintain the annual cohorts of the specified programs as follows:

(a) Medical assisting, 40 students;

(b) Nursing assistant, 60 students; and

(c) Registered nursing, 32 students.

(17) $338,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $338,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state labor education and research center at South Seattle College.

(18) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the aerospace and advanced manufacturing center of excellence hosted by Everett Community College to develop a semiconductor and electronics manufacturing branch in Vancouver.

(19) $1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $11,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $65,847,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for statewide implementation of guided pathways at each of the state's community and technical colleges or similar programs designed to improve student success, including, but not limited to, academic program redesign, student advising, and other student supports.

(20) $15,220,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for college operating costs, including compensation and central services, in recognition that these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate operating fee revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

(21) $15,220,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for employee compensation, academic program enhancements, student support services, and other institutional priorities that maintain a quality academic experience for Washington students.

(22) $40,800,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to continue to fund nurse educator salaries.

(23) $40,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided to continue to fund high-demand program faculty salaries, including but not limited to nurse educators, other health-related professions, information technology, computer science, and trades.

(24) $8,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the state board for community and technical colleges to maintain high-demand and career launch enrollments, as provided under RCW 28C.30.020. Within the amounts provided in this subsection (24):

(a) $6,000,000 of the amounts in this subsection (24) are provided to maintain and grow career launch enrollments, as provided under RCW 28C.30.020. Up to three percent of this amount may be used for administration, technical assistance, and support for career launch programs within the community and technical colleges.

(b) $2,000,000 of the amounts in this subsection (24) are provided to maintain enrollments in high demand programs. These programs include, but are not limited to, allied health, computer and information science, manufacturing, and other fields identified by the state board for community and technical colleges.

(c) The state board for community and technical colleges may transfer amounts between (a) and (b) of this subsection if either program does not have sufficient demand to spend the allocated funding. Any transfer must be approved by the state board for community and technical colleges and the office of financial management.

(25) $4,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation and $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the emergency assistance grant program in RCW 28B.50.295.

(26) $1,119,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,119,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $4,221,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for implementation of diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism provisions in chapter 28B.10 RCW.

(27) $20,473,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of equity and access provisions in chapter 28B.50 RCW.

(28)(a) $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to promote workforce development in trucking and trucking-related supply chain industries and the school bus driving industry by expanding the number of registered apprenticeships, preapprenticeships, and trucking related training programs; and providing support for registered apprenticeships or programs in trucking and trucking-related supply chain industries and the school bus driving industry.

(b) Grants awarded under this subsection may be used for:

(i) Equipment upgrades or new equipment purchases for training purposes;

(ii) New training spaces and locations to support capacity needs and expansion of training to veterans and veteran spouses, and underserved populations to include foster care and homeless transition populations and previously incarcerated persons;

(iii) Faculty curriculum development and instructor training for driving, repair, and service of technological advancements facing the industries;

(iv) Tuition assistance for commercial vehicle driver and related supply chain industry training, fees associated with driver testing, and other reasonable and necessary student support services, including child care costs; and

(v) Fees and other reasonable costs associated with commercial truck driving examiner training and certification.

(c) An entity is eligible to receive a grant if it is a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or institution of primary or higher education that provides training opportunities, including apprenticeships, preapprenticeships, preemployment training, commercial vehicle driver training and testing, or vocational training related to mechanical and support functions that support the trucking industry or the school bus driving industry; or incumbent worker training to prepare workers for the trucking and trucking-related supply chain industries or the school bus driving industry. Preference will be given to entities in compliance with government approved or accredited programs. Reporting requirements, as determined by the board, shall be required.

(d) The board may use up to five percent of funds for administration of grants.

(29) $3,200,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for costs associated with grants awarded in fiscal year 2023 for nursing programs to purchase or upgrade simulation laboratory equipment.

(30)(a) $9,336,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to expand cybersecurity academic enrollments by 500 FTE students.

(b) The state board for community and technical colleges must coordinate with the student achievement council as provided in section 608(10) of this act to submit a progress report on the new or expanded cybersecurity academic programs, including the number of students enrolled.

(31) $410,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to establish a center for excellence in cybersecurity.

(32) $1,648,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,648,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for legal services related to litigation by employees within the community and technical college system challenging the denial of retirement and sick leave benefits. The cases include *Wolf v. State and SBCTC, Rush v. State and SBCTC* (retirement), and *Rush v. State and SBCTC* (sick leave).

(33) $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the opportunity grant program to provide health care workforce grants for students.

(34) $2,720,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,720,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for each community and technical college to contract with a community-based organization to assist with financial aid access and support in communities.

(35) $7,456,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the expansion of existing programming to accommodate refugees and immigrants who have arrived in Washington state on or after July 1, 2021, including those from Afghanistan and Ukraine.

(36)(a) $2,160,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $2,160,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $3,600,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for nursing education, to increase the number of nursing slots by at least 400 new slots in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

(b) The state board for community and technical colleges must coordinate with the student achievement council as provided in section 608(10) of this act to submit a progress report on the new or expanded nursing academic programs, including the number of students enrolled per program.

(37) $200,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Bellingham Technical College maritime apprenticeship program.

(38) $2,100,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Skagit Valley College dental therapy education program.

(39)(a) $855,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Seattle Central College for partnership with the Seattle maritime academy. Seattle Central College must enter into a memorandum of agreement with Washington state ferries. Funding may not be expended until Seattle Central College certifies to the office of financial management that a memorandum of agreement with Washington state ferries has been executed. The memorandum of agreement must address:

(i) The shared use of training and other facilities and implementation of joint training opportunities where practicable;

(ii) Development of a joint recruitment plan aimed at increasing enrollment of women and people of color, with specific strategies to recruit existing community and technical college students, maritime skills center students, high school students from maritime programs, foster care graduates, and former juvenile rehabilitation and adult incarcerated individuals; and

(iii) Development of a training program and recruitment plan and a five-year operational plan.

(b) The joint training program and recruitment plan and the five-year operational plan must be submitted to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature by December 1, 2023.

(40) $200,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the state board for community and technical colleges to work with interested parties, such as local law enforcement agencies, the department of corrections, representatives of county or city jail facilities, the Washington state patrol, Washington community and technical colleges, and other organizations and entities as appropriate to assess the recruitment and retention challenges for their agencies and develop recommendations to meet the workforce needs. These recommendations should focus on education and training programs that meet the needs of law enforcement and corrections agencies and must include an outreach strategy designed to inform and attract students in non-traditional program pathways. The assessment and recommendations shall be provided in a report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature, pursuant to RCW 43.01.036, by October 1, 2025.

(41) $331,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $331,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $1,360,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for implementation of state registered apprenticeship provisions in chapter 28B.124 RCW.

(42) $1,262,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the centers of excellence.

(43) $5,789,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421, Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

(44) $3,718,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 339, Laws of 2023 (student homelessness pilot).

(45) $5,308,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 314, Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

(46) $882,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 126, Laws of 2023 (nurse supply).

(47) $475,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the continuation of curriculum development and program redesign to integrate climate justice and solutions-focused assignments and professional technical green workforce modules into community college curriculum across the state.

(48) $1,602,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for community college staff to recruit, advise, and support early achievers scholars completing their early childhood qualifications. The state board shall prioritize colleges with longer wait lists for early achievers scholars. The state board for community and technical colleges shall collaborate with the department of children, youth, and families to submit a report, pursuant to RCW 43.01.036, by September 30, 2025, to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on early achievers grant participation data, including data on enrollment and waitlists for the grant program.

(49) $408,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for Olympic College to hire program directors for new health care pathways.

(50) $2,280,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the increase in bachelor of science computer science programs.

(51) $257,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $257,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the creation of a hospitality center of excellence hosted at Columbia basin college.

(52) $850,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to expand the student aid outreach and completion initiative pilot program in RCW 28B.50.940 to participating community and technical colleges located within capital region educational service district 113.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $495,998,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $507,889,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $379,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $388,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State

Appropriation $1,670,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $526,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account—State

Appropriation $840,000

University of Washington Building Account—State

Appropriation $1,546,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $40,630,000

Economic Development Strategic Reserve Account—State

Appropriation $3,150,000

Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation $635,000

Accident Account—State Appropriation $9,037,000

Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation $8,400,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $80,761,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,151,849,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $53,902,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $57,140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in RCW 28B.15.066.

(2) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one head archivist for the labor archives of Washington and reserved solely for labor archives activities, staffing, supplies, and equipment. The head will determine budget priorities and oversee expenditures on the budget. Budget funds will be reserved solely for the labor archives and shall not be used to supplant or supplement other activities of the University of Washington libraries unrelated to the collections and activities of the labor archives. The university and the head shall work in collaboration with the friends of the labor archives community advisory board.

(3) $10,000,000 of the education legacy trust account—state appropriation is provided solely for the family medicine residency network at the university to maintain and expand the number of residency slots available in Washington.

(4) The university must continue work with the education research and data center to demonstrate progress in computer science and engineering enrollments. By September 1st of each year, the university shall provide a report including but not limited to the cost per student, student completion rates, and the number of low-income students enrolled in each program, any process changes or best-practices implemented by the university, and how many students are enrolled in computer science and engineering programs above the prior academic year.

(5) $14,000,000 of the education legacy trust account—state appropriation is provided solely for the expansion of degrees in the department of computer science and engineering at the Seattle campus.

(6) $3,062,000 of the economic development strategic reserve account—state appropriation is provided solely to support the joint center for aerospace innovation technology.

(7) The University of Washington shall not use funds appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate athletics programs.

(8) $7,345,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $7,345,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continued operations and expansion of the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho medical school program.

(9) $2,625,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,625,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the institute for stem cell and regenerative medicine. Funds appropriated in this subsection must be dedicated to research utilizing pluripotent stem cells and related research methods.

(10) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided to the University of Washington to support youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in the university district of Seattle. Funding is provided for the university to work with community service providers and university colleges and departments to plan for and implement a comprehensive one-stop center with navigation services for homeless youth; the university may contract with the department of commerce to expand services that serve homeless youth in the university district.

(11) $1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $1,200,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for the adult psychiatry residency program at the University of Washington to offer additional residency positions that are approved by the accreditation council for graduate medical education.

(12) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the University of Washington's psychiatry integrated care training program.

(13) $640,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $640,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $426,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for child and adolescent psychiatry residency positions that are approved by the accreditation council for graduate medical education, as provided in RCW 28B.20.445.

(14) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the University of Washington School of Dentistry to support its role as a major oral health provider to individuals covered by medicaid and the uninsured.

(15) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the pre-law pipeline and social justice program at the University of Washington-Tacoma.

(16) $226,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $226,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the university's neurology department to create a telemedicine program to disseminate dementia care best practices to primary care practitioners using the project ECHO model. The program shall provide a virtual connection for providers and content experts and include didactics, case conferences, and an emphasis on practice transformation and systems-level issues that affect care delivery. The initial users of this program shall include referral sources in health care systems and clinics, such as the university's neighborhood clinics and Virginia Mason Memorial in Yakima with a goal of adding 15 to 20 providers from smaller clinics and practices per year.

(17) $102,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $102,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $350,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for the university's center for international trade in forest products.

(18) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $500,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for the Latino center for health.

(19) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a firearm policy research program. The program will:

(a) Support investigations of firearm death and injury risk factors;

(b) Evaluate the effectiveness of state firearm laws and policies;

(c) Assess the consequences of firearm violence; and

(d) Develop strategies to reduce the toll of firearm violence to citizens of the state.

(20) $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the climate impacts group in the college of the environment.

(21) $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the college of education to collaborate with teacher preparation programs and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop open access climate science educational curriculum for use in teacher preparation programs.

(22) $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $300,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for the Harry Bridges center for labor studies. The center shall work in collaboration with the state board for community and technical colleges.

(23) $4,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation and $4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for employee compensation, academic program enhancements, student support services, and other institutional priorities that maintain a quality academic experience for Washington students.

(24) $8,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to maintain degree production in the college of engineering at the Seattle campus.

(25) $2,724,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to maintain the Washington state academic redshirt program on the Seattle campus and establish a program on the Bothell campus.

(26) $2,700,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to maintain degree capacity and undergraduate enrollments in engineering, mathematics, and science programs to support the biomedical innovation partnership zone at the Bothell campus.

(27) $3,268,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to maintain bachelor of science programs in mechanical and civil engineering to support increased student and local employer demand for graduates in these fields at the Tacoma campus.

(28) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $700,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for Washington mathematics, engineering, science achievement programs to provide enrichment opportunities in mathematics, engineering, science, and technology to students who are traditionally underrepresented in these programs. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $500,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is for Washington State University to plan and implement expansion of MESA activities at the Everett campus to facilitate increased attendance and degree completion by students who are underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics degrees.

(29) $75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a community care coordinator for transitional-age youth for the doorway project in partnership with the Seattle campus.

(30) $14,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the expansion of the Paul G. Allen school of computer science and engineering in order to award an additional 200 degrees per year focusing on traditionally underrepresented students. A report on the program graduation rates, waitlist for entry into the program, time to degree completion, and degrees awarded must be submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature, pursuant to RCW 43.01.036, by June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

(31) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to expand a series of online courses related to behavioral health and student well-being that are currently offered at the Bothell campus for school district staff. The standards for the courses must be consistent with knowledge, skill, and performance standards related to mental health and well-being of public school students. The online courses must provide:

(a) Foundational knowledge in behavioral health, mental health, and mental illness;

(b) Information on how to assess, intervene upon, and refer behavioral health and intersection of behavioral health and substance use issues; and

(c) Approaches to promote health and positively influence student health behaviors.

(32) To ensure transparency and accountability, in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium the University of Washington shall comply with any and all financial and accountability audits by the Washington state auditor including any and all audits of university services offered to the general public, including those offered through any public-private partnership, business venture, affiliation, or joint venture with a public or private entity, except the government of the United States. The university shall comply with all state auditor requests for the university's financial and business information including the university's governance and financial participation in these public-private partnerships, business ventures, affiliations, or joint ventures with a public or private entity. In any instance in which the university declines to produce the information to the state auditor, the university will provide the state auditor a brief summary of the documents withheld and a citation of the legal or contractual provision that prevents disclosure. The summaries must be compiled into a report by the state auditor and provided on a quarterly basis to the legislature.

(33) $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Burke museum of natural history and culture to make education programs offered by the museum accessible to more students across Washington, especially students in underserved schools and locations. The funding shall be used for:

(a) Increasing the number of students who participate in Burke education programs at reduced or no cost, including virtual programs;

(b) Providing bus reimbursement for students visiting the museum on field trips and to support travel to bring museum programs across the state;

(c) Staff who will form partnerships with school districts to serve statewide communities more efficiently and equitably, including through the Burkemobile program; and

(d) Support of tribal consultation work, including expanding Native programming, and digitization of Native collections.

(34) $410,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $410,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the university's center for human rights. The appropriation must be used to supplement, not supplant, other funding sources for the center for human rights.

(35) $143,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $143,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to the University of Washington for the establishment and operation of the state forensic anthropologist. The university shall work in conjunction with and provide the full funding directly to the King county medical examiner's office to support the statewide work of the state forensic anthropologist.

(36) $64,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $64,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and training specifically related to working with active members of the military or military veterans.

(37) $443,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the operation of the center for environmental forensic science.

(38) $1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the community-engagement test to facilitate clean energy transitions by partnering with communities, utilities, and project developers.

(39) $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for staffing and operational expenditures related to the battery fabrication testbed.

(40) $505,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $505,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for pharmacy behavioral health. The University of Washington school of pharmacy/medicine pharmacy services will hire two residency training positions and one behavioral health faculty to create a residency program focused on behavioral health.

(41) $1,242,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,242,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $742,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for an increase in the number of nursing slots and graduates in the already established accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $273,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $273,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Tacoma school of nursing and healthcare leadership.

(42) $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the memory and brain wellness center to support the statewide expansion of the dementia friends program.

(43) $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain a data repository to assist the state and all political subdivisions with evaluating whether and to what extent existing laws and practices with respect to voting and elections are consistent with public policy, implementing best practices in voting and elections, and to investigate potential infringements upon the right to vote.

(a) The operation of the database shall be the responsibility of the director of the database, who shall be employed by the University of Washington with training and experience in demography, statistical analysis, and electoral systems. The director shall appoint necessary staff to implement and maintain the database.

(b) The database shall maintain in electronic format at least the following data and records, where available, for at least the previous 12-year period:

(i) Estimates of the total population, voting age population, and citizen voting age population by race, ethnicity, and language-minority groups, broken down to the election district and precinct level on a year-by-year basis for every political subdivision in the state, based on data from the United States census bureau, American community survey, or data of comparable quality collected by a public office;

(ii) Election results at the precinct level for every statewide election and every election in every political subdivision;

(iii) Regularly updated voter registration lists, voter history files, voting center locations, ballot drop box locations, and student engagement hub locations for every election in every political subdivision;

(iv) Contemporaneous maps, descriptions of boundaries, and shapefiles for election districts and precincts;

(v) The following records for every election in every political subdivision:

(A) Records of all voters issued a ballot and all voters who returned a ballot; and

(B) Records of all ballots with missing and mismatched signatures, including the date on which the voter was contacted or the notice was mailed, as well as the date on which the voter submitted updated information;

(vi) Apportionment plans for every election in every political subdivision; and

(vii) Any other data that the director deems advisable.

(c) Upon the certification of election results and the completion of the voter history file after each general election, the secretary of state shall transmit copies of the following to the director of the database:

(i) Election results at the precinct level, including information about rejected and cured ballots;

(ii) Voter history files;

(iii) Shapefiles for election districts; and

(iv) Lists of voting centers, ballot drop boxes, and student engagement hubs.

(d) The director and staff shall update election data in the database as soon as it is available from the office of the secretary of state, following certification of each election as required by RCW 29A.60.190 or 29A.60.250.

(e) Except for any data, information, or estimates that identify individual voters, the data, information, and estimates maintained by the database shall be posted online and made available to the public at no cost.

(f) The database shall prepare any estimates made pursuant to this section by applying scientifically rigorous and validated methodologies.

(g) On or before January 1, 2025, the database shall publish on its website and transmit to the state for dissemination to county auditors and the secretary of state a list of political subdivisions required, pursuant to section 203 of the federal voting rights act, 52 U.S.C. Sec. 10503, to provide assistance to members of language-minority groups and each language in which those political subdivisions are required to provide assistance. Each county auditor shall transmit the list described in this subsection to all political subdivisions within their jurisdiction.

(h) The database will complete regular analysis of ballot rejections and cures, identifying population subgroups with higher than average ballot rejection rates. An annual report of ballot rejections will be posted online and made available to the public at no cost. Database staff may work with the secretary of state and county auditors to examine new practices and solutions for reducing ballot rejections and increasing ballot cure rates.

(i) Staff at the database may provide nonpartisan technical assistance to political subdivisions, scholars, and the general public seeking to use the resources of the database.

(44) $122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for sexual assault nurse examiner training.

(45) $2,505,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the expansion of the University of Washington school of dentistry regional initiatives in dental education (RIDE) program.

(46) Within existing resources, the institution must resume a mentoring, organization, and social support for autism inclusion on campus program. The program must focus on academic coaching, peer-mentoring, support for social interactions, and career preparation.

(47) $1,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the center for indigenous health to increase the number of American Indian and Alaska Native physicians practicing in the state of Washington.

(48) $484,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to the university for Friday harbor labs in the amount of $125,000 each fiscal year and the school of aquatic and fishery sciences in the amount of $117,000 each fiscal year to perform coordinating, monitoring, and research related to Puget Sound kelp conservation and recovery.

(49) $2,854,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for increasing enrollments in computing and engineering programs at the Tacoma campus.

(50) $520,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely for the biological response to ocean acidification to advance high-priority biological experiments to better understand the relationship between marine organisms and ocean acidification.

(51) $300,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state appropriation is provided solely for monitoring assistance at the Washington ocean acidification center.

(52) $104,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $104,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continued implementation of chapter 191, Laws of 2022 (veterans & military suicide).

(53) $426,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the continued implementation of RCW 49.60.525 (racial restrictions/review).

(54) $800,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the development and implementation of a program to support pathways from prison to the university's Tacoma campus. The university shall collaborate with formerly incarcerated women, Tacoma Community College, the freedom education project Puget Sound, the women's village, the state board for community and technical colleges, and the department of corrections, in development and implementation of the pathways program.

(55) $660,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Allen school scholars program.

(56) $158,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $158,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $798,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for continued implementation of diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism professional development for faculty and staff, student training, and campus climate assessments in chapter 28B.10 RCW.

(57) The institution must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(58) $513,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421, Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

(59) $686,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $669,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 426, Laws of 2023 (diversity in clinical trials).

(60) $208,000 of the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 454, Laws of 2023 (988 system).

(61) $1,652,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 314, Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

(62) $730,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 364, Laws of 2023 (psilocybin).

(63) $288,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 232, Laws of 2023 (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5447) (alternative jet fuel).

(64) $526,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for two grant writers to support the ongoing need for tribal and overburdened communities to access state and federal funding opportunities that advance environmental justice through the thriving communities technical assistance program.

(65) $20,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $20,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support behavioral health care and training at the University of Washington medical center. A report detailing how these funds and any federal funds are expended for the medical center shall be submitted to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature, pursuant to RCW 43.01.036, by June 30, 2026.

(66) $615,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $615,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for legal services related to the behavioral health teaching facility.

(67) $412,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely to develop and implement the Washington reproductive access alliance. The alliance shall provide a service coordination website and phone line, administrative support and coordination of the alliance, patient care coordination, and social support for patient travel.

(68) $232,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $232,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of chapter 211, Laws of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

(69) $214,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $214,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of chapter 366, Laws of 2024 (substance use treatment).

(70) $10,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 269, Laws of 2024 (ballot rejection).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $302,380,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $309,080,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2026) $204,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation

(FY 2027) $208,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $7,722,000

Washington State University Building Account—State

Appropriation $792,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $33,995,000

Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State

Appropriation $2,772,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $48,646,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $705,799,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $90,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $90,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a rural economic development and outreach coordinator.

(2) The university must continue work with the education research and data center to demonstrate progress in computer science and engineering enrollments. By September 1st of each year, the university shall provide a report including but not limited to the cost per student, student completion rates, and the number of low-income students enrolled in each program, any process changes or best-practices implemented by the university, and how many students are enrolled in computer science and engineering programs above the prior academic year.

(3) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for state match requirements related to the federal aviation administration grant.

(4) Washington State University shall not use funds appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate athletic programs.

(5) $7,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $7,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and $22,800,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for the continued development and operations of a medical school program in Spokane.

(6) $135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a honey bee biology research position.

(7) $38,316,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $40,618,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in RCW 28B.15.066.

(8) $580,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $580,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the development of an organic agriculture systems degree program located at the university center in Everett.

(9) $630,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $630,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the creation of an electrical engineering program located in Bremerton. At full implementation, the university is expected to increase degree production by 25 new bachelor's degrees per year. The university must identify these students separately when providing data to the education research data center as required in subsection (2) of this section.

(10) $1,370,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,370,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the creation of software engineering and data analytic programs at the university center in Everett. At full implementation, the university is expected to enroll 50 students per academic year. The university must identify these students separately when providing data to the education research data center as required in subsection (2) of this section.

(11) General fund—state appropriations in this section are reduced to reflect a reduction in state-supported tuition waivers for graduate students. When reducing tuition waivers, the university will not change its practices and procedures for providing eligible veterans with tuition waivers.

(12) $1,154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for RCW 82.16.120 and 82.16.165 (renewable energy, tax incentives).

(13) $376,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $376,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for RCW 28B.30.357 (children's mental health).

(14) $585,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $585,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for RCW 77.12.272 (elk hoof disease).

(15) $2,076,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely for the university's soil health initiative and its network of long-term agroecological research and extension (LTARE) sites. The network must include a Mount Vernon REC site.

(16) $42,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $42,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and training specifically related to working with active members of the military or military veterans.

(17) $33,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $33,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for compensation funding for Western Washington University employees that work on the Washington State University Everett campus.

(18) $327,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $327,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for pharmacy behavioral health. Washington State University college of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences will hire two residency training positions and one behavioral health faculty to create a residency program focused on behavioral health.

(19) $608,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $608,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for the Washington state academy of sciences to provide support for core operations and to accomplish its mission of providing science in the service of Washington, pursuant to its memorandum of understanding with the university.

(20) $188,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $188,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for stormwater research to study the long-term efficacy of green stormwater infrastructure that incorporates compost to remove pollutants.

(21) $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the joint center for deployment and research in earth abundant materials.

(22) $7,721,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the creation of the institute for northwest energy futures.

(23) $3,910,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for increasing nursing salaries at the institution.

(24) $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for increasing the base funding for the William D. Ruckleshaus Center.

(25) $695,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state appropriation is provided solely for turf grass resilience research in high traffic areas.

(26) The institution must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(27) $434,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421, Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

(28) $190,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $190,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for continued funding of the statewide broadband coordinator within the Washington State University extension program. This funding will support the salary and benefits of this position.

(29) $353,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the complex social interactions lab.

(30) $232,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 211, Laws of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

(31) $2,200,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the native American scholarship to continue for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $72,502,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $74,074,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $16,838,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $23,762,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $187,176,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) At least $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and at least $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 must be expended on the Northwest autism center.

(2) The university must continue work with the education research and data center to demonstrate progress in computer science and engineering enrollments. By September 1st of each year, the university shall provide a report including but not limited to the cost per student, student completion rates, and the number of low-income students enrolled in each program, any process changes or best-practices implemented by the university, and how many students are enrolled in computer science and engineering programs above the prior academic year.

(3) Eastern Washington University shall not use funds appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate athletics programs.

(4) $13,763,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $14,590,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in RCW 28B.15.066.

(5) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the university is encouraged to increase the number of tenure-track positions created and hired.

(6) $2,274,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for institution operating costs, including compensation and central services, in recognition that these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate operating fee revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

(7) $2,636,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to maintain a computer engineering degree program in the college of science, technology, engineering, and math.

(8) $45,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $45,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and training specifically related to working with active members of the military or military veterans.

(9) $300,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to establish a center for inclusive excellence for faculty and staff.

(10) $536,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for a professional masters of science cyber operations degree option.

(11) $2,144,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the operation of a bachelor of science in cybersecurity degree option through the computer science program.

(12) $4,598,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to expand faculty and staff to create a cohort of 80 students in the bachelor of nursing program.

(13) $476,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the continued implementation of RCW 49.60.525.

(14) $110,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $110,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a summer bridge program.

(15) $1,040,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the establishment and operating support of a university mathematics, engineering, and science achievement program.

(16) $138,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421, Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

(17) $25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $10,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 197, Laws of 2023 (crime victims & witnesses).

(18) $4,128,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 314, Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

(19) $18,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $18,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 115, Laws of 2023 (academic employee bargaining).

(20) $689,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $689,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for dental therapy.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $75,388,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $76,952,000

Accident Account—State Appropriation $692,000

Central Washington University Capital Projects

Account—State Appropriation $76,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $19,076,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $15,332,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $187,516,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The university must continue work with the education research and data center to demonstrate progress in engineering enrollments. By September 1st of each year, the university shall provide a report including but not limited to the cost per student, student completion rates, and the number of low-income students enrolled in each program, any process changes or best-practices implemented by the university, and how many students are enrolled in engineering programs above the prior academic year.

(2) Central Washington University shall not use funds appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate athletics programs.

(3) $15,514,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $16,446,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in RCW 28B.15.066.

(4) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the university is encouraged to increase the number of tenure-track positions created and hired.

(5) $2,236,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for institution operating costs, including compensation and central services, in recognition that these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate operating fee revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

(6) $1,050,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to increase the number of certified K-12 teachers.

(7) $736,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to maintain mental health counseling positions.

(8) $240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for two counselor positions to increase access to mental health counseling for traditionally underrepresented students.

(9) $52,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $52,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health outreach and service coordination position who has knowledge of issues relevant to veterans.

(10) $240,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for expanding cybersecurity capacity by adding additional faculty resources in the department of computer science.

(11) $586,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for a peer mentoring program. The amount provided in this subsection must be used to supplement, not supplant, other funding sources for the program.

(12) $286,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the operation of an extended orientation program to help promote retention of underserved students. The amount provided in this subsection must be used to supplement, not supplant, other funding sources for the program.

(13) $12,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $12,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the cost of the criminal justice training center's use of office and classroom space at the Lynnwood campus.

(14) $1,406,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for student success. Students will receive discipline specific tutoring programs, peer assisted learning sessions, and academic success coaching.

(15) $967,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for grow your own teacher residency programs in high need areas of elementary, bilingual, special education, and English language learners.

(16) $844,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for dual language expansion programs in Yakima and Des Moines.

(17) $147,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421, Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

(18) $5,376,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 314, Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

(19) $18,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $18,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 115, Laws of 2023 (academic employee bargaining).

(20) $766,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for student basic needs. This funding will support two financial aid coaching specialists, support a coordinator for the food pantry, support a director and advocate to assist students who have experienced sexual violence, and help with prevention initiatives.

(21) Appropriations in this section are sufficient to implement the collective bargaining agreement between Central Washington University and the campus police officers and sergeants negotiated under chapter 41.80 RCW and as set forth in part IX of this act.

(22) $22,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $22,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 211, Laws of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

(23) $421,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $421,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the civil rights and risk mitigation staffing.

(24) $692,000 of the accident account—state appropriation is provided solely for central Washington university to increase enrollment in their occupational safety and health programs.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $43,434,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $43,048,000

The Evergreen State College Capital Projects

Account—State Appropriation $80,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $5,450,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $5,482,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $97,494,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $4,719,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $5,002,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in RCW 28B.15.066.

(2) Funding provided in this section is sufficient for The Evergreen State College to continue operations of the Longhouse Center and the Northwest Indian applied research institute.

(3) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the college is encouraged to increase the number of tenure-track positions created and hired.

(4) $2,231,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,134,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state institute for public policy to initiate, sponsor, conduct, and publish research that is directly useful to policymakers and manage reviews and evaluations of technical and scientific topics as they relate to major long-term issues facing the state. Within the amounts provided in this subsection (4):

(a) $1,685,000 of the amounts in fiscal year 2026 and $1,685,000 of the amounts in fiscal year 2027 are provided for administration and core operations.

(b) $546,000 of the amounts in fiscal year 2026 and $449,000 of the amounts in fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for ongoing and continuing studies on the Washington state institute for public policy's work plan.

(c) Notwithstanding other provisions in this subsection, the board of directors for the Washington state institute for public policy may adjust due dates for projects included on the institute's 2025-27 work plan as necessary to efficiently manage workload.

(5) $213,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $213,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional faculty to support Native American and indigenous programs.

(6) $85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to the native pathways program for an assistant director.

(7) $110,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $110,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a tribal liaison position.

(8) $39,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $39,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and training specifically related to working with active members of the military or military veterans.

(9) $137,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $137,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for student mental health and wellness. The amount provided in this subsection must be used to supplement, not supplant, other funding sources for the program.

(10) $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to develop and expand current corrections education programs offered in department of corrections facilities. The college shall appoint a project implementation team, collaborate with stakeholders to plan student success programs and curriculum which lead to transferable credit, associate and bachelor's degrees, and other workforce credentials, and train faculty and staff on working with incarcerated populations.

(11) $2,636,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for institution operating costs, including compensation and central services, in recognition that these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate operating fee revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

(12) $670,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to maintain enrollment capacity in psychology programs.

(13) $600,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to increase student success by maintaining support for a student precollege immersion program and the Evergreen first-year experience.

(14) $988,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for student enrollment and retention support. Funding is provided for hiring a student advisor and underserved student specialist to provide student support and administrative support for the native pathways program.

(15) $124,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421, Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

(16) $26,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $26,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 115, Laws of 2023 (academic employee bargaining).

(17) $97,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $97,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 211, Laws of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

(18) $318,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $583,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Shelton promise pilot program.

(19) $42,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $42,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 272, Laws of 2024 (incarcerated student grants).

(20) $25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for captioning, sign language interpreters, and other accessibility tools and services.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $110,616,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $114,025,000

Western Washington University Capital Projects

Account—State Appropriation $1,790,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $13,831,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $23,638,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $263,900,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The university must continue work with the education research and data center to demonstrate progress in computer science and engineering enrollments. By September 1st of each year, the university shall provide a report including but not limited to the cost per student, student completion rates, and the number of low-income students enrolled in each program, any process changes or best-practices implemented by the university, and how many students are enrolled in computer science and engineering programs above the prior academic year.

(2) Western Washington University shall not use funds appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate athletics programs.

(3) $21,411,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $22,697,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in RCW 28B.15.066.

(4) $700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the creation and implementation of an early childhood education degree program at the western on the peninsulas campus. The university must collaborate with Olympic college. At full implementation, the university is expected to grant approximately 75 bachelor's degrees in early childhood education per year at the western on the peninsulas campus.

(5) $1,306,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,306,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the university to develop a new program in marine, coastal, and watershed sciences.

(6) $886,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $886,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the university to reduce tuition rates for four-year degree programs offered in partnership with Olympic college—Bremerton, Olympic college—Poulsbo, and Peninsula college—Port Angeles that are currently above state-funded resident undergraduate tuition rates.

(7) $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to recruit and retain high quality and diverse graduate students.

(8) $548,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $548,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for critical support services to ensure traditionally underrepresented students receive the same opportunities for academic success as their peers.

(9) $48,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $48,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and training specifically related to working with active members of the military or military veterans.

(10) $530,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $530,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the operation of two bilingual educator programs in the south King county region, including a bilingual elementary education degree program and a secondary education degree program. At full implementation, each cohort shall support up to 25 students per year.

(11) $361,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $361,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a master of science program in nursing.

(12) $433,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $433,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the registered nurse to bachelors in nursing program.

(13) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the university is encouraged to increase the number of tenure-track positions created and hired.

(14) $2,256,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for institution operating costs, including compensation and central services, in recognition that these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate operating fee revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

(15) $3,426,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to maintain access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics degrees.

(16) $908,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to establish an academic curriculum in ethnic studies.

(17) $400,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for upgrading cyber range equipment and software.

(18) $2,520,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for student support services that include resources for outreach and financial aid support, retention initiatives including targeted support for underserved student populations, mental health support, and initiatives aimed at addressing learning disruption due to the global pandemic. The amount provided in this subsection must be used to supplement, not supplant, other funding sources for student support services.

(19) $3,186,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the western on the peninsulas expansion. This includes new two plus two degrees programs such as industrial engineering, data science, and sociology.

(20) $100,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for mental health first aid training for faculty.

(21) $150,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the small business development center to increase technical assistance to black, indigenous, and other people of color small business owners in Whatcom county.

(22) $2,412,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for expansion of bilingual educators education.

(23) $1,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided for additional student support and outreach at western on the peninsulas.

(24) $580,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to convert the human services program at western on the peninsulas from self-sustaining to state-supported to reduce tuition rates for students in the program.

(25) $138,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421, Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

(26) $1,306,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to establish and administer a teacher residency program focused on special education instruction beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Amounts provided in this subsection are sufficient to support one cohort of 17 residents per school year, and must be prioritized to communities that are anticipated to be most positively impacted by teacher residents who fill teacher vacancies upon completing the teacher residency program and who remain in the communities in which they are mentored. The teacher residency program must meet the following requirements:

(a) Residents receive compensation equivalent to first year paraeducators, as defined in RCW 28A.413.010;

(b) Each resident is assigned a preservice mentor;

(c) Preservice mentors receive a stipend of $2,500 per year;

(d) Residents receive at least 900 hours of preservice clinical practice over the course of the school year;

(e) At least half of the residency hours specified in (d) of this subsection are in a coteaching setting with the resident's preservice mentor and the other half of the residency hours are in a coteaching setting with another teacher;

(f) Residents may not be assigned the lead or primary responsibility for student learning;

(g) Coursework taught during the residency is codesigned by the teacher preparation program and the school district, state-tribal education compact school, or consortium, tightly integrated with residents' preservice clinical practice, and focused on developing culturally responsive teachers; and

(h) The program must prepare residents to meet or exceed the knowledge, skills, performance, and competency standards described in RCW 28A.410.270(1).

(27) $445,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to continue the expansion of the undergraduate electrical and computer engineering program.

(28) $122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 211, Laws of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

(29) $404,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $404,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continuation of academic access outreach.

(30) $32,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 314, Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL—POLICY COORDINATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $10,870,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $10,109,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $5,080,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $8,631,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $34,690,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $126,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $126,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the consumer protection unit.

(2) The student achievement council must ensure that all institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030 and eligible for state financial aid programs under chapters 28B.92 and 28B.118 RCW provide the data needed to analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of state financial aid programs. This data must be promptly transmitted to the education data center so that it is available and easily accessible.

(3) Community-based organizations that receive state funding under subsection (11) of this section and section 601(35) of this act are not eligible for Washington career and college pathways innovation challenge program grant funding for the same purpose.

(4) $575,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $575,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided to increase the number of high school seniors and college bound scholars that complete the free application for federal student aid and the Washington application for state financial aid through digital engagement tools, expanded training, and increased events for high school students.

(5) $850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for administrative support services to carry out duties and responsibilities necessary for recipients of the Washington college grant who are enrolled in a state registered apprenticeship program.

(6) $1,138,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,138,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington award for vocational excellence. Of the amount provided in this subsection, $70,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $70,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 may be used for administration and that is the maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose.

(7) $2,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the career launch grant pool for the public four-year institutions.

(8) $179,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $179,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the complete Washington program.

(9) $46,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $46,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the state of Washington's annual dues to the education commission of the state.

(10) $1,296,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for distribution to four-year institutions of higher education participating in the students experiencing homelessness program without reduction by the Washington student achievement council, pursuant to chapter 339, Laws of 2023 (student homelessness pilot).

(11) $92,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the administration of the students experiencing homelessness program pursuant to chapter 339, Laws of 2023 (student homelessness pilot).

(12) $356,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Washington student achievement council to staff the workforce education investment accountability and oversight board as provided in chapter 282, Laws of 2023 (workforce investment board).

(13) $191,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $191,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the agency to hire a full-time equivalent position to help with increased contracting demand.

(14) $106,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for lease costs and relocating to the 1500 Jefferson building.

(15) $204,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided for students experiencing homelessness program. This funding will allow for the Northwest Indian College to be added to the program as provided in House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0097.1/25) (tribal college eligibility for supporting students experiencing homelessness program).

(16) $134,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the third-year completion of the apprenticeship and higher education project as part of chapter 166, Laws of 2022 (concerning apprenticeships and higher education).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL—OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $302,500,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $302,073,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $12,380,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $300,000

Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation $85,488,000

Washington Opportunity Pathways Account—State

Appropriation $93,536,000

Aerospace Training Student Loan Account—State

Appropriation $223,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $470,195,000

Health Professionals Loan Repayment and Scholarship

Program Account—State Appropriation $1,727,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,268,422,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $8,034,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $8,034,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for student financial aid payments under the state work study program, including up to four percent administrative allowance for the state work study program.

(2) $276,416,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $276,416,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, $237,059,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation, $69,639,000 of the education legacy trust fund—state appropriation, and $67,654,000 of the Washington opportunity pathways account—state appropriation are provided solely for the Washington college grant program as provided in RCW 28B.92.200.

(3) Changes made to the state work study program in the 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia are continued in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium including maintaining the increased required employer share of wages; adjusted employer match rates; discontinuation of nonresident student eligibility for the program; and revising distribution methods to institutions by taking into consideration other factors such as off-campus job development, historical utilization trends, and student need.

(4) $1,165,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, $1,165,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, $15,849,000 of the education legacy trust account—state appropriation, and $25,882,000 of the Washington opportunity pathways account—state appropriation are provided solely for the college bound scholarship program and may support scholarships for summer session. The office of student financial assistance and the institutions of higher education shall not consider awards made by the opportunity scholarship program to be state-funded for the purpose of determining the value of an award amount under RCW 28B.118.010.

(5) $6,999,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $6,999,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the passport to college program. The maximum scholarship award is up to $5,000. The council shall contract with a nonprofit organization to provide support services to increase student completion in their postsecondary program and shall, under this contract, provide a minimum of $500,000 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for this purpose.

(6) $55,254,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for an annual bridge grant of $500 to eligible students. A student is eligible for a grant if the student receives a maximum college grant award and does not receive the college bound scholarship program under chapter 28B.118 RCW. Bridge grant funding provides supplementary financial support to low-income students to cover higher education expenses.

(7) $1,425,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the national guard grant program. Of the amount provided in this subsection, $850,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to increase national guard grant award amounts.

(8) $1,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for educator conditional scholarship and loan repayment programs established in chapter 28B.102 RCW. Dual language educators must receive priority.

(9) $1,156,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 174, Laws of 2023 (college bound scholarship).

(10) $478,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Washington student achievement council to remove barriers to accessing state financial aid by informing people of their income-eligibility for the Washington college grant via the supplemental nutrition assistance program as provided in chapter 116, Laws of 2024 (college grant/public assist.).

(11) $1,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Washington award for vocational excellence. This funding will support increasing the scholarship award for students.

(12) $200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 182, Laws of 2024 (state work-study program).

(13) $150,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 369, Laws of 2024 (behav. health scholarship).

(14) $100,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 240, Laws of 2024 (college in the HS fees).

(15) $1,500,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 323, Laws of 2024 (financial aid terms).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $6,460,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $5,810,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $56,476,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $212,000

Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation $761,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $2,041,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $71,760,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the health workforce council of the state workforce training and education coordinating board. In partnership with the office of the governor, the health workforce council shall continue to assess workforce shortages across behavioral health disciplines and incorporate the recommended action plan completed in 2020.

(2) $573,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $573,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to conduct health workforce surveys, in collaboration with the nursing care quality assurance commission, to collect and analyze data on the long-term care workforce, and to manage a stakeholder process to address retention and career pathways in long-term care facilities.

(3) $109,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $109,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for administrative expenditures for the Washington award for vocational excellence.

(4) $2,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the workforce board to award grants for the purposes of providing apprenticeship, industry certifications and wraparound student supports to workers pursuing job advancement and enhancement through college readiness, apprenticeship, degree, certification, or professional development opportunities in the health care field. Grant recipients must be labor-management partnerships established under section 302 of the labor-management relations act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 186 that demonstrate adequate funding match and competency in the provision of student supports, or employers who can demonstrate service serving greater than 50 percent medicaid populations who can demonstrate that they will use the grant to join or establish a labor-management partnership dedicated to the purposes of this section. Preference must be given to applications that demonstrate an ability to support students from racially diverse backgrounds, and that are focused on in-demand fields with career ladders to living wage jobs. Grant recipients must use the funds to provide services including, but not limited to, development and implementation of apprenticeship and industry certifications, benefits administration, tuition assistance, counseling and navigation, tutoring and test preparation, instructor/mentor training, materials and technology for students, childcare, and travel costs.

(5) The workforce board must report to and coordinate with the department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

(6) $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain the two IT FTEs that are currently supporting the career bridge modernization project.

(7) $215,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $55,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for increased lease costs and building of a conference room.

(8) $20,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for reasonable accommodation requests.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $11,967,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $11,934,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $34,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $23,935,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: Funding provided in this section is sufficient for the school to offer to students enrolled in grades six through twelve for full-time instructional services at the Vancouver campus or online with the opportunity to participate in a minimum of one thousand eighty hours of instruction and the opportunity to earn twenty-four high school credits.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE WASHINGTON CENTER FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING YOUTH**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $19,704,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $19,692,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $4,125,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $43,521,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: Funding provided in this section is sufficient for the center to offer students ages three through 21 enrolled at the center the opportunity to participate in a minimum of 1,080 hours of instruction and the opportunity to earn 24 high school credits.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE ARTS COMMISSION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $7,181,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $6,504,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $2,861,000

General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation $184,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $16,730,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $79,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $79,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the creative districts program.

(2) $868,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $867,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the establishment of a tribal cultural affairs program. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to support tribal cultural, arts, and creative programs.

(3) $708,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 387, Laws of 2023 (Billy Frank Jr. statue).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $5,925,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $5,892,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $11,817,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE EASTERN WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $5,238,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $5,268,000

Local Museum Account—Eastern Washington State

Historical Society—Private/Local Appropriation $229,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $10,735,000

**PART VII**

**SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS**

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT POOL**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $25,777,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $5,129,000

General Fund—Federal Appropriation $18,203,000

Other Appropriated Funds $20,007,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $69,116,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the information technology investment revolving account created in RCW 43.41.433. Amounts in the account are provided solely for the information technology projects shown in OFM document 2025-1, dated December 17, 2024, which is hereby incorporated by reference. To facilitate the transfer of moneys from other funds and accounts that are associated with projects contained in OFM document 2025-1, dated December 17, 2024, the state treasurer is directed to transfer moneys from other funds and accounts to the information technology investment revolving account in accordance with schedules provided by the office of financial management. Restricted federal funds may be transferred only to the extent permitted by law, and will otherwise remain outside the information technology investment account. The projects affected remain subject to the other provisions of this section.

(2) Agencies must apply to Washington technology solutions for certification and release of funding for each gate of the project. When Washington technology solutions certifies the key deliverables of the gate have been met, a current technology budget is approved; and if applicable to the stage or gate of the project, that the project is putting functioning software into production that addresses user needs, is in compliance with the quality assurance plan, and meets a defined set of industry best practices for code quality that Washington technology solutions will post to their website by July 1, 2025, it must notify the office of financial management and the fiscal committees of the legislature. The office of financial management may not approve funding for the certified project gate any earlier than ten business days from the date of notification to the fiscal committees of the legislature.

(3)(a) Allocations and allotments of information technology investment revolving account must be made for discrete stages of projects as determined by the technology budget approved by Washington technology solutions and the office of financial management.

(b) Fifteen percent of total funding allocated by the office of financial management, or another amount as defined jointly by the office of financial management and Washington technology solutions, will be retained in the account, but remain allocated to that project. The retained funding will be released to the agency only after successful completion of that stage of the project and only after Washington technology solutions certifies the stage as required in subsection (2) of this section. For the one Washington project, the amount retained is increased to at least 20 percent of total funding allocated for any stage of that project. If there is no significant risk to the project, the holdback does not apply to the final gate during a biennial close.

(4)(a) Each project must have a technology budget. The technology budget must have the detail by fiscal month for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. The technology budget must use a method similar to the state capital budget, identifying project costs, each fund source, and anticipated deliverables through each stage of the entire project investment and across fiscal periods and biennia from project onset through implementation and close out, as well as at least five years of maintenance and operations costs.

(b) As part of the development of a technology budget and at each request for funding, the agency shall submit an updated technology budget, if changes occurred, to include detailed financial information to the office of financial management and Washington technology solutions. The technology budget must describe the total cost of the project, as well as maintenance and operations costs, to include and identify at least:

(i) Fund sources:

(A) If the project is funded from the information technology revolving account, the technology budget must include a worksheet that provides the fund sources that were transferred into the account by fiscal year;

(B) If the project managed is by a central service agency, and funds are driven out by the central service model, the technology budget must provide a statewide impact by agency by fund as a worksheet in the technology budget file;

(ii) Full time equivalent staffing level to include job classification assumptions. This is to assure that the project has adequate state staffing and agency support to ensure success, ensure user acceptance, and adequately test the functionality being delivered in each sprint before it is accepted by the agency's contracting officer or their representative. Key project functions that are deemed "critical" must be retained by state personnel and not outsourced, to ensure that knowledge is retained within state government and that the state can self-sufficiently support the system and make improvements without long-term dependence on a vendor;

(iii) Discrete financial budget codes to include at least the appropriation index and program index;

(iv) Object and subobject codes of expenditures;

(v) Anticipated deliverables to include software demonstration dates;

(vi) Historical budget and expenditure detail by fiscal year; and

(vii) Maintenance and operations costs by fiscal year for at least five years as a separate worksheet.

(c) If a project technology budget changes and a revised technology budget is completed, a comparison of the revised technology budget to the last approved technology budget must be posted to the dashboard, to include a narrative rationale on what changed, why, and how that impacts the project in scope, budget, and schedule.

(5)(a) Each project must have a project charter. The charter must include:

(i) An organizational chart of the project management team that identifies team members and their roles and responsibilities, and shows that the project is adequately staffed by state personnel in key functions to ensure success;

(ii) The Washington technology solutions staff assigned to the project;

(iii) A project roadmap that includes the problems the team is solving and the sequence in which the team intends to take on those problems, updated periodically to reflect what has been learned;

(iv) Metrics to support the project strategy and vision, to determine that the project is incrementally meeting user needs;

(v) An implementation schedule covering activities, critical milestones, and deliverables at each stage of the project for the life of the project at each agency affected by the project;

(vi) Performance measures used to determine that the project is on time, within budget, and meeting expectations for quality of work product;

(vii) Ongoing maintenance and operations cost of the project post implementation and close out delineated by agency staffing, contracted staffing, and service level agreements; and

(viii) Financial budget coding to include at least discrete financial coding for the project.

(b) If required by Washington technology solutions, a project may also need to have an investment plan. Washington technology solutions must:

(i) Base the requirement of an agency needing to have an investment plan on the complexity and risk of the project;

(ii) Establish requirements by project risk level in statewide technology policy, and publish the requirements by September 30, 2025; and

(iii) In collaboration with the department of enterprise services, define the circumstances under which the vendor will be terminated or replaced and establish the process by which the agency will transition to a new vendor with a minimal reduction in project productivity.

(6)(a) Projects with estimated costs greater than $100,000,000 from initiation to completion and implementation may be divided into discrete subprojects as determined by Washington technology solutions, except for the one Washington project which must be divided into the following discrete subprojects: Core financials, expanding financials and procurement, budget, and human resources. Each subproject must have a technology budget as provided in this section.

(b) If the project affects more than one agency:

(i) A separate technology budget and investment plan must be prepared by each agency; and

(ii) There must be a budget roll up that includes each affected agency at the subproject level.

(7) Washington technology solutions shall maintain a statewide information technology project dashboard that provides updated information each fiscal month on projects subject to this section. The statewide dashboard must meet the requirements in section 155 of this act.

(8) For any project that exceeds $2,000,000 in total funds to complete, requires more than one biennium to complete, or is financed through financial contracts, bonds, or other indebtedness:

(a) Independent quality assurance services for the project must report independently to Washington technology solutions;

(b) Washington technology solutions, based on project risk assessments, may require additional quality assurance services and independent verification and validation services;

(c) Washington technology solutions must review, and, if necessary, revise the proposed project to ensure it is flexible and adaptable to advances in technology;

(d) The technology budget must specifically identify the uses of any financing proceeds. No more than thirty percent of the financing proceeds may be used for payroll-related costs for state employees assigned to project management, installation, testing, or training;

(e) The agency must consult with the office of the state treasurer during the competitive procurement process to evaluate early in the process whether products and services to be solicited and the responsive bids from a solicitation may be financed;

(f) The agency must consult with the contracting division of the department of enterprise services for a review of all contracts and agreements related to the project's information technology procurements;

(g) The agency and project must use an agile development model holding live demonstrations of functioning software, developed using incremental user research, held at the end of every two-week sprint, except for:

(i) Hardware or infrastructure projects; and

(ii) Projects that have implemented all phases and are now in maintenance and operations;

(h) The project solution must be capable of being continually updated, as necessary; and

(i) The agency and project must deploy usable functionality into production for users within 180 days from the date of an executed procurement contract in response to a competitive request for proposal.

(9) Washington technology solutions must evaluate the project at each stage and certify whether the project is putting functioning software into production that addresses user needs, is projected to be completed within budget, is in compliance with the quality assurance plan, and meets a defined set of industry best practices for code quality, and whether the project is planned, managed, and meeting deliverable targets as defined in the project's approved technology budget and investment plan.

(10) Washington technology solutions may suspend or terminate a project at any time if it determines that the project is not meeting or not expected to meet anticipated performance and technology outcomes. Once suspension or termination occurs, the agency shall unallot any unused funding and shall not make any expenditure for the project without the approval of the office of financial management. Washington technology solutions must report on December 1 each calendar year any suspension or termination of a project in the previous 12-month period to the legislative fiscal committees.

(11) Washington technology solutions, in consultation with the office of financial management, may identify additional projects to be subject to this section, including projects that are not separately identified within an agency budget. Washington technology solutions must report on December 1 each calendar year any additional projects to be subjected to this section that were identified in the previous 12-month period to the legislative fiscal committees.

(12) Any cost to administer or implement this section for projects listed in subsection (1) of this section, must be paid from the information technology investment revolving account. For any other information technology project subject to the conditions, limitations, and review of this section, the cost to implement this section must be paid from the funds for that project.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR DEBT SUBJECT TO THE DEBT LIMIT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,555,721,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,701,017,000

State Building Construction Account—State

Appropriation $11,174,000

Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Bond Account—

State Appropriation $84,000

State Taxable Building Construction Account—State

Appropriation $293,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $3,268,289,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The general fund appropriations are for expenditure into the debt-limit general fund bond retirement account.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT TO BE REIMBURSED AS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE**

Nondebt-Limit Reimbursable Bond Retirement Account—

State Appropriation $38,244,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $38,244,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The general fund appropriation is for expenditure into the nondebt limit general fund bond retirement account.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR BOND SALE EXPENSES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,400,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,400,000

State Building Construction Account—State

Appropriation $4,567,000

Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Bond Account—

State Appropriation $38,000

State Taxable Building Construction Account—State

Appropriation $92,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $7,497,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY FUNDING**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $3,500,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $3,500,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $7,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided for the critically necessary work of any state agency in the event of an emergent or unforeseen circumstance. Prior to the allocation of funding from this subsection (1), the requesting agency and the office of financial management must comply with the provisions of RCW 43.88.250.

(2) $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided for individual assistance consistent with RCW 38.52.030(9) during an emergency proclaimed by the governor, as defined in RCW 38.52.010. The office of financial management must notify the fiscal committees of the legislature of the receipt by the governor or adjutant general of each application, request, or allocation for individual assistance from the amounts provided in this subsection (2).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY REVOLVING ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $9,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $9,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $18,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the education technology revolving account for the purpose of covering ongoing operational and equipment replacement costs incurred by the K-20 educational network program in providing telecommunication services to network participants.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—O'BRIEN BUILDING IMPROVEMENT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,578,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,578,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $5,156,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the enterprise services account for payment of principal, interest, and financing expenses associated with the certificate of participation for the O'Brien building improvement, project number 20081007.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—CHERBERG BUILDING REHABILITATION**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $552,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $552,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriation is provided solely for expenditure into the enterprise services account for payment of principal, interest, and financing expenses associated with the certificate of participation for the Cherberg building improvements, project number 2002-1-005.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—STATE HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $55,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $30,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $85,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the state health care affordability account created in RCW 43.71.130.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSISTANCE**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $36,386,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $36,386,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $72,772,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The state treasurer shall distribute the appropriations to the following counties and health districts in the amounts designated to support public health services, including public health nursing:

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| **Health District** | **FY 2026** | **FY 2027** | **2025-2027 Biennium** |
| Adams County Integrated Health Care Services | $121,213 | $121,213 | $242,426 |
| Asotin County Health District | $159,890 | $159,890 | $319,780 |
| Benton-Franklin Health District | $1,614,337 | $1,614,337 | $3,228,674 |
| Chelan-Douglas Health District | $399,634 | $399,634 | $799,268 |
| Clallam County Health and Human Services Department | $291,401 | $291,401 | $582,802 |
| Clark County Public Health | $1,767,341 | $1,767,341 | $3,534,682 |
| Skamania County Community Health | $111,327 | $111,327 | $222,654 |
| Columbia County Health District | $119,991 | $119,991 | $239,982 |
| Cowlitz County Health and Human Services | $477,981 | $477,981 | $955,962 |
| Garfield County Health District | $93,154 | $93,154 | $186,308 |
| Grant County Health District | $297,761 | $297,761 | $595,522 |
| Grays Harbor Public Health and Social Services | $335,666 | $335,666 | $671,332 |
| Island County Health Department | $255,224 | $255,224 | $510,448 |
| Jefferson County Public Health | $184,080 | $184,080 | $368,160 |
| Public Health - Seattle & King County | $12,685,521 | $12,685,521 | $25,371,042 |
| Kitsap Public Health District | $997,476 | $997,476 | $1,994,952 |
| Kittitas County Public Health | $198,979 | $198,979 | $397,958 |
| Klickitat County Public Health | $153,784 | $153,784 | $307,568 |
| Lewis County Public Health and Social Services | $263,134 | $263,134 | $526,268 |
| Lincoln County Health Department | $113,917 | $113,917 | $227,834 |
| Mason County Public Health and Human Services | $227,448 | $227,448 | $454,896 |
| Okanogan County Public Health | $169,882 | $169,882 | $339,764 |
| Pacific County Health and Human Services | $169,075 | $169,075 | $338,150 |
| Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department | $4,143,169 | $4,143,169 | $8,286,338 |
| San Juan County Health and Community Services | $126,569 | $126,569 | $253,138 |
| Skagit County Health Department | $449,745 | $449,745 | $899,490 |
| Snohomish Health District | $3,433,291 | $3,433,291 | $6,866,582 |
| Spokane Regional Health District | $2,877,318 | $2,877,318 | $5,754,636 |
| Northeast Tri-County Health District | $249,303 | $249,303 | $498,606 |
| Thurston County Public Health and Social Services | $1,046,897 | $1,046,897 | $2,093,794 |
| Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services | $93,181 | $93,181 | $186,362 |
| Walla Walla County Department of Community Health | $302,173 | $302,173 | $604,346 |
| Whatcom County Health Department | $1,214,301 | $1,214,301 | $2,428,602 |
| Whitman County Health Department | $189,355 | $189,355 | $378,710 |
| Yakima Health District | $1,052,482 | $1,052,482 | $2,104,964 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | $36,386,000 | $36,386,000 | $72,772,000 |

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—COUNTY CLERK LEGAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATION GRANTS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $800,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $800,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,600,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: By October 1st of each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall distribute the appropriations to the following county clerk offices in the amounts designated as grants for the collection of legal financial obligations pursuant to RCW 2.56.190:

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| **County Clerk** | **FY 2026** | **FY 2027** |
| Adams County Clerk | $3,109 | $3,109 |
| Asotin County Clerk | $4,339 | $4,339 |
| Benton County Clerk | $26,953 | $26,953 |
| Chelan County Clerk | $10,939 | $10,939 |
| Clallam County Clerk | $8,622 | $8,622 |
| Clark County Clerk | $48,249 | $48,249 |
| Columbia County Clerk | $568 | $568 |
| Cowlitz County Clerk | $25,020 | $25,020 |
| Douglas County Clerk | $4,483 | $4,483 |
| Ferry County Clerk | $624 | $624 |
| Franklin County Clerk | $8,111 | $8,111 |
| Garfield County Clerk | $359 | $359 |
| Grant County Clerk | $14,942 | $14,942 |
| Grays Harbor County Clerk | $12,802 | $12,802 |
| Island County Clerk | $4,523 | $4,523 |
| Jefferson County Clerk | $2,748 | $2,748 |
| King County Court Clerk | $176,446 | $176,446 |
| Kitsap County Clerk | $32,883 | $32,883 |
| Kittitas County Clerk | $5,250 | $5,250 |
| Klickitat County Clerk | $3,180 | $3,180 |
| Lewis County Clerk | $15,287 | $15,287 |
| Lincoln County Clerk | $1,070 | $1,070 |
| Mason County Clerk | $7,608 | $7,608 |
| Okanogan County Clerk | $5,881 | $5,881 |
| Pacific County Clerk | $3,565 | $3,565 |
| Pend Oreille County Clerk | $903 | $903 |
| Pierce County Clerk | $113,990 | $113,990 |
| San Juan County Clerk | $894 | $894 |
| Skagit County Clerk | $16,350 | $16,350 |
| Skamania County Clerk | $1,702 | $1,702 |
| Snohomish County Clerk | $56,392 | $56,392 |
| Spokane County Clerk | $66,355 | $66,355 |
| Stevens County Clerk | $4,412 | $4,412 |
| Thurston County Clerk | $32,827 | $32,827 |
| Wahkiakum County Clerk | $591 | $591 |
| Walla Walla County Clerk | $7,296 | $7,296 |
| Whatcom County Clerk | $30,645 | $30,645 |
| Whitman County Clerk | $3,028 | $3,028 |
| Yakima County Clerk | $37,054 | $37,054 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | $800,000 | $800,000 |

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **BELATED CLAIMS**

The agencies and institutions of the state may expend moneys appropriated in this act, upon approval of the office of financial management, for the payment of supplies and services furnished to the agency or institution in prior fiscal biennia.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $141,091,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $141,091,000

Foundational Public Health Services Account—State

Appropriation $32,048,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $314,230,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for distribution as provided in RCW 43.70.515.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—COMMON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $600,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $600,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,200,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the common school construction account—state on July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026, for an interest payment pursuant to RCW 90.38.130.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—NATURAL RESOURCES REAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $300,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $300,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $600,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the natural resources real property replacement account—state on July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026, for an interest payment pursuant to RCW 90.38.130.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—ANDY HILL CANCER RESEARCH ENDOWMENT FUND MATCH TRANSFER ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $945,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,945,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriation is provided solely for expenditure into the Andy Hill cancer research endowment fund match transfer account per RCW 43.348.080 to fund the Andy Hill cancer research endowment program. Matching funds using the amounts appropriated in this section may not be used to fund new grants that exceed two years in duration.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—NORTHEAST WASHINGTON WOLF-LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $456,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $456,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $912,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account for the deployment of nonlethal wolf deterrence resources as provided in chapter 16.76 RCW.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT: JUVENILE CODE REVISIONS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $331,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $331,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $662,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the county criminal justice assistance account for costs to the criminal justice system associated with the implementation of chapter 338, Laws of 1997 (juvenile code revisions). The amounts provided in this subsection are intended to provide funding for county adult court costs associated with the implementation of chapter 338, Laws of 1997 and shall be distributed in accordance with RCW 82.14.310.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT: REPEAT OFFENDERS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $226,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $226,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $452,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are provided solely for expenditure into the county criminal justice assistance account. The treasurer shall make quarterly distributions from the county criminal justice assistance account of the amounts provided in this section in accordance with RCW 82.14.310 for the purposes of reimbursing local jurisdictions for increased costs incurred as a result of the mandatory arrest of repeat offenders pursuant to chapter 35, Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess. The appropriations and distributions made under this section constitute appropriate reimbursement for costs for any new programs or increased level of services for the purposes of RCW 43.135.060.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT: REPEAT OFFENDERS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $133,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $133,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $266,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated for expenditure into the municipal criminal justice assistance account. The treasurer shall make quarterly distributions from the municipal criminal justice assistance account of the amounts provided in this section in accordance with RCW 82.14.320 and 82.14.330, for the purposes of reimbursing local jurisdictions for increased costs incurred as a result of the mandatory arrest of repeat offenders pursuant to chapter 35, Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess. The appropriations and distributions made under this section constitute appropriate reimbursement for costs for any new programs or increased level of services for the purposes of RCW 43.135.060.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—INDIAN HEALTH IMPROVEMENT REINVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $708,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $708,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,416,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the Indian health improvement reinvestment account created in RCW 43.71B.040.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND RECREATION PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,250,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,250,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $4,500,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the outdoor education and recreation program account for the purposes identified in RCW 79A.05.351.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—WASHINGTON CAREER AND COLLEGE PATHWAYS INNOVATION CHALLENGE PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $6,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $6,000,000

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $4,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $16,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the Washington career and college pathways innovation challenge program account created in RCW 28B.120.040 to implement RCW 28B.120.060. The student achievement council must report to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on the uses of the general fund moneys deposited in the account by December 1 of each fiscal year of the biennium.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—WASHINGTON INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,135,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,135,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,270,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the Washington internet crimes against children account created in RCW 43.101.435.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—LANDLORD MITIGATION PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $6,816,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $6,816,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriation is provided solely for expenditure into the landlord mitigation program account created in RCW 43.31.615.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS—CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

(1) The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations for the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system shall be made on a monthly basis consistent with chapter 41.45 RCW, and the appropriations for the judges and judicial retirement systems shall be made on a quarterly basis consistent with chapters 2.10 and 2.12 RCW.

(2) There is appropriated for state contributions to the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system:

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $102,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $106,300,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $208,300,000

(3) There is appropriated for contributions to the judicial retirement system:

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $5,700,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $5,400,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $11,100,000

(4) There is appropriated for contributions to the judges' retirement system:

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $200,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $200,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $400,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND RESERVE OFFICERS—CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

There is appropriated for state contributions to the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and pension principal fund:

Volunteer Firefighters' and Reserve Officers'

Administrative Account—State Appropriation $25,548,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $25,548,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the behavioral health loan repayment program account created in RCW 28B.115.135.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LOAN REPAYMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $3,800,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $3,800,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $7,600,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the health professionals loan repayment and scholarship program account created in RCW 28B.115.130.

(2) These amounts must be used to increase the number of licensed primary care health professionals to serve in licensed primary care health professional critical shortage areas. Contracts between the office of student financial assistance and program recipients must guarantee at least three years of conditional loan repayments. The office of student financial assistance and the department of health shall prioritize a portion of any nonfederal balances in the health professional loan repayment and scholarship fund for conditional loan repayment contracts with psychiatrists and with advanced registered nurse practitioners for work at one of the state-operated psychiatric hospitals. The office and department shall designate the state hospitals as health professional shortage areas if necessary for this purpose. The office shall coordinate with the department of social and health services to effectively incorporate three conditional loan repayments into the department's advanced psychiatric professional recruitment and retention strategies. The office may use these targeted amounts for other program participants should there be any remaining amounts after eligible psychiatrists and advanced registered nurse practitioners have been served. The office shall also work to prioritize loan repayments to professionals working at health care delivery sites that demonstrate a commitment to serving uninsured clients. It is the intent of the legislature to provide funding to maintain the current number and amount of awards for the program in the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium on the basis of these contractual obligations.

(3) Funding may be used for the forensic pathologist loan repayment program established in RCW 28B.115.030.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—MEDICAL STUDENT LOAN ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $252,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $252,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $504,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the medical student loan account created in RCW 28B.99.030.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—NURSE EDUCATOR LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $3,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $3,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $6,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the health professionals loan repayment and scholarship program account created in RCW 28B.115.130 for the nurse educator loan repayment program.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—RURAL JOBS PROGRAM MATCH TRANSFER ACCOUNT**

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $400,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $400,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the rural jobs program match transfer account created in RCW 28B.145.120.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP MATCH TRANSFER ACCOUNT**

Workforce Education Investment Account—State

Appropriation $8,421,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $8,421,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the opportunity scholarship match transfer account created in RCW 28B.145.050.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—EDUCATOR CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the educator conditional scholarship account created in RCW 28B.102.080 for the teacher shortage conditional grant program.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the developmental disabilities community services account (Dan Thompson memorial community services account) for the purposes identified in RCW 71A.20.170.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—HOME VISITING SERVICES ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $14,347,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $14,347,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $28,694,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the home visiting services account created in RCW 43.216.130 for the home visiting program.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $34,793,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $18,500,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $53,293,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the affordable housing for all account created in RCW 43.185C.190 for operations, maintenance, and services for permanent supportive housing as defined in RCW 36.70A.030.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—JUDICIAL INFORMATIONS SYSTEM ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $10,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $10,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $20,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the judicial information systems account created in RCW 2.68.020.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—WASHINGTON STATE LEADERSHIP BOARD ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,032,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,032,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,064,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the Washington state leadership board account created in RCW 43.388.020.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—CRIME VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $2,000,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $2,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $4,000,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the state crime victim and witness assistance account created in RCW 7.68.047.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—DNA DATABASE ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $482,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $482,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $964,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the state DNA database account created in RCW 43.43.7532.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY**

Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund—Federal

Appropriation $250,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $250,000,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The entire coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund—federal appropriation is provided solely to the office of financial management for allocation to state agencies for costs eligible to be paid from the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund and where funding is provided elsewhere in this act or the capital omnibus appropriations act for those costs using a funding source other than the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund. For any agency receiving an allocation under this section, the office must place an equal amount of the agency's state or other source appropriation authority in unallotted reserve status, and those amounts may not be expended. In determining the use of amounts appropriated in this section, the office of financial management shall prioritize the preservation of state general fund moneys. The office must report on the use of the amounts appropriated in this section to the fiscal committees of the legislature when all coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund moneys are expended or February 28, 2027, whichever is earlier.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY OPERATIONS ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,369,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $1,369,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $2,738,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into the Washington state library operations account created in RCW 43.07.129.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $250,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $250,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $500,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriations in this section are provided solely for expenditure into the down payment assistance account created in RCW 82.45.240.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACCOUNT**

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State

Appropriation $1,486,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,486,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The appropriation is provided solely for expenditure into the health professions account created in RCW 43.70.320 to implement chapter 366, Laws of 2024 (substance use treatment).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $3,038,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $4,857,000

State Health Care Authority Administrative

Account—State Appropriation $8,000

Statewide Information Technology System Development

Revolving Account—State Appropriation $13,000

School Employees' Insurance Administrative

Account—State Appropriation $8,000

Performance Audits of Government Account—State

Appropriation $534,000

Department of Retirement Systems Expense

Account—State Appropriation $237,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $8,695,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: Funding is provided for compensation and benefits for legislative branch agencies, as shown in OFM document 2025-2, dated December 17, 2024.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **CENTRAL SERVICE CHARGES**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) $1,521,000

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) $124,000

Performance Audits of Government Account—State

Appropriation $90,000

Department of Retirement Systems Expense

Account—State Appropriation $39,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,774,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: Funding is provided for central service charges for legislative branch agencies, as shown in OFM document 2025-3, dated December 17, 2024.

**PART VIII**

**OTHER TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—STATE REVENUES FOR DISTRIBUTION**

General Fund Appropriation for fire insurance

premium distributions $16,905,000

General Fund Appropriation for prosecuting attorney

distributions $9,778,000

General Fund Appropriation for boating safety and

education distributions $3,230,000

General Fund Appropriation for public utility

district excise tax distributions $72,286,000

Death Investigations Account Appropriation for

distribution to counties for publicly funded

autopsies $6,000,000

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Appropriation for

harbor improvement revenue distributions $150,000

Timber Tax Distribution Account Appropriation for

distribution to "timber" counties $65,050,000

County Criminal Justice Assistance Appropriation $147,610,000

Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Appropriation $58,746,000

City-County Assistance Appropriation $43,751,000

Liquor Excise Tax Account Appropriation for liquor

excise tax distribution $113,032,000

Columbia River Water Delivery Account Appropriation

for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville

Reservation $10,095,000

Columbia River Water Delivery Account Appropriation

for the Spokane Tribe of Indians $7,481,000

Liquor Revolving Account Appropriation for liquor

profits distribution $98,876,000

General Fund Appropriation for other tax

distributions $104,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account Appropriation for

Cannabis Excise Tax distributions pursuant to

chapter 169, Laws of 2022 (cannabis revenue) $43,859,000

General Fund Appropriation for Habitat Conservation

Program distributions $4,154,000

General Fund Appropriation for payment in lieu of

taxes to counties under Department of Fish and

Wildlife Program $3,324,000

Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account

Appropriation for distribution to counties in

amounts not to exceed actual deposits into the

account and attributable to those counties'

share pursuant to RCW 43.79.520 $25,430,000

Manufacturing and Warehousing Job Centers Account

Appropriation for distribution to local taxing

jurisdictions to mitigate the unintended

revenue redistributions effect of sourcing law

changes pursuant to chapter 83, Laws of 2021

(warehousing & manufacturing jobs) $2,770,000

State Crime Victim and Witness Assistance Account

Appropriation for distribution to counties $8,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $740,631,000

The total expenditures from the state treasury under the appropriations in this section shall not exceed the funds available under statutory distributions for the stated purposes.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—FOR THE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT**

Impaired Driving Safety Appropriation $1,933,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,933,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The amount appropriated in this section shall be distributed quarterly during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium in accordance with RCW 82.14.310. This funding is provided to counties for the costs of implementing criminal justice legislation including, but not limited to: Chapter 206, Laws of 1998 (drunk driving penalties); chapter 207, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); chapter 208, Laws of 1998 (deferred prosecution); chapter 209, Laws of 1998 (DUI/license suspension); chapter 210, Laws of 1998 (ignition interlock violations); chapter 211, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); chapter 212, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); chapter 213, Laws of 1998 (intoxication levels lowered); chapter 214, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); and chapter 215, Laws of 1998 (DUI provisions).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT**

Impaired Driving Safety Appropriation $1,289,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $1,289,000

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The amount appropriated in this section shall be distributed quarterly during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to all cities ratably based on population as last determined by the office of financial management. The distributions to any city that substantially decriminalizes or repeals its criminal code after July 1, 1990, and that does not reimburse the county for costs associated with criminal cases under RCW 3.50.800 or 3.50.805(2), shall be made to the county in which the city is located. This funding is provided to cities for the costs of implementing criminal justice legislation including, but not limited to: Chapter 206, Laws of 1998 (drunk driving penalties); chapter 207, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); chapter 208, Laws of 1998 (deferred prosecution); chapter 209, Laws of 1998 (DUI/license suspension); chapter 210, Laws of 1998 (ignition interlock violations); chapter 211, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); chapter 212, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); chapter 213, Laws of 1998 (intoxication levels lowered); chapter 214, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); and chapter 215, Laws of 1998 (DUI provisions).

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—FEDERAL REVENUES FOR DISTRIBUTION**

General Fund Appropriation for federal flood control

funds distribution $48,000

General Fund Appropriation for federal grazing fees

distribution $54,000

General Fund Appropriation for federal military fees

distribution $1,180,000

Forest Reserve Fund Appropriation for federal forest

reserve fund distribution $28,982,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATION $30,264,000

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—TRANSFERS**

Dedicated Cannabis Account: For transfer to the

basic health plan trust account, the lesser of

the amount determined pursuant to RCW 69.50.540

or this amount for fiscal year 2026,

$250,000,000 and this amount for fiscal year

2027, $250,000,000 $500,000,000

Dedicated Cannabis Account: For transfer to the

state general fund, the lesser of the amount

determined pursuant to RCW 69.50.540 or this

amount for fiscal year 2026, $155,000,000

and this amount for fiscal year 2027,

$155,000,000 $310,000,000

Tobacco Settlement Account: For transfer to the

state general fund, in an amount not to exceed

the actual amount of the annual base payment to

the tobacco settlement account for fiscal year

2026 $92,000,000

Tobacco Settlement Account: For transfer to the

state general fund, in an amount not to exceed

the actual amount of the annual base payment to

the tobacco settlement account for fiscal year

2027 $92,000,000

State Treasurer's Service Account: For transfer to

the state general fund, $40,000,000 for fiscal

year 2026 and $40,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 $80,000,000

General Fund: For transfer to the fair fund under

RCW 15.76.115, $2,250,000 for fiscal year 2026

and $2,250,000 for fiscal year 2027 $4,500,000

Financial Services Regulation Account: For transfer

to the state general fund, $5,675,000 for

fiscal year 2026 and $3,675,000 for fiscal year

2027 $9,350,000

General Fund: For transfer to the wildfire response,

forest restoration, and community resilience

account, solely for the implementation of

chapter 298, Laws of 2021 (2SHB 1168)

(long-term forest health), $44,000,000 for

fiscal year 2026 and $40,000,000 for fiscal

year 2027 $84,000,000

General Fund: For transfer to the manufacturing and

warehousing job centers account pursuant to RCW

82.14.545 for distribution in section 801 of

this act, $2,770,000 for fiscal year 2026 $2,770,000

Water Pollution Control Revolving Administration

Account: For transfer to the water pollution

control revolving account, $3,000,000 for

fiscal year 2026 and $3,000,000 for fiscal

year 2027 $6,000,000

General Fund: For transfer to the home security

fund, $199,525,000 for fiscal year 2026 $199,525,000

General Fund: For transfer to the local government

archives account, $246,000 for fiscal year

2026 and $245,000 for fiscal year 2027 $491,000

Stadium and Exhibition Center Account: For transfer

to the state general fund as repayment for the

loan amount pursuant to RCW 43.79.574,

$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 $10,000,000

Public Works Assistance Account: For transfer to

the state general fund, $50,000,000 for

fiscal year 2026 and $50,000,000 for fiscal

year 2027. It is the intent of the

legislature to continue this policy in the

subsequent fiscal biennium $100,000,000

Youth Athletic Facility Account: For transfer to

the state general fund, $5,860,000 for

fiscal year 2026 and $2,600,000 for fiscal

year 2027 $8,460,000

General Fund: For transfer to the Washington

housing trust fund, $2,000,000 for fiscal

year 2026 $2,000,000

Electric Vehicle Incentive Account: For transfer

to the state general fund, $69,000,000 for

fiscal year 2026 $69,000,000

Opioid Abatement Settlement Account: For

transfer to the tribal opioid prevention

and treatment account, the greater of the

amount determined pursuant to RCW 43.79.483

or this amount for fiscal year 2026,

$7,750,000 and this amount for fiscal year

2027, $7,750,000 $15,500,000

Enterprise Services Account: For transfer to

the state general fund, $40,000,000 for

fiscal year 2026 $40,000,000

Economic Development Strategic Reserve Account:

For transfer to the state general fund,

$17,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 $17,000,000

General Fund: For transfer to the death

investigations account, $2,050,000 for

fiscal year 2026 and $2,050,000 for fiscal

year 2027 $4,100,000

Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control

Account: For transfer to the model toxics

control operating account, $7,000,000 for

fiscal year 2026 $7,000,000

From auction proceeds received under RCW

70A.65.100(7)(b): For transfer to the air

quality and health disparities improvement

account, $2,600,000 for fiscal year 2026 $2,600,000

From auction proceeds received under RCW

70A.65.100(7)(c): For transfer to the air

quality and health disparities improvement

account, $2,600,000 for fiscal year 2027 $2,600,000

Climate Investment Account: For transfer to the

climate commitment account, $71,000,000

for fiscal year 2027 $71,000,000

Natural Climate Solutions Account: For transfer

to the climate commitment account, $2,000,000

for fiscal year 2027 $2,000,000

Climate Investment Account: For transfer to the

carbon emissions reduction account,

$194,153,000 for fiscal year 2027 $194,153,000

Climate Investment Account: For transfer to the

carbon emissions reduction account,

$162,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 $162,000,000

Public Employees' and Retirees Insurance Account:

For transfer to the state general fund,

$18,187,000 for fiscal year 2026 $18,187,000

School Employees' Insurance Account: For transfer to

the state general fund, $2,551,000 for fiscal

year 2026 $2,551,000

Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account:

For transfer to the state general fund,

$3,052,000 for fiscal year 2026 $3,052,000

Washington Law Enforcement Officers' and

Firefighters' System Plan 1 Retirement Fund:

For transfer to the state general fund,

$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 $1,000,000,000

**PART IX**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATIONS**

The appropriations contained in this act are maximum expenditure authorizations. Pursuant to RCW 43.88.037, moneys disbursed from the treasury on the basis of a formal loan agreement shall be recorded as loans receivable and not as expenditures for accounting purposes. To the extent that moneys are disbursed on a loan basis, the corresponding appropriation shall be reduced by the amount of loan moneys disbursed from the treasury during the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **EMERGENCY FUND ALLOCATIONS**

Whenever allocations are made from the governor's emergency fund appropriation to an agency that is financed in whole or in part by other than general fund moneys, the director of financial management may direct the repayment of such allocated amount to the general fund from any balance in the fund or funds which finance the agency. An appropriation is not necessary to effect such repayment.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS**

In addition to the amounts appropriated in this act for revenues for distribution, state contributions to the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2 and bond retirement and interest, including ongoing bond registration and transfer charges, transfers, interest on registered warrants, and certificates of indebtedness, there is also appropriated such further amounts as may be required or available for these purposes under any statutory formula or under chapters 39.94, 39.96, and 39.98 RCW or any proper bond covenant made under law.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **BOND EXPENSES**

In addition to such other appropriations as are made by this act, there is hereby appropriated to the state finance committee from legally available bond proceeds in the applicable construction or building funds and accounts such amounts as are necessary to pay the expenses incurred in the issuance and sale of the subject bonds.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION**

(1) As a management tool to reduce costs and make more effective use of resources, while improving employee productivity and morale, agencies may implement either a voluntary retirement or separation program, or both, that is cost neutral or results in cost savings, including costs to the state pension systems, over a two-year period following the commencement of the program, provided that such a program is approved by the director of financial management. Agencies participating in this authorization may offer voluntary retirement and/or separation incentives and options according to procedures and guidelines established by the office of financial management in consultation with the department of retirement systems. The options may include, but are not limited to, financial incentives for voluntary separation or retirement. An employee does not have a contractual right to a financial incentive offered under this section. The office of financial management and the department of retirement systems may review and monitor incentive offers. Agencies are required to submit a report by the date established by the office of financial management in the guidelines required in this section to the legislature and the office of financial management on the outcome of their approved incentive program. The report should include information on the details of the program, including the incentive payment amount for each participant, the total cost to the state, and the projected or actual net dollar savings over the two-year period.

(2) The department of retirement systems may collect from employers the actuarial cost of any incentive provided under this program, or any other incentive to retire provided by employers to members of the state's pension systems, for deposit in the appropriate pension account.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS NOT IMPAIRED**

Nothing in this act prohibits the expenditure of any funds by an agency or institution of the state for benefits guaranteed by any collective bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of this section.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS**

(1) In accordance with chapters 41.80, 41.56, and 74.39A RCW, agreements have been reached between the governor and organizations representing state employee bargaining units and nonstate employee bargaining units for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. Funding is provided in this act to fund these agreements. The collective bargaining agreements that have been reached and are funded in this act, and the description of the major economic terms in each of the listed agreements are specified in OFM document 2025-4, dated December 17, 2024.

(2) In accordance with chapters 41.80 and 41.56 RCW, agreements have been reached between institutions of higher education and employee organizations representing state employee bargaining units for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. Funding is provided in Part VI of this act to fund these agreements. The collective bargaining agreements that have been reached and are funded in Part VI this act, and the description of the major economic terms in each of the listed agreements are specified in OFM document 2025-4, dated December 17, 2024.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **COMPENSATION—REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES—HEALTH CARE COALITION—INSURANCE BENEFITS**

(1) An agreement was reached for the 2025-2027 biennium between the governor and the health care coalition under the provisions of chapter 41.80 RCW. Appropriations in this act for state agencies, including institutions of higher education, are sufficient to implement the provisions of the 2025-2027 collective bargaining agreement, which maintains the provisions of the prior agreement.

(2) The appropriations for state agencies in this act are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) The monthly employer funding rate for insurance benefit premiums, public employees' benefits board administration, and the uniform medical plan, shall not exceed $1,315 per eligible employee for fiscal year 2026.

(b) For fiscal year 2027, the monthly employer funding rate shall not exceed $1,355 per eligible employee.

(c) The health care authority, subject to the approval of the public employees' benefits board, shall provide subsidies for health benefit premiums to eligible retired or disabled public employees and school district employees who are eligible for medicare, pursuant to RCW 41.05.085. For calendar years 2026 and 2027, the subsidy shall be up to $183 per month. Funds from reserves accumulated for future adverse claims experience, from past favorable claims experience, or otherwise, may not be used to increase this retiree subsidy beyond what is authorized in this subsection.

(d) The monthly employer funding rate paid by school districts and educational service districts to the health care authority includes $69.61 per month beginning September 1, 2025, and $79.20 beginning September 1, 2026, for deposit into the public employees' and retirees' insurance account established in RCW 41.05.120.

(e) The board has the authority to forgo the federal retiree drug subsidy collected under RCW 41.05.068 for uniform medical plan classic medicare, only to leverage additional federal subsidies via adoption of a medicare part D employer group waiver plan to help reduce premiums for medicare retirees enrolled in uniform medical plan classic medicare.

(3) The funding rates in subsection (2) of this section are sufficient to cover, effective January 1, 2026, the following:

(a) In the uniform medical plan, coverage for doula services;

(b) In the uniform dental plan, the following:

(i) Increasing the temporomandibular joint benefit to $1,000 annually and $5,000 per lifetime; and

(ii) Eliminating the deductible for children up to age 15; and

(c) Implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0050.1/25) (hospital affordability).

(4) The funding rates in subsection (2) of this section are not sufficient to continue offering an accountable care plan as of plan year 2026.

(5) The rates are sufficient to cover a diabetes management program and apply the cost-share provisions outlined in chapter 366, Laws of 2023 (breast examinations—health plan cost sharing) in the uniform medical plan, effective January 1, 2025. The rates are not sufficient to add coverage of prescription drugs for the treatment of obesity or weight loss. The authority shall not add coverage of prescription drugs for the treatment of obesity or weight loss without a specific appropriation from the legislature. Nothing in this section requires removal of any existing coverage of prescription drugs to treat diabetes.

(6) Current funding allows for the public employees' benefits board to adjust the employer paid long term disability benefit to a maximum monthly benefit of $450 within the current funding resources.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **COMPENSATION—REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES OUTSIDE HEALTH CARE COALITION—INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Appropriations for state agencies in this act are sufficient for represented employees outside the coalition for health benefits, and are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The monthly employer funding rate for insurance benefit premiums, public employees' benefits board administration, and the uniform medical plan, may not exceed $1,315 per eligible employee for fiscal year 2026. For fiscal year 2027, the monthly employer funding rate may not exceed $1,355 per eligible employee.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **COMPENSATION—SCHOOL EMPLOYEES—INSURANCE BENEFITS**

An agreement was reached for the 2025-2027 biennium between the governor and the school employee coalition under the provisions of chapters 41.56 and 41.59 RCW. Appropriations in this act for allocations to school districts are sufficient to implement the provisions of the 2025-2027 collective bargaining agreement, which maintains the provisions of the prior agreement, and are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The monthly employer funding rate for insurance benefit premiums, school employees' benefits board administration, retiree remittance, and the uniform medical plan, shall not exceed the rates identified in section 506(4) of this act.

(a) These rates are sufficient to cover:

(i) In the uniform medical plan, effective January 1, 2026, coverage for doula services; and

(ii) Implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0050.1/25) (hospital affordability).

(b) The funding rates in section 506(4) of this act are not sufficient to continue offering an accountable care plan as of plan year 2026.

(2) Current funding allows for the school employees' benefits board to adjust the employer paid long term disability benefit to a maximum monthly benefit of $450 within the current funding resources.

(3) Except as provided by the parties' health care agreement, in order to achieve the level of funding provided for health benefits, the school employees' benefits board shall require any or all of the following: Employee premium copayments, increases in point-of-service cost sharing, the implementation of managed competition, or other changes to benefits consistent with RCW 41.05.740.

(4) The health care authority shall deposit any moneys received on behalf of the school employees' medical plan as a result of rebates on prescription drugs, audits of hospitals, subrogation payments, or any other moneys recovered as a result of prior uniform medical plan claims payments, into the school employees' and retirees' insurance account to be used for insurance benefits. Such receipts may not be used for administrative expenditures.

(5) When bargaining for funding for school employees health benefits for subsequent fiscal biennia, any proposal agreed upon must assume the imposition of a $25 per month surcharge payment from members who use tobacco products and a surcharge payment of not less than $50 per month from members who cover a spouse or domestic partner where the spouse or domestic partner has chosen not to enroll in another employer-based group health insurance that has benefits and premiums with an actuarial value of not less than 95 percent of the actuarial value of the public employees' benefits board plan with the largest enrollment. The surcharge payments shall be collected in addition to the member premium payment.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **COMPENSATION—NONREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES—INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Appropriations for state agencies in this act are sufficient for nonrepresented state employee health benefits for state agencies, including institutions of higher education, and are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The employer monthly funding rate for insurance benefit premiums, public employees' benefits board administration, and the uniform medical plan, shall not exceed $1,315 per eligible employee for fiscal year 2026. For fiscal year 2027, the monthly employer funding rate shall not exceed $1,355 per eligible employee.

(2) The health care authority, subject to the approval of the public employees' benefits board, shall provide subsidies for health benefit premiums to eligible retired or disabled public employees and school district employees who are eligible for medicare, pursuant to RCW 41.05.085. For calendar years 2026 and 2027, the subsidy shall be up to $183 per month. Funds from reserves accumulated for future adverse claims experience, from past favorable claims experience, or otherwise, may not be used to increase this retiree subsidy beyond what is authorized by the legislature in this subsection.

(3) School districts and educational service districts shall remit to the health care authority for deposit into the public employees' and retirees' insurance account established in RCW 41.05.120 the following amounts:

(a) For each full-time employee, $69.61 per month beginning September 1, 2025, and $79.20 per month beginning September 1, 2026;

(b) For each part-time employee, who at the time of the remittance is employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.32.010 or 41.40.010 and is eligible for employer fringe benefit contributions for basic benefits, $69.61 each month beginning September 1, 2025, and $79.20 each month beginning September 1, 2026, prorated by the proportion of employer fringe benefit contributions for a full-time employee that the part-time employee receives. The remittance requirements specified in this subsection do not apply to employees of a technical college, school district, or educational service district who purchase insurance benefits through contracts with the health care authority.

(4) The rates are sufficient to cover a diabetes management program and apply the cost-share provisions outlined in chapter 366, Laws of 2023 (breast examinations—health plan cost sharing) in the uniform medical plan, effective January 1, 2025. The rates are not sufficient to add coverage of prescription drugs for the treatment of obesity or weight loss. The authority shall not add coverage of prescription drugs for the treatment of obesity or weight loss without a specific appropriation from the legislature. Nothing in this section requires removal of any existing coverage of prescription drugs to treat diabetes.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **GENERAL WAGE INCREASES**

(1) Appropriations for state agency employee compensation in this act are sufficient to provide general wage increases to state agency employees and employees of institutions of higher education, who are not represented or who bargain under statutory authority other than chapter 41.80 or 47.64 RCW or RCW 41.56.473 or 41.56.475.

(2) Funding is provided for a three percent general wage increase effective July 1, 2025, for all classified employees as specified in subsection (1)(a) of this section, employees in the Washington management service, and exempt employees under the jurisdiction of the office of financial management. The appropriations are also sufficient to fund a three percent salary increase effective July 1, 2025, for executive, legislative, and judicial branch employees exempt from merit system rules whose maximum salaries are not set by the commission on salaries for elected officials.

(3) Funding is provided for a two percent general wage increase effective July 1, 2026, for all classified employees as specified in subsection (1) of this section, employees in the Washington management service, and exempt employees under the jurisdiction of the office of financial management. The appropriations are also sufficient to fund a two percent salary increase effective July 1, 2026, for executive, legislative, and judicial branch employees exempt from merit system rules whose maximum salaries are not set by the commission on salaries for elected officials.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  **COMPENSATION—PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS**

The appropriations in this act for school districts and state agencies, including institutions of higher education, are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Appropriations are adjusted to reflect changes to agency appropriations to reflect savings resulting from changes to pension funding as provided in House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0231.1/25) (actuarial funding of pension systems).

(2) An increase of 0.08 percent is funded for state employer contributions to the public employees' retirement system, the public safety employees' retirement systems, and the school employees' retirement system, and an increase of 0.16 percent for employer contributions to the teachers' retirement system is funded for the provisions of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0229.1/25) (PERS/TRS 1 benefit increase). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, this subsection is null and void and appropriations for school districts and state agencies, including institutions of higher education, shall be held in unallotted status.

**Sec.**  RCW 15.76.115 and 2021 c 245 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The fair fund is created in the custody of the state treasury.

(2)(a) All moneys received by the department of agriculture for the purposes of this fund and from RCW 67.16.105 shall be deposited into the fund. Each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall transfer into the fair fund from the general fund an amount appropriated in the omnibus operating appropriations act equal to:

((~~(a)~~)) (i) $2,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

((~~(b)~~)) (ii) $2,750,000 in each fiscal year 2022 and 2023;

((~~(c)~~)) (iii) $3,500,000 in each fiscal year 2024 and 2025; ((~~and~~

~~(d)~~)) (iv) $2,250,000 in each fiscal year 2026 and 2027; and

(v) $4,000,000 in fiscal year ((~~2026~~)) 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.

((~~(e)~~)) (b) To support inclusiveness at fair events, a portion of the additional funds provided to fairs as a result of chapter 245, Laws of 2021 must be prioritized to be spent on educational programs and outreach that are reflective of the diversity within a fair's local population.

(3) Expenditures from the fund may be used only for assisting fairs in the manner provided in this chapter. Only the director of agriculture or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the fund. The fund is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for expenditures.

**Sec.**  RCW 28B.92.205 and 2023 c 475 s 923 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to other eligibility requirements outlined in this chapter, students who demonstrate financial need are eligible to receive the Washington college grant. Financial need is as follows:

(1) Until academic year 2020-21, students with family incomes between zero and fifty percent of the state median family income, adjusted for family size, shall receive the maximum Washington college grant as defined in RCW 28B.92.030. Grants for students with incomes between fifty-one and seventy percent of the state median family income, adjusted for family size, shall be prorated at the following percentages of the maximum Washington college grant amount:

(a) Seventy percent for students with family incomes between fifty-one and fifty-five percent of the state median family income;

(b) Sixty-five percent for students with family incomes between fifty-six and sixty percent of the state median family income;

(c) Sixty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-one and sixty-five percent of the state median family income; and

(d) Fifty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-six and seventy percent of the state median family income.

(2) Beginning with academic year 2020-21, except during the 2022-23, 2023-24, ((~~and~~)) 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 academic years, students with family incomes between zero and fifty-five percent of the state median family income, adjusted for family size, shall receive the maximum Washington college grant as defined in RCW 28B.92.030. During the 2022-23, 2023-24, ((~~and~~)) 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 academic years, students with family incomes between zero and sixty percent of the state median family income, adjusted for family size, shall receive the maximum Washington college grant. Grants for students with incomes between fifty-six and one hundred percent of the state median family income, adjusted for family size, shall be prorated at the following percentages of the maximum Washington college grant amount:

(a) Seventy percent for students with family incomes between fifty-six and sixty percent of the state median family income, except during the 2022-23, 2023-24, ((~~and~~)) 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 academic years;

(b) Sixty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-one and sixty-five percent of the state median family income, except during the 2023-24 ((~~and~~)), 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 academic years when student grant award shall not be prorated and students shall receive the maximum award;

(c) Fifty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-six and seventy percent of the state median family income;

(d) Twenty-four and one-half percent for students with family incomes between seventy-one and seventy-five percent of the state median family income; and

(e) Ten percent for students with family incomes between seventy-six and one hundred percent of the state median family income.

**Sec.**  RCW 41.05.120 and 2023 c 435 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The public employees' and retirees' insurance account is hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer, to be used by the director for the deposit of contributions, the remittance paid by school districts and educational service districts under RCW 28A.400.410, reserves, dividends, and refunds, for payment of premiums and claims for employee and retiree insurance benefit contracts and subsidy amounts provided under RCW 41.05.085, and transfers from the flexible spending administrative account as authorized in RCW 41.05.123. Moneys from the account shall be disbursed by the state treasurer by warrants on vouchers duly authorized by the director. Moneys from the account may be transferred to the flexible spending administrative account to provide reserves and start-up costs for the operation of the flexible spending administrative account program. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer money in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account to the state general fund.

(2) The state treasurer and the state investment board may invest moneys in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account. All such investments shall be in accordance with RCW 43.84.080 or 43.84.150, whichever is applicable. The director shall determine whether the state treasurer or the state investment board or both shall invest moneys in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account.

(3) The school employees' insurance account is hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer, to be used by the director for the deposit of contributions, reserves, dividends, and refunds, for payment of premiums and claims for school employee insurance benefit contracts, and for transfers from the school employees' benefits board flexible spending and dependent care administrative account as authorized in this subsection. Moneys from the account shall be disbursed by the state treasurer by warrants on vouchers duly authorized by the director. Moneys from the account may be transferred to the school employees' benefits board flexible spending and dependent care administrative account to provide reserves and start-up costs for the operation of the school employees' benefits board flexible spending arrangement and dependent care assistance program. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer money in the school employees' insurance account to the state general fund.

(4) The state treasurer and the state investment board may invest moneys in the school employees' insurance account. These investments must be in accordance with RCW 43.84.080 or 43.84.150, whichever is applicable. The director shall determine whether the state treasurer or the state investment board or both shall invest moneys in the school employees' insurance account.

(5) Moneys may be transferred between the public employees' and retirees' insurance account and the school employees' insurance account for short-term cash management and cash balance purposes.

**Sec.**  RCW 41.50.075 and 2020 c 103 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Two funds are hereby created and established in the state treasury to be known as the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement fund, and the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 2 retirement fund which shall consist of all moneys paid into them in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and chapter 41.26 RCW, whether such moneys take the form of cash, securities, or other assets. The plan 1 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 1, and the plan 2 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer money in the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement fund to the state general fund.

(2) All of the assets of the Washington state teachers' retirement system shall be credited according to the purposes for which they are held, to two funds to be maintained in the state treasury, namely, the teachers' retirement system plan 1 fund and the teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 fund. The plan 1 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of the Washington state teachers' retirement system plan 1, and the combined plan 2 and 3 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of the Washington state teachers' retirement system plan 2 and 3.

(3) There is hereby established in the state treasury two separate funds, namely the public employees' retirement system plan 1 fund and the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 fund. The plan 1 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of the public employees' retirement system plan 1, and the combined plan 2 and plan 3 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of the public employees' retirement system plans 2 and 3.

(4) There is hereby established in the state treasury the school employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 fund. The combined plan 2 and 3 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of the school employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3.

(5) There is hereby established in the state treasury the public safety employees' retirement system plan 2 fund. The plan 2 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of the public safety employees' retirement system plan 2.

(6)(a)(i) There is hereby established in the state treasury the higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund. The higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of each of the higher education retirement plans.

(ii) The fund in this subsection (6) was originally created under chapter 47, Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess. (Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1981).

(b) The office of financial management must create individual accounts for each institution of higher education within the higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund. For fiscal year 2021, the office of financial management must transfer all the assets of the higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund into the individual accounts for each institution that will be used to manage the accounting for each benefit plan. The higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund will include all the amounts in the individual accounts created in this subsection.

**Sec.**  RCW 41.50.110 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 s 951 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided by RCW 41.50.255 and subsection (6) of this section, all expenses of the administration of the department, the expenses of administration of the retirement systems, and the expenses of the administration of the office of the state actuary created in chapters 2.10, 2.12, 28B.10, 41.26, 41.32, 41.40, 41.34, 41.35, 41.37, 43.43, and 44.44 RCW shall be paid from the department of retirement systems expense fund.

(2) In order to reimburse the department of retirement systems expense fund on an equitable basis the department shall ascertain and report to each employer, as defined in RCW 28B.10.400, 41.26.030, 41.32.010, 41.35.010, 41.37.010, or 41.40.010, the sum necessary to defray its proportional share of the entire expense of the administration of the retirement system that the employer participates in during the ensuing biennium or fiscal year whichever may be required. Such sum is to be computed in an amount directly proportional to the estimated entire expense of the administration as the ratio of monthly salaries of the employer's members bears to the total salaries of all members in the entire system. It shall then be the duty of all such employers to include in their budgets or otherwise provide the amounts so required.

(3) The department shall compute and bill each employer, as defined in RCW 28B.10.400, 41.26.030, 41.32.010, 41.35.010, 41.37.010, or 41.40.010, at the end of each month for the amount due for that month to the department of retirement systems expense fund and the same shall be paid as are its other obligations. Such computation as to each employer shall be made on a percentage rate of salary established by the department. However, the department may at its discretion establish a system of billing based upon calendar year quarters in which event the said billing shall be at the end of each such quarter.

(4) The director may adjust the expense fund contribution rate for each system at any time when necessary to reflect unanticipated costs or savings in administering the department.

(5) An employer who fails to submit timely and accurate reports to the department may be assessed an additional fee related to the increased costs incurred by the department in processing the deficient reports. Fees paid under this subsection shall be deposited in the retirement system expense fund.

(a) Every six months the department shall determine the amount of an employer's fee by reviewing the timeliness and accuracy of the reports submitted by the employer in the preceding six months. If those reports were not both timely and accurate the department may prospectively assess an additional fee under this subsection.

(b) An additional fee assessed by the department under this subsection shall not exceed fifty percent of the standard fee.

(c) The department shall adopt rules implementing this section.

(6) Expenses other than those under RCW 41.34.060(4) shall be paid pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

(7) During the ((~~2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia~~)) 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer ((~~from~~)) money in the department of retirement systems' expense fund to the state general fund ((~~such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the fund. During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, state contributions to the judicial retirement system may be made in part by appropriations from the department of retirement systems expense fund~~)).

**Sec.**  RCW 43.19.025 and 2014 c 221 s 915 are each amended to read as follows:

The enterprise services account is created in the custody of the state treasurer and shall be used for all activities conducted by the department, except information technology services. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to the allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW. During the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the director of the office of financial management may authorize expenditures from the account for the provision of small agency client services. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer money in the enterprise services account to the state general fund.

**Sec.**  RCW 43.99N.060 and 2023 c 474 s 8036 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The stadium and exhibition center account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from the taxes imposed under RCW 82.14.0494 and distributions under RCW 67.70.240(1)(d) shall be deposited into the account. Only the director of the office of financial management or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW. An appropriation is not required for expenditures from this account.

(2) Until bonds are issued under RCW 43.99N.020, up to $5,000,000 per year beginning January 1, 1999, shall be used for the purposes of subsection (3)(b) of this section, all remaining moneys in the account shall be transferred to the public stadium authority, created under RCW 36.102.020, to be used for public stadium authority operations and development of the stadium and exhibition center.

(3) After bonds are issued under RCW 43.99N.020, all moneys in the stadium and exhibition center account shall be used exclusively for the following purposes in the following priority:

(a) On or before June 30th of each year, the office of financial management shall accumulate in the stadium and exhibition center account an amount at least equal to the amount required in the next succeeding twelve months for the payment of principal of and interest on the bonds issued under RCW 43.99N.020;

(b) An additional reserve amount not in excess of the expected average annual principal and interest requirements of bonds issued under RCW 43.99N.020 shall be accumulated and maintained in the account, subject to withdrawal by the state treasurer at any time if necessary to meet the requirements of (a) of this subsection, and, following any withdrawal, reaccumulated from the first tax revenues and other amounts deposited in the account after meeting the requirements of (a) of this subsection; and

(c) The balance, if any, shall be transferred to the youth athletic facility account under subsection (4) of this section.

Any revenues derived from the taxes authorized by RCW 36.38.010(5) and 36.38.040 or other amounts that if used as provided under (a) and (b) of this subsection would cause the loss of any tax exemption under federal law for interest on bonds issued under RCW 43.99N.020 shall be deposited in and used exclusively for the purposes of the youth athletic facility account and shall not be used, directly or indirectly, as a source of payment of principal of or interest on bonds issued under RCW 43.99N.020, or to replace or reimburse other funds used for that purpose.

(4) Any moneys in the stadium and exhibition center account not required or permitted to be used for the purposes described in subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section shall be deposited in the youth athletic facility account hereby created in the state treasury. Expenditures from the account may be used only for purposes of grants or loans to cities, counties, and qualified nonprofit organizations for community outdoor athletic facilities. Only the director of the recreation and conservation office or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures. The athletic facility grants or loans may be used for acquiring, developing, equipping, maintaining, and improving community outdoor athletic facilities. Funds shall be divided equally between the development of new community outdoor athletic facilities, the improvement of existing community outdoor athletic facilities, and the maintenance of existing community outdoor athletic facilities. Cities, counties, and qualified nonprofit organizations must submit proposals for grants or loans from the account. To the extent that funds are available, cities, counties, and qualified nonprofit organizations must meet eligibility criteria as established by the director of the recreation and conservation office. The grants and loans shall be awarded on a competitive application process and the amount of the grant or loan shall be in proportion to the population of the city or county for where the community outdoor athletic facility is located. Grants or loans awarded in any one year need not be distributed in that year. The director of the recreation and conservation office may expend up to one and one-half percent of the moneys deposited in the account created in this subsection for administrative purposes. During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the youth athletic facility account to support a task force to consider ways to improve equitable access to K-12 schools' fields and athletic facilities and local parks agency facilities with the goal of increasing physical activity for youth and families. A portion of the appropriation must be used to inventory K-12 school fields and athletic facilities and park agency facilities.

(5) During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, subsection (4) of this section applies to expenditures from the youth athletic facility account except as provided in this subsection.

(a) During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the recreation and conservation office may spend appropriations made from the youth athletic facility account for grants and loans to political subdivisions of the state other than cities and counties as well as federally recognized Indian tribes for community outdoor athletic facilities. The office is not required to divide the expenditures equally between development, improvement, and maintenance of facilities. The office's authority to retain 1.5 percent of amounts deposited in the account for administration is suspended, and the office's administrative overhead is instead specified in the appropriations for this purpose.

(b) During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the legislature may also appropriate moneys in the youth athletic facility account for the following:

(i) To the department of commerce for the public facility improvement fund as provided in section 1038, chapter 474, Laws of 2023; and

(ii) To the recreation and conservation office for the purpose of the youth athletic facilities program as provided in section 3060, chapter 474, Laws of 2023.

(6) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to make transfers of money in the youth athletic facility account to the state general fund.

**Sec.**  RCW 43.101.200 and 2024 c 376 s 908 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, all law enforcement personnel, except volunteers, and reserve officers whether paid or unpaid, initially employed on or after January 1, 1978, shall engage in basic law enforcement training which complies with standards adopted by the commission pursuant to RCW 43.101.080. For personnel initially employed before January 1, 1990, such training shall be successfully completed during the first fifteen months of employment of such personnel unless otherwise extended or waived by the commission and shall be requisite to the continuation of such employment. Personnel initially employed on or after January 1, 1990, shall commence basic training during the first six months of employment unless the basic training requirement is otherwise waived or extended by the commission. Successful completion of basic training is requisite to the continuation of employment of such personnel initially employed on or after January 1, 1990.

(2)(a) All law enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace officers and whose employment commences on or after July 1, 2023, shall commence basic training during the first 12 months of employment unless the basic training requirement is otherwise waived or extended by the commission. Successful completion of basic training is requisite to the continuation of employment of such personnel initially employed on or after July 1, 2023.

(b)(i) The commission shall review the training files of all law enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace officers, whose employment commenced prior to July 1, 2023, and who have not successfully completed training that complies with standards adopted by the commission, to determine what, if any, supplemental training is required to appropriately carry out the officers' duties and responsibilities.

(ii) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to require law enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace officers, whose employment commenced prior to July 1, 2023, to complete the basic law enforcement training academy as a condition of continuing employment as a limited authority Washington peace officer.

(iii) Law enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace officers are not required to complete the basic law enforcement academy or an equivalent basic academy upon transferring to a general authority Washington law enforcement agency or limited authority Washington law enforcement agency, as defined in RCW 10.93.020, if they have:

(A) Been employed as a special agent with the Washington state gambling commission, been a natural resource investigator with the department of natural resources, been a liquor enforcement officer with the liquor and cannabis board, been an investigator with the office of the insurance commissioner, or been a park ranger with the Washington state parks and recreation commission, before or after July 1, 2023; and

(B) Received a certificate of successful completion from the basic law enforcement academy or the basic law enforcement equivalency academy and thereafter engaged in regular and commissioned law enforcement employment with an agency listed in (b)(iii)(A) of this subsection without a break or interruption in excess of 24 months; and

(C) Remained current with the in-service training requirements as adopted by the commission by rule.

(3) Except as provided in RCW 43.101.170, the commission shall provide the aforementioned training and shall have the sole authority to do so. The commission shall provide necessary facilities, supplies, materials, and the board and room of noncommuting attendees for seven days per week, except ((~~during the 2017-2019, 2019-2021, and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia, and~~)) during fiscal year 2024 and during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, when the employing, county, city, or state law enforcement agency shall reimburse the commission for twenty-five percent of the cost of training its personnel. Additionally, to the extent funds are provided for this purpose, the commission shall reimburse to participating law enforcement agencies with ten or less full-time commissioned patrol officers the cost of temporary replacement of each officer who is enrolled in basic law enforcement training: PROVIDED, That such reimbursement shall include only the actual cost of temporary replacement not to exceed the total amount of salary and benefits received by the replaced officer during his or her training period:

PROVIDED FURTHER, That limited authority Washington law enforcement agencies as defined in RCW 10.93.020 shall reimburse the commission for the full cost of training their personnel.

**Sec.**  RCW 43.101.220 and 2024 c 376 s 909 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The corrections personnel of the state and all counties and municipal corporations initially employed on or after January 1, 1982, shall engage in basic corrections training which complies with standards adopted by the commission. The standards adopted must provide for basic corrections training of at least ten weeks in length for any corrections officers subject to the certification requirement under RCW 43.101.095 who are hired on or after July 1, 2021, or on an earlier date set by the commission. The training shall be successfully completed during the first six months of employment of the personnel, unless otherwise extended or waived by the commission, and shall be requisite to the continuation of employment.

(2) The commission shall provide the training required in this section, together with facilities, supplies, materials, and the room and board for noncommuting attendees, except ((~~during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, and~~)) during fiscal year 2025 and during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, when the employing county, municipal corporation, or state agency shall reimburse the commission for twenty-five percent of the cost of training its personnel.

(3)(a) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to the Washington state department of corrections prisons division. The Washington state department of corrections is responsible for identifying training standards, designing curricula and programs, and providing the training for those corrections personnel employed by it. In doing so, the secretary of the department of corrections shall consult with staff development experts and correctional professionals both inside and outside of the agency, to include soliciting input from labor organizations.

(b) The commission and the department of corrections share the responsibility of developing and defining training standards and providing training for community corrections officers employed within the community corrections division of the department of corrections.

**Sec.**  RCW 43.155.050 and 2023 c 475 s 932 and 2023 c 474 s 8037 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The public works assistance account is hereby established in the state treasury. Money may be placed in the public works assistance account from the proceeds of bonds when authorized by the legislature or from any other lawful source. Money in the public works assistance account shall be used to make loans and grants and to give financial guarantees to local governments for public works projects. Moneys in the account may also be appropriated or transferred to the water pollution control revolving fund and the drinking water assistance account to provide for state match requirements under federal law. Moneys in the account may be transferred to the move ahead WA account to provide support of public works projects funded in the move ahead WA program. Not more than 20 percent of the biennial capital budget appropriation to the public works board from this account may be expended or obligated for preconstruction loans and grants, emergency loans and grants, or loans and grants for capital facility planning under this chapter. Not more than 10 percent of the biennial capital budget appropriation to the public works board from this account may be expended or obligated as grants for preconstruction, emergency, capital facility planning, and construction projects. During the 2017-2019 and 2019-2021 fiscal biennia, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the account for activities related to rural economic development, the growth management act, the aviation revitalization loan program, the community economic revitalization board broadband program, and the voluntary stewardship program. During the 2021-2023 and 2023-2025 fiscal biennia, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the account for activities related to the community aviation revitalization board. During the 2019-2021 fiscal biennia, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to make transfers of moneys in the public works assistance account to the education legacy trust account. During the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to make transfers of moneys in the public works assistance account to the statewide broadband account. The legislature may appropriate moneys from the public works assistance account for activities related to the voluntary stewardship program, rural economic development, and the growth management act. During the 2021-2023 biennium, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the account for projects identified in section 1033, chapter 296, Laws of 2022. During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the public works assistance account for an evaluation of the costs of relocating public utilities related to fish barrier removal projects. During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the account for activities related to developing a data dashboard to map investments made by the public works board, the department of commerce, the department of health, the department of ecology, the department of transportation, the transportation improvement board, and by board partners to the system improvement team created in RCW 43.155.150.

(2) For fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2038, the state treasurer must transfer from the public works assistance account to the move ahead WA account created in RCW 46.68.510 $57,000,000 each fiscal year in four equal quarterly transfers.

(3) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer money from the public works assistance account to the state general fund.

**Sec.**  RCW 43.320.110 and 2023 c 475 s 933 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is created in the custody of the state treasurer a local fund known as the "financial services regulation fund" which shall consist of all moneys received by the divisions of the department of financial institutions, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The division of securities shall deposit thirteen percent of all moneys received, except as provided in RCW 43.320.115 and subsection (3) of this section, and which shall be used for the purchase of supplies and necessary equipment; the payment of salaries, wages, and utilities; the establishment of reserves; and other incidental costs required for the proper regulation of individuals and entities subject to regulation by the department.

(3) The division of securities shall deposit one hundred percent of all moneys received that are attributable to increases in fees implemented by rule pursuant to RCW 21.20.340(15).

(4) Disbursements from the fund shall be on authorization of the director of financial institutions or the director's designee. In order to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, the fund shall be subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required to permit expenditures and payment of obligations from the fund.

(5) During the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium, the legislature may transfer from the financial services regulation fund to the state general fund such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the fund. During the 2017-2019 and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia, moneys from the financial services regulation fund may be appropriated for the family prosperity account program at the department of commerce and for the operations of the department of revenue.

(6)(a) Beginning in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the state treasurer shall annually transfer from the fund to the student loan advocate account created in RCW 28B.77.008, the greater of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars or twenty percent of the annual assessment derived from student education loan servicing.

(b) The department must provide information to the state treasurer regarding the amount of the annual assessment derived from student education loan servicing.

(7) The director's obligations or duties under chapter 62, Laws of 2018 are subject to section 21, chapter 62, Laws of 2018.

(8) During the 2019-2021 and 2023-2025 fiscal biennia, moneys in the financial services regulation fund may be appropriated for the operations of the department of revenue.

(9) During the ((~~2021-2023 and~~)) 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal biennia, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to make transfers of moneys in the financial services regulation fund to the general fund. It is the intent of the legislature to continue this policy in subsequent biennia.

**Sec.**  RCW 43.330.250 and 2019 c 415 s 974 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The economic development strategic reserve account is created in the state treasury to be used only for the purposes of this section.

(2) Only the governor, with the recommendation of the director of the department of commerce, may authorize expenditures from the account.

(3) During the ((~~2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia,~~)) 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer moneys in the account ((~~may also be transferred~~)) into the state general fund.

(4) Expenditures from the account may be made to prevent closure of a business or facility, to prevent relocation of a business or facility in the state to a location outside the state, or to recruit a business or facility to the state. Expenditures may be authorized for:

(a) Workforce development;

(b) Public infrastructure needed to support or sustain the operations of the business or facility;

(c) Other lawfully provided assistance including, but not limited to, technical assistance, environmental analysis, relocation assistance, and planning assistance. Funding may be provided for such assistance only when it is in the public interest and may only be provided under a contractual arrangement ensuring that the state will receive appropriate consideration, such as an assurance of job creation or retention; and

(d) The joint center for aerospace technology innovation.

(5) The funds shall not be expended from the account unless:

(a) The circumstances are such that time does not permit the director of the department of commerce or the business or facility to secure funding from other state sources;

(b) The business or facility produces or will produce significant long-term economic benefits to the state, a region of the state, or a particular community in the state;

(c) The business or facility does not require continuing state support;

(d) The expenditure will result in new jobs, job retention, or higher incomes for citizens of the state;

(e) The expenditure will not supplant private investment; and

(f) The expenditure is accompanied by private investment.

(6) No more than three million dollars per year may be expended from the account for the purpose of assisting an individual business or facility pursuant to the authority specified in this section.

(7) If the account balance in the strategic reserve account exceeds fifteen million dollars at any time, the amount in excess of fifteen million dollars shall be transferred to the education construction account.

(8) During the 2017-2019 and 2019-2021 fiscal biennia, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the account to fund programs and grants at the department of commerce. It is the intent of the legislature that this policy will be continued in subsequent fiscal biennia.

**Sec.**  RCW 43.330.365 and 2023 c 435 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

The electric vehicle incentive account is created in the state treasury. Revenues to the account shall consist of appropriations and transfers by the legislature and all other moneys directed for deposit into the account. Moneys in the account may only be spent after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used for programs and incentives that promote the purchase or conversion to alternative fuel vehicles to further state climate goals under RCW 70A.45.020 and environmental justice goals under 70A.02 RCW, including but not limited to:

(1) Income-qualified grant programs to retire vehicles and replace them with alternative fuel vehicles;

(2) Programs to provide grants for the installation of electric vehicle infrastructure to support electric vehicle adoption; and

(3) Programs to conduct research and public outreach regarding adoption of alternative fuel vehicles.

During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer money in the electric vehicle incentive account to the state general fund.

**Sec.**  RCW 50.16.010 and 2019 c 415 s 977 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There shall be maintained as special funds, separate and apart from all public moneys or funds of this state an unemployment compensation fund and an administrative contingency fund, which shall be administered by the commissioner exclusively for the purposes of this title, and to which RCW 43.01.050 shall not be applicable.

(2)(a) The unemployment compensation fund shall consist of:

(i) All contributions collected under RCW 50.24.010 and payments in lieu of contributions collected pursuant to the provisions of this title;

(ii) Any property or securities acquired through the use of moneys belonging to the fund;

(iii) All earnings of such property or securities;

(iv) Any moneys received from the federal unemployment account in the unemployment trust fund in accordance with Title XII of the social security act, as amended;

(v) All money recovered on official bonds for losses sustained by the fund;

(vi) All money credited to this state's account in the unemployment trust fund pursuant to section 903 of the social security act, as amended;

(vii) All money received from the federal government as reimbursement pursuant to section 204 of the federal-state extended compensation act of 1970 (84 Stat. 708-712; 26 U.S.C. Sec. 3304);

(viii) The portion of the additional penalties as provided in RCW 50.20.070(2) that is fifteen percent of the amount of benefits overpaid or deemed overpaid; and

(ix) All moneys received for the fund from any other source.

(b) All moneys in the unemployment compensation fund shall be commingled and undivided.

(3)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the administrative contingency fund shall consist of:

(i) All interest on delinquent contributions collected pursuant to this title;

(ii) All fines and penalties collected pursuant to the provisions of this title, except the portion of the additional penalties as provided in RCW 50.20.070(2) that is fifteen percent of the amount of benefits overpaid or deemed overpaid;

(iii) All sums recovered on official bonds for losses sustained by the fund; and

(iv) Revenue received under RCW 50.24.014.

(b) All fees, fines, forfeitures, and penalties collected or assessed by a district court because of the violation of this title or rules adopted under this title shall be remitted as provided in chapter 3.62 RCW.

(c) Except as provided in (d) of this subsection, moneys available in the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014, shall be expended upon the direction of the commissioner, with the approval of the governor, whenever it appears to him or her that such expenditure is necessary solely for:

(i) The proper administration of this title and that insufficient federal funds are available for the specific purpose to which such expenditure is to be made, provided, the moneys are not substituted for appropriations from federal funds which, in the absence of such moneys, would be made available.

(ii) The proper administration of this title for which purpose appropriations from federal funds have been requested but not yet received, provided, the administrative contingency fund will be reimbursed upon receipt of the requested federal appropriation.

(iii) The proper administration of this title for which compliance and audit issues have been identified that establish federal claims requiring the expenditure of state resources in resolution. Claims must be resolved in the following priority: First priority is to provide services to eligible participants within the state; second priority is to provide substitute services or program support; and last priority is the direct payment of funds to the federal government.

(d)(i) During the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium, moneys available in the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a), shall be expended as appropriated by the legislature for: (A) The cost of the job skills or worker retraining programs at the community and technical colleges and administrative costs at the state board for community and technical colleges; and (B) reemployment services such as business and project development assistance, local economic development capacity building, and local economic development financial assistance at the department of commerce. The remaining appropriation may be expended as specified in (c) of this subsection.

(ii) During the 2015-2017, 2017-2019, and 2019-2021 fiscal biennia, moneys available in the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a), shall be expended as appropriated by the legislature: (A) For the department of social and health services for employment and training services and programs in the WorkFirst program; (B) for the administrative costs of state agencies participating in the WorkFirst program; and (C) by the commissioner for the work group on agricultural and agricultural-related issues as provided in the 2013-2015 omnibus operating appropriations act. The remaining appropriation may be expended as specified in (c) of this subsection.

(iii) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, moneys available in the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a), shall be expended as appropriated by the legislature for the career connected learning grant program authorized in RCW 28C.30.040 and 28C.30.050, and for additional audit support staff due to an increase in the workload associated with audits. The remaining appropriation may be expended as specified in (c) of this subsection.

(4) Money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a) may only be expended, after appropriation, for the purposes specified in this section and RCW 50.62.010, 50.62.020, 50.62.030, 50.24.014, 50.44.053, and 50.22.010.

**Sec.**  RCW 50.24.014 and 2023 c 475 s 934 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) A separate and identifiable account to provide for the financing of special programs to assist the unemployed is established in the administrative contingency fund. All money in this account shall be expended solely for the purposes of this title and for no other purposes whatsoever, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section. Contributions to this account shall accrue and become payable by each employer, except employers as described in RCW 50.44.010 and 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in lieu of contributions, taxable local government employers as described in RCW 50.44.035, and those employers who are required to make payments in lieu of contributions, at a basic rate of two one-hundredths of one percent. The amount of wages subject to tax shall be determined under RCW 50.24.010.

(b) A separate and identifiable account is established in the administrative contingency fund for financing the employment security department's administrative costs under RCW 50.22.150 and 50.22.155 and the costs under RCW 50.22.150(11) and 50.22.155 (1)(m) and (2)(m). All money in this account shall be expended solely for the purposes of this title and for no other purposes whatsoever. Contributions to this account shall accrue and become payable by each employer, except employers as described in RCW 50.44.010 and 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in lieu of contributions, taxable local government employers as described in RCW 50.44.035, those employers who are required to make payments in lieu of contributions, those employers described under RCW 50.29.025(1)(d), and those qualified employers assigned rate class 20 or rate class 40, as applicable, under RCW 50.29.025, at a basic rate of one one-hundredth of one percent. The amount of wages subject to tax shall be determined under RCW 50.24.010. Any amount of contributions payable under this subsection (1)(b) that exceeds the amount that would have been collected at a rate of four one-thousandths of one percent must be deposited in the account created in (a) of this subsection.

(2)(a) Contributions under this section shall become due and be paid by each employer under rules as the commissioner may prescribe, and shall not be deducted, in whole or in part, from the remuneration of individuals in the employ of the employer. Any deduction in violation of this section is unlawful.

(b) In the payment of any contributions under this section, a fractional part of a cent shall be disregarded unless it amounts to one-half cent or more, in which case it shall be increased to one cent.

(3) If the commissioner determines that federal funding has been increased to provide financing for the services specified in chapter 50.62 RCW, the commissioner shall direct that collection of contributions under this section be terminated on the following January 1st.

(4) During the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal ((~~biennium~~)) biennia, moneys in the account in subsection (1)(a) of this section may be appropriated for poverty reduction programs that coordinate employment, training, education, and other existing systems designed to assist low-income individuals attain self-sufficiency.

**Sec.**  RCW 69.50.540 and 2023 c 470 s 1015 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) For the purposes of this subsection (1), the legislature must appropriate the amounts provided in this subsection:

(a) $12,500,000 annually to the board for administration of this chapter as appropriated in the omnibus appropriations act;

(b) $11,000,000 annually to the department of health for the following:

(i) Creation, implementation, operation, and management of a cannabis, vapor product, and commercial tobacco education and public health program that contains the following:

(A) A cannabis use public health hotline that provides referrals to substance abuse treatment providers, uses evidence-based or research-based public health approaches to minimizing the harms associated with cannabis use, and does not solely advocate an abstinence-only approach;

(B) Programs that support development and implementation of coordinated intervention strategies for the prevention and reduction of commercial tobacco, vapor product, and cannabis use by youth and cannabis cessation treatment services, including grant programs to local health departments or other local community agencies;

(C) Media-based education campaigns across television, internet, radio, print, and out-of-home advertising, separately targeting youth and adults, that provide medically and scientifically accurate information about the health and safety risks posed by cannabis use; and

(D) Outreach to priority populations regarding commercial tobacco, vapor product, and cannabis use, prevention, and cessation; and

(ii) The Washington poison control center;

(c)(i) $3,000,000 annually to the department of commerce to fund cannabis social equity grants under RCW 43.330.540; and

(ii) $200,000 annually to the department of commerce to fund technical assistance through a roster of mentors under RCW 43.330.540;

(d) $200,000 annually, until June 30, 2032, to the health care authority to contract with the Washington state institute for public policy to conduct the cost-benefit evaluations and produce the reports described in RCW 69.50.550;

(e) $25,000 annually to the University of Washington alcohol and drug abuse institute for the creation, maintenance, and timely updating of web-based public education materials providing medically and scientifically accurate information about the health and safety risks posed by cannabis use;

(f) $300,000 annually to the University of Washington and $175,000 annually to the Washington State University for research on the short-term and long-term effects of cannabis use to include, but not be limited to, formal and informal methods for estimating and measuring intoxication and impairments, and for the dissemination of such research;

(g) $550,000 annually to the office of the superintendent of public instruction to fund grants to building bridges programs under chapter 28A.175 RCW;

(h) $2,423,000 for fiscal year 2022 and $2,423,000 for fiscal year 2023 to the Washington state patrol for a drug enforcement task force;

(i) $270,000 for fiscal year 2022 and $290,000 for fiscal year 2023 to the department of ecology for implementation of accreditation of cannabis product testing laboratories;

(j) $800,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2023 to the department of health for the administration of the cannabis authorization database; ((~~and~~))

(k) $621,000 for fiscal year 2022 and $635,000 for fiscal year 2023 to the department of agriculture for compliance-based laboratory analysis of pesticides in cannabis;

(l) $849,000 for fiscal year 2026 and $849,000 for fiscal year 2027 to the department of agriculture to implement the cannabis lab accreditation and standards program; and

(m) $635,000 for fiscal year 2026 and $635,000 for fiscal year 2027 to the department of agriculture for ongoing cannabis laboratory work associated with regulatory program operations.

(2) ((~~Subsections [Subsection]~~)) Subsection (1)(a) through (g) of this section must be adjusted annually based on the United States bureau of labor statistics' consumer price index for the Seattle area.

(3) After appropriation of the amounts identified in subsection (1) of this section, the legislature must annually appropriate such remaining amounts for the purposes listed in this subsection (3) as follows:

(a) Fifty-two percent to the state basic health plan trust account to be administered by the Washington basic health plan administrator and used as provided under chapter 70.47 RCW;

(b) Eleven percent to the health care authority to:

(i) Design and administer the Washington state healthy youth survey, analyze the collected data, and produce reports, in collaboration with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, department of health, department of commerce, family policy council, and board. The survey must be conducted at least every two years and include questions regarding, but not necessarily limited to, academic achievement, age at time of substance use initiation, antisocial behavior of friends, attitudes toward antisocial behavior, attitudes toward substance use, laws and community norms regarding antisocial behavior, family conflict, family management, parental attitudes toward substance use, peer rewarding of antisocial behavior, perceived risk of substance use, and rebelliousness. Funds disbursed under this subsection may be used to expand administration of the healthy youth survey to student populations attending institutions of higher education in Washington;

(ii) Develop, implement, maintain, and evaluate programs and practices aimed at the prevention or reduction of maladaptive substance use, substance use disorder, substance abuse or substance dependence, as these terms are defined in the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, among middle school and high school-age students, whether as an explicit goal of a given program or practice or as a consistently corresponding effect of its implementation, mental health services for children and youth, and services for pregnant and parenting women. In deciding which programs and practices to fund under this subsection (3)(b)(ii), the director of the health care authority must consult, at least annually, with the University of Washington's social development research group and the University of Washington's alcohol and drug abuse institute; and

(iii) Contract with community health centers to provide primary health and dental care services, migrant health services, and maternity health care services as provided under RCW 41.05.220;

(c)(i) One and one-half percent to counties, cities, and towns where licensed cannabis retailers are physically located. Each jurisdiction must receive a share of the revenue distribution under this subsection (3)(c)(i) based on the proportional share of the total revenues generated in the individual jurisdiction from the taxes collected under RCW 69.50.535, from licensed cannabis retailers physically located in each jurisdiction. For purposes of this subsection (3)(c), 100 percent of the proportional amount attributed to a retailer physically located in a city or town must be distributed to the city or town;

(ii) Three and one-half percent to counties, cities, and towns ratably on a per capita basis. Counties must receive 60 percent of the distribution based on each county's total proportional population. Funds may only be distributed to jurisdictions that do not prohibit the siting of any state licensed cannabis producer, processor, or retailer;

(iii) By September 15th of each year, the board must provide the state treasurer the annual distribution amount made under this subsection (3)(c), if any, for each county and city as determined in (c)(i) and (ii) of this subsection; and

(iv) Distribution amounts allocated to each county, city, and town in (c)(i) and (ii) of this subsection must be distributed in four installments by the last day of each fiscal quarter; and

(d) Thirty-two percent must be deposited in the state general fund.

(4) The amount distributed under subsection (3)(c)(i) and (ii) of this section shall total to five percent of the remaining amount available after appropriation of the amounts identified in subsection (1) of this section, excluding the amounts under subsection (1)(l) and (m) of this section. Any difference between five percent and the remaining amount available after appropriation of the amounts identified in subsection (1) of this section, excluding the amounts under subsection (1)(l) and (m) of this section, shall be paid from the state general fund.

**Sec.**  RCW 70.104.110 and 2019 c 327 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The pesticide application safety committee is established. Appointments to the committee must be made as soon as possible after the legislature convenes in regular session. The committee is composed of the following members:

(a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

(c) The director of the department of agriculture, or an assistant director designated by the director;

(d) The secretary of the department of health, or an assistant secretary designated by the secretary;

(e) The director of the department of labor and industries, or an assistant director designated by the director;

(f) The commissioner of public lands, or an assistant commissioner designated by the commissioner;

(g) The dean of the college of agricultural, human, and natural resource sciences at the Washington State University, or an assistant dean designated by the dean;

(h) The pesticide safety education coordinator at the Washington State University cooperative extension; and

(i) The director of the University of Washington Pacific Northwest agricultural safety and health center, or an assistant designated by the director.

(2) The committee shall be cochaired by the secretary of the department of health, or the assistant secretary designated by the secretary, and the director of the department of agriculture, or the assistant director designated by the director.

(3) Primary responsibility for administrative support for the committee, including developing reports, research, and other organizational support, shall be provided by the department of health and the department of agriculture. The committee must hold its first meeting by September 2019. The committee must meet at least three times each year. The meetings shall be at a time and place specified by the cochairs, or at the call of a majority of the committee. When determining the time and place of meetings, the cochairs must consider costs and conduct committee meetings in Olympia when this choice would reduce costs to the state.

(4)(a) An advisory work group is created to collect information and make recommendations to the full committee on topics requiring unique expertise and perspectives on issues within the jurisdiction of the committee.

(b) The advisory work group shall consist of a representative from the department of agriculture, two representatives of employee organizations that represent farmworkers, two farmworkers with expertise on pesticide application, a representative of community and migrant health centers, a toxicologist, a representative of growers who use air blast sprayers, a representative of growers who use aerial pesticide application, a representative of growers who use fumigation to apply pesticides, and a representative of aerial applicators. The secretary of health, in consultation with the director of the department of agriculture and the full committee, must appoint members of the advisory work group, and the department of health must staff the advisory work group. The letter of appointment to the advisory work group members must be signed by both cochairs.

(c) The advisory work group must hold meetings only upon the committee's request. To reduce costs, the advisory work group must conduct meetings using teleconferencing or other methods, but may hold one in-person meeting per fiscal year.

(d) Members of the advisory work group shall be reimbursed for mileage expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.060.

(e) The advisory work group must provide a report on their activities and recommendations to the full committee by November 9th of each year.

(5) The first priority of the committee is to explore how the departments of agriculture, labor and industries, and health, and the Washington poison center collect and track data. The committee must also consider the feasibility and requirements of developing a shared database, including how the department of health could use existing tools, such as the tracking network, to better display multiagency data regarding pesticides. The committee may also evaluate and recommend policy options that would take action to:

(a) Improve pesticide application safety with agricultural applications;

(b) Lead an effort to establish baseline data for the type and quantity of pesticide applications used in Washington to be able to compare the number of exposures with overall number of applications;

(c) Research ways to improve pesticide application communication among different members of the agricultural community, including educating the public in English and Spanish about acute and chronic health information about pesticides;

(d) Compile industry's best practices for use to improve pesticide application safety to limit pesticide exposure;

(e) Continue to investigate reasons why members of the agricultural workforce do not or may not report pesticide exposure;

(f) Explore new avenues for reporting with investigation without fear of retaliation;

(g) Work with stakeholders to consider trainings for how and when to report;

(h) Explore incentives for using new technology by funding a partial buy-out program for old spray technology;

(i) Consider developing an effective community health education plan;

(j) Consult with community partners to enhance educational initiatives that work with the agricultural workforce, their families, and surrounding communities to reduce the risk of pesticide exposure;

(k) Enhance efforts to work with pesticide manufacturers and the environmental protection agency to improve access to non-English pesticide labeling in the United States;

(l) Work with research partners to develop, or promote the use of translation apps for pesticide label safety information, or both;

(m) Evaluate prevention techniques to minimize exposure events;

(n) Develop more Spanish language and other language educational materials for distribution, including through social media and app-based learning for agricultural workforce communities;

(o) Explore development of an agricultural workforce education safety program to improve the understanding about leaving an area being sprayed; and

(p) Work with the industry and the agricultural workforce to improve protocols and best practices for use of personal safety equipment for applicators and reflective gear for the general workforce.

(6) The committee must provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by May 1, 2020, and each year thereafter. An initial report on the progress of the committee must be provided in January 2020. The report may include recommendations the committee determines necessary, and must document the activities of the committee and report on the subjects listed in subsection (5) of this section. The department of health and the department of agriculture must provide staff support to the committee for the purpose of authoring the report and transmitting it to the legislature. Any member of the committee may provide a minority report as an appendix to the report submitted to the legislature under this section.

(7) This section expires July 1, ((~~2025~~)) 2027.

**Sec.**  RCW 70A.65.030 and 2023 c 475 s 936 and 2023 c 475 s 1902 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, each year or biennium, as appropriate, when allocating funds from the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240, the climate commitment account created in RCW 70A.65.260, the natural climate solutions account created in RCW 70A.65.270, the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250, the air quality and health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, the climate transit programs account created in RCW 46.68.500, or the climate active transportation account created in RCW 46.68.490, or administering grants or programs funded by the accounts, agencies shall conduct an environmental justice assessment consistent with the requirements of RCW 70A.02.060 and establish a minimum of not less than 35 percent and a goal of 40 percent of total investments that provide direct and meaningful benefits to vulnerable populations within the boundaries of overburdened communities through: (a) The direct reduction of environmental burdens in overburdened communities; (b) the reduction of disproportionate, cumulative risk from environmental burdens, including those associated with climate change; (c) the support of community led project development, planning, and participation costs; or (d) meeting a community need identified by the community that is consistent with the intent of this chapter or RCW 70A.02.010.

(2) The allocation of funding under subsection (1) of this section must adhere to the following principles, additional to the requirements of RCW 70A.02.080: (a) Benefits and programs should be directed to areas and targeted to vulnerable populations and overburdened communities to reduce statewide disparities; (b) investments and benefits should be made roughly proportional to the health disparities that a specific community experiences, with a goal of eliminating the disparities; (c) investments and programs should focus on creating environmental benefits, including eliminating health burdens, creating community and population resilience, and raising the quality of life of those in the community; and (d) efforts should be made to balance investments and benefits across the state and within counties, local jurisdictions, and unincorporated areas as appropriate to reduce disparities by location and to ensure efforts contribute to a reduction in disparities that exist based on race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or other factors.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, state agencies allocating funds or administering grants or programs from the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240, the climate commitment account created in RCW 70A.65.260, the natural climate solutions account created in RCW 70A.65.270, the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250, the air quality and health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, the climate transit programs account created in RCW 46.68.500, or the climate active transportation account created in RCW 46.68.490, must:

(a) Report annually to the environmental justice council created in RCW 70A.02.110 regarding progress toward meeting environmental justice and environmental health goals;

(b) Consider recommendations by the environmental justice council; and

(c)(i) If the agency is not a covered agency subject to the requirements of chapter 70A.02 RCW, create and adopt a community engagement plan to describe how it will engage with overburdened communities and vulnerable populations in allocating funds or administering grants or programs from the climate investment account.

(ii) The plan must include methods for outreach and communication with those who face barriers, language or otherwise, to participation.

(4) During the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal ((~~biennium~~)) biennia:

(a) The requirement of subsection (1) of this section to conduct an environmental justice assessment applies only to covered agencies as defined in RCW 70A.02.010 and to significant agency actions as defined in RCW 70A.02.010.

(b) Agencies shall coordinate with the department and the office of financial management to achieve total statewide spending from the accounts listed in subsection (1) of this section of not less than 35 percent and a goal of 40 percent of total investments that provide direct and meaningful benefits to vulnerable populations within the boundaries of overburdened communities as otherwise described in subsection (1)(a) through (d) of this section and in accordance with RCW 70A.65.230.

(c) The requirements of subsection (3)(c) of this section for agencies other than covered agencies to create and adopt community engagement plans apply only to executive branch agencies and institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, receiving total appropriations of more than $2,000,000 for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium from the accounts listed in subsection (1) of this section.

**Sec.**  RCW 70A.65.100 and 2024 c 352 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in RCW 70A.65.110, 70A.65.120, and 70A.65.130, the department shall distribute allowances through auctions as provided in this section and in rules adopted by the department to implement these sections. An allowance is not a property right.

(2)(a) The department shall hold a maximum of four auctions annually, plus any necessary reserve auctions. An auction may include allowances from the annual allowance budget of the current year and allowances from the annual allowance budgets from prior years that remain to be distributed. The department must transmit to the environmental justice council an auction notice at least 60 days prior to each auction, as well as a summary results report and a postauction public proceeds report within 60 days after each auction. The department must communicate the results of the previous calendar year's auctions to the environmental justice council on an annual basis beginning in 2024.

(b) The department must make future vintage allowances available through parallel auctions at least twice annually in addition to the auctions through which current vintage allowances are exclusively offered under (a) of this subsection.

(3) The department shall engage a qualified, independent contractor to run the auctions. The department shall also engage a qualified financial services administrator to hold the bid guarantees, evaluate bid guarantees, and inform the department of the value of bid guarantees once the bids are accepted.

(4) Auctions are open to covered entities, opt-in entities, and general market participants that are registered entities in good standing. The department shall adopt by rule the requirements for a registered entity to register and participate in a given auction.

(a) Registered entities intending to participate in an auction must submit an application to participate at least 30 days prior to the auction. The application must include the documentation required for review and approval by the department. A registered entity is eligible to participate only after receiving a notice of approval by the department.

(b) Each registered entity that elects to participate in the auction must have a different representative. Only a representative with an approved auction account is authorized to access the auction platform to submit an application or confirm the intent to bid for the registered entity, submit bids on behalf of the registered entity during the bidding window, or to download reports specific to the auction.

(5) The department may require a bid guarantee, payable to the financial services administrator, in an amount greater than or equal to the sum of the maximum value of the bids to be submitted by the registered entity.

(6) To protect the integrity of the auctions, a registered entity or group of registered entities with a direct corporate association are subject to auction purchase and holding limits. The department may impose additional limits if it deems necessary to protect the integrity and functioning of the auctions:

(a) A covered entity or an opt-in entity may not buy more than 25 percent of the allowances offered during a single auction;

(b) A general market participant may not buy more than four percent of the allowances offered during a single auction;

(c) Until Washington links with a jurisdiction that does not have this requirement, a general market participant may not in aggregate own more than 10 percent of total allowances to be issued in a calendar year;

(d) No registered entity may buy more than the entity's bid guarantee; and

(e) No registered entity may buy allowances that would exceed the entity's holding limit at the time of the auction.

(7)(a) For fiscal year 2023, upon completion and verification of the auction results, the financial services administrator shall notify winning bidders and transfer the auction proceeds to the state treasurer for deposit as follows: (i) $127,341,000 must first be deposited into the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240; and (ii) the remaining auction proceeds to the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280.

(b) For fiscal year 2024, upon completion and verification of the auction results, the financial services administrator shall notify winning bidders and transfer the auction proceeds to the state treasurer for deposit as follows: (i) $356,697,000 must first be deposited into the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240, except during fiscal year 2024, the deposit as provided in this subsection (7)(b)(i) may be prorated equally across each of the auctions occurring in fiscal year 2024; and (ii) the remaining auction proceeds to the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, which may be prorated equally across each of the auctions occurring in fiscal year 2024.

(c) For fiscal year 2025, upon completion and verification of the auction results, the financial services administrator shall notify winning bidders and transfer the auction proceeds to the state treasurer for deposit as follows: (i) $366,558,000 must first be deposited into the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240, except that during fiscal year 2025, the deposit as provided in this subsection (7)(c)(i) may be prorated equally across each of the auctions occurring in fiscal year 2025; and (ii) the remaining auction proceeds to the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, which may be prorated equally across each of the auctions occurring in fiscal year 2025.

(d) For fiscal years 2026 through 2037, upon completion and verification of the auction results, the financial services administrator shall notify winning bidders and transfer the auction proceeds to the state treasurer for deposit as follows: (i) $359,117,000 per year must first be deposited into the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240 except that during fiscal years 2026 and 2027, the deposit as provided in this subsection (7)(d)(i) may be prorated equally across each of the auctions occurring in fiscal years 2026 and 2027; and (ii) the remaining auction proceeds to the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, which may be prorated equally across each of the auctions occurring in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

(e) The deposits into the carbon emissions reduction account pursuant to (a) through (d) of this subsection must not exceed $5,200,000,000 over the first 16 fiscal years and any remaining auction proceeds must be deposited into the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280.

(f) For fiscal year 2038 and each year thereafter, upon completion and verification of the auction results, the financial services administrator shall notify winning bidders and transfer the auction proceeds to the state treasurer for deposit as follows: (i) 50 percent of the auction proceeds to the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240; and (ii) the remaining auction proceeds to the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280.

(8) The department shall adopt by rule provisions to guard against bidder collusion and minimize the potential for market manipulation. A registered entity may not release or disclose any bidding information including: Intent to participate or refrain from participation; auction approval status; intent to bid; bidding strategy; bid price or bid quantity; or information on the bid guarantee provided to the financial services administrator. The department may cancel or restrict a previously approved auction participation application or reject a new application if the department determines that a registered entity has:

(a) Provided false or misleading facts;

(b) Withheld material information that could influence a decision by the department;

(c) Violated any part of the auction rules;

(d) Violated registration requirements; or

(e) Violated any of the rules regarding the conduct of the auction.

(9) Records containing the following information are confidential and are exempt from public disclosure in their entirety:

(a) Bidding information as identified in subsection (8) of this section;

(b) Information contained in the secure, online electronic tracking system established by the department pursuant to RCW 70A.65.090(6);

(c) Financial, proprietary, and other market sensitive information as determined by the department that is submitted to the department pursuant to this chapter;

(d) Financial, proprietary, and other market sensitive information as determined by the department that is submitted to the independent contractor or the financial services administrator engaged by the department pursuant to subsection (3) of this section; and

(e) Financial, proprietary, and other market sensitive information as determined by the department that is submitted to a jurisdiction with which the department has entered into a linkage agreement pursuant to RCW 70A.65.210, and which is shared with the department, the independent contractor, or the financial services administrator pursuant to a linkage agreement.

(10) Any cancellation or restriction approved by the department under subsection (8) of this section may be permanent or for a specified number of auctions and the cancellation or restriction imposed is not exclusive and is in addition to the remedies that may be available pursuant to chapter 19.86 RCW or other state or federal laws, if applicable.

(11) The department shall design allowance auctions so as to allow, to the maximum extent practicable, linking with external greenhouse gas emissions trading programs in other jurisdictions and to facilitate the transfer of allowances when the state's program has entered into a linkage agreement with other external greenhouse gas emissions trading programs. The department may conduct auctions jointly with linked jurisdictions.

(12) In setting the number of allowances offered at each auction, the department shall consider the allowances in the marketplace due to the marketing of allowances issued as required under RCW 70A.65.110, 70A.65.120, and 70A.65.130 in the department's determination of the number of allowances to be offered at auction. The department shall offer only such number of allowances at each auction as will enhance the likelihood of achieving the goals of RCW 70A.45.020.

**Sec.**  RCW 70A.65.250 and 2024 c 376 s 911 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) The climate investment account is created in the state treasury. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 316, Laws of 2021, all receipts from the auction of allowances authorized in this chapter must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

(b) Projects or activities funded from the account must meet high labor standards, including family sustaining wages, providing benefits including health care and employer-contributed retirement plans, career development opportunities, and maximize access to economic benefits from such projects for local workers and diverse businesses. Each contracting entity's proposal must be reviewed for equity and opportunity improvement efforts, including: (i) Employer paid sick leave programs; (ii) pay practices in relation to living wage indicators such as the federal poverty level; (iii) efforts to evaluate pay equity based on gender identity, race, and other protected status under Washington law; (iv) facilitating career development opportunities, such as apprenticeship programs, internships, job-shadowing, and on-the-job training; and (v) employment assistance and employment barriers for justice affected individuals.

(2) Moneys in the account may be used only for projects and programs that achieve the purposes of the greenhouse gas emissions cap and invest program established under this chapter and for tribal capacity grants under RCW 70A.65.305. During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, moneys in the account may also be used for tribal capacity grant activities supporting climate resilience and adaptation, developing tribal clean energy projects, applying for state or federal grant funding, and other related work; and for providing payments to agricultural fuel purchasers. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, moneys in the account may also be used for tribal capacity grant activities supporting climate resilience and adaptation, developing tribal clean energy projects, applying for state or federal grant funding, and other related work. Moneys in the account as described in this subsection must first be appropriated for the administration of the requirements of this chapter, in an amount not to exceed five percent of the total receipt of funds from allowance auction proceeds under this chapter. Beginning July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the state treasurer shall distribute funds in the account that exceed the amounts appropriated for the purposes of this subsection (2) as follows:

(a) Seventy-five percent of the moneys to the climate commitment account created in RCW 70A.65.260; and

(b) Twenty-five percent of the moneys to the natural climate solutions account created in RCW 70A.65.270.

(3) The allocations specified in subsection (2)(a) and (b) of this section must be reviewed by the legislature on a biennial basis based on the changing needs of the state in meeting its clean economy and greenhouse gas reduction goals in a timely, economically advantageous, and equitable manner.

(4) During the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal ((~~biennium~~)) biennia, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to make transfers of moneys in the climate investment account to the carbon emissions reduction account, the climate commitment account, and the natural climate solutions account.

**Sec.**  RCW 70A.65.260 and 2023 c 475 s 939 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The climate commitment account is created in the state treasury. The account must receive moneys distributed to the account from the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Projects, activities, and programs eligible for funding from the account must be physically located in Washington state and include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Implementing the working families' tax credit in RCW 82.08.0206;

(b) Supplementing the growth management planning and environmental review fund established in RCW 36.70A.490 for the purpose of making grants or loans to local governments for the purposes set forth in RCW 43.21C.240, 43.21C.031, 36.70A.500, and 36.70A.600, for costs associated with RCW 36.70A.610, and to cover costs associated with the adoption of optional elements of comprehensive plans consistent with RCW 43.21C.420;

(c) Programs, activities, or projects that reduce and mitigate impacts from greenhouse gases and copollutants in overburdened communities, including strengthening the air quality monitoring network to measure, track, and better understand air pollution levels and trends and to inform the analysis, monitoring, and pollution reduction measures required in RCW 70A.65.020;

(d) Programs, activities, or projects that deploy renewable energy resources, such as solar and wind power, and projects to deploy distributed generation, energy storage, demand-side technologies and strategies, and other grid modernization projects;

(e) Programs, activities, or projects that increase the energy efficiency or reduce greenhouse gas emissions of industrial facilities including, but not limited to, proposals to implement combined heat and power, district energy, or on-site renewables, such as solar and wind power, to upgrade the energy efficiency of existing equipment, to reduce process emissions, and to switch to less emissions intensive fuel sources;

(f) Programs, activities, or projects that achieve energy efficiency or emissions reductions in the agricultural sector including:

(i) Fertilizer management;

(ii) Soil management;

(iii) Bioenergy;

(iv) Biofuels;

(v) Grants, rebates, and other financial incentives for agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy duty trucks, agricultural pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural operations;

(vi) Grants, loans, or any financial incentives to food processors to implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

(vii) Renewable energy projects;

(viii) Farmworker housing weatherization programs;

(ix) Dairy digester research and development;

(x) Alternative manure management; and

(xi) Eligible fund uses under RCW 89.08.615;

(g) Programs, activities, or projects that increase energy efficiency in new and existing buildings, or that promote low carbon architecture, including use of newly emerging alternative building materials that result in a lower carbon footprint in the built environment over the life cycle of the building and component building materials;

(h) Programs, activities, or projects that promote the electrification and decarbonization of new and existing buildings, including residential, commercial, and industrial buildings;

(i) Programs, activities, or projects that improve energy efficiency, including district energy, and investments in market transformation of high efficiency electric appliances and equipment for space and water heating;

(j) Clean energy transition and assistance programs, activities, or projects that assist affected workers or people with lower incomes during the transition to a clean energy economy, or grow and expand clean manufacturing capacity in communities across Washington state including, but not limited to:

(i) Programs, activities, or projects that directly improve energy affordability and reduce the energy burden of people with lower incomes, as well as the higher transportation fuel burden of rural residents, such as bill assistance, energy efficiency, and weatherization programs;

(ii) Community renewable energy projects that allow qualifying participants to own or receive the benefits of those projects at reduced or no cost;

(iii) Programs, activities, or other worker-support projects for bargaining unit and nonsupervisory fossil fuel workers who are affected by the transition away from fossil fuels to a clean energy economy. Worker support may include, but is not limited to: (A) Full wage replacement, health benefits, and pension contributions for every worker within five years of retirement; (B) full wage replacement, health benefits, and pension contributions for every worker with at least one year of service for each year of service up to five years of service; (C) wage insurance for up to five years for workers reemployed who have more than five years of service; (D) up to two years of retraining costs, including tuition and related costs, based on in-state community and technical college costs; (E) peer counseling services during transition; (F) employment placement services, prioritizing employment in the clean energy sector; and (G) relocation expenses;

(iv) Direct investment in workforce development, via technical education, community college, institutions of higher education, apprenticeships, and other programs including, but not limited to:

(A) Initiatives to develop a forest health workforce established under RCW 76.04.521; and

(B) Initiatives to develop new education programs, emerging fields, or jobs pertaining to the clean energy economy;

(v) Transportation, municipal service delivery, and technology investments that increase a community's capacity for clean manufacturing, with an emphasis on communities in greatest need of job creation and economic development and potential for commute reduction;

(k) Programs, activities, or projects that reduce emissions from landfills and waste-to-energy facilities through diversion of organic materials, methane capture or conversion strategies, installation of gas collection devices and gas control systems, monitoring and reporting of methane emissions, or other means, prioritizing funding needed for any activities by local governments to comply with chapter 70A.540 RCW;

(l) Carbon dioxide removal projects, programs, and activities; and

(m) Activities to support efforts to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change affecting Indian tribes, including capital investments in support of the relocation of Indian tribes located in areas at heightened risk due to anticipated sea level rise, flooding, or other disturbances caused by climate change. The legislature intends to dedicate at least $50,000,000 per biennium from the account for purposes of this subsection.

(2) Moneys in the account may not be used for projects or activities that would violate tribal treaty rights or result in significant long-term damage to critical habitat or ecological functions. Investments from this account must result in long-term environmental benefits and increased resilience to the impacts of climate change.

(3) During the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal ((~~biennium~~)) biennia, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the climate commitment account for activities related to environmental justice, including implementation of chapter 314, Laws of 2021.

**Sec.**  RCW 70A.65.300 and 2024 c 376 s 912 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department shall prepare, post on the department website, and submit to the appropriate committees of the legislature an annual report that identifies all distributions of moneys from the accounts created in RCW 70A.65.240 through 70A.65.280.

(2) The report must identify, at a minimum, the recipient of the funding, the amount of the funding, the purpose of the funding, the actual end result or use of the funding, whether the project that received the funding produced any verifiable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or other long-term impact to emissions, and if so, the quantity of reduced greenhouse gas emissions, the cost per carbon dioxide equivalent metric ton of reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and a comparison to other greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects in order to facilitate the development of cost-benefit ratios for greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects.

(3) The department shall require by rule that recipients of funds from the accounts created in RCW 70A.65.240 through 70A.65.280 report to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, the information required for the department to carry out the department's duties established in this section.

(4) The department shall update its website with the information described in subsection (2) of this section as appropriate but no less frequently than once per calendar year.

(5) The department shall submit its report to the appropriate committees of the legislature with the information described in subsection (2) of this section no later than September 30 of each year. For fiscal year 2025, the report must be submitted no later than November 30, 2024. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the report must be submitted no later than November 30 of each fiscal year.

**Sec.**  RCW 70A.200.140 and 2022 c 297 s 963 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is hereby created an account within the state treasury to be known as the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account shall be used as follows:

(a) Forty percent to the department of ecology, primarily for use by the departments of ecology, natural resources, revenue, transportation, and corrections, and the parks and recreation commission, for litter collection programs under RCW 70A.200.170. The amount to the department of ecology shall also be used for a central coordination function for litter control efforts statewide; to support employment of youth in litter cleanup as intended in RCW 70A.200.020, and for litter pick up using other authorized agencies; and for statewide public awareness programs under RCW 70A.200.150(7). The amount to the department shall also be used to defray the costs of administering the funding, coordination, and oversight of local government programs for waste reduction, litter control, recycling, and composting so that local governments can apply one hundred percent of their funding to achieving program goals. The amount to the department of revenue shall be used to enforce compliance with the litter tax imposed in chapter 82.19 RCW;

(b)(i) Twenty percent to the department for local government funding programs for waste reduction, litter control, recycling activities, and composting activities by cities and counties under RCW 70A.200.190, to be administered by the department of ecology; (ii) any unspent funds under (b)(i) of this subsection may be used to create and pay for a matching fund competitive grant program to be used by local governments for the development and implementation of contamination reduction and outreach plans for inclusion in comprehensive solid waste management plans or by local governments and nonprofit organizations for local or statewide education programs designed to help the public with litter control, waste reduction, recycling, and composting of primarily the products taxed under chapter 82.19 RCW. Recipients under this subsection include programs to reduce wasted food and food waste that are designed to achieve the goals established in RCW 70A.205.715(1) and that are consistent with the plan developed in RCW 70A.205.715(3). Grants must adhere to the following requirements: (A) No grant may exceed sixty thousand dollars; (B) grant recipients shall match the grant funding allocated by the department by an amount equal to twenty-five percent of eligible expenses. A local government's share of these costs may be met by cash or contributed services; (C) the obligation of the department to make grant payments is contingent upon the availability of the amount of money appropriated for this subsection (1)(b); and (D) grants are managed under the guidelines for existing grant programs; and

(c) Forty percent to the department of ecology to: (i) Implement activities under RCW 70A.200.150 for waste reduction, recycling, and composting efforts; (ii) provide technical assistance to local governments and commercial businesses to increase recycling markets and recycling and composting programs primarily for the products taxed under chapter 82.19 RCW designed to educate citizens about waste reduction, litter control, and recyclable and compostable products and programs; (iii) increase access to waste reduction, composting, and recycling programs, particularly for food packaging and plastic bags and appropriate composting techniques; and (iv) for programs to reduce wasted food and food waste that are designed to achieve the goals established in RCW 70A.205.715(1) and that are consistent with the plan developed in RCW 70A.205.715(3).

(2) All taxes imposed in RCW 82.19.010 and fines and bail forfeitures collected or received pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited in the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account and used for the programs under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Not less than five percent and no more than ten percent of the amount appropriated into the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account every biennium shall be reserved for capital needs, including the purchase of vehicles for transporting crews and for collecting litter and solid waste. Capital funds shall be distributed among state agencies and local governments according to the same criteria provided in RCW 70A.200.170 for the remainder of the funds, so that the most effective waste reduction, litter control, recycling, and composting programs receive the most funding. The intent of this subsection is to provide funds for the purchase of equipment that will enable the department to account for the greatest return on investment in terms of reaching a zero litter goal.

(4) Funds in the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account, collected under chapter 82.19 RCW, must be prioritized for the products identified under RCW 82.19.020 solely for the purposes of recycling, composting, and litter collection, reduction, and control programs.

(5) During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, Washington State University may use funds in the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account, collected under chapter 82.19 RCW, to conduct an organic waste study.

(6) During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, and as an exception to the distribution of expenditures otherwise required in this section, the department of ecology may use funds in the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account to continue a series of food waste reduction campaigns, to continue to invest in litter prevention campaigns, to conduct a recycling study, and to increase litter control on state highways.

(7) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer money in the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account to the model toxics control operating account. In addition, during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, subsection (1)(a), (b), and (c) of this section is suspended.

**Sec.**  RCW 72.09.780 and 2023 c 195 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department is authorized to acquire, receive, possess, sell, resell, deliver, dispense, distribute, and engage in any activity constituting the practice of pharmacy or wholesale distribution with respect to abortion medications.

(2) The department may exercise the authority granted in this section for the benefit of any person, whether or not the person is in the custody or under the supervision of the department.

(3) The department shall exercise the authority granted in this section in accordance with any applicable law including, but not limited to, any applicable licensing requirements, except that the department is exempt from obtaining a wholesaler's license for any actions taken pursuant to chapter 195, Laws of 2023 as provided in RCW 18.64.046.

(4)(a) The department shall establish and operate a program to deliver, dispense, and distribute abortion medications described in this section. In circumstances in which the department is selling, delivering, or distributing abortion medications to a health care provider or health care entity, it may only sell, distribute, or deliver abortion medications to health care providers and health care entities that will only use the medications for the purposes of providing abortion care or medical management of early pregnancy loss.

(b) ((~~Any~~)) Except as provided in (c) of this subsection, any abortion medications sold, resold, delivered, dispensed, or distributed whether individually or wholesale shall be conducted at cost not to exceed list price, plus a fee of $5 per dose to offset the cost of secure storage and delivery of medication. Revenues generated pursuant to chapter 195, Laws of 2023 shall be deposited to the general fund.

(c) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, any abortion medications sold, resold, delivered, dispensed, or distributed whether individually or wholesale shall be conducted at cost not to exceed list price.

(5) Nothing in this section shall diminish any existing authority of the department.

(6) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Abortion medications" means substances used in the course of medical treatment intended to induce the termination of a pregnancy including, but not limited to, mifepristone.

(b) "Deliver" has the same meaning as in RCW 18.64.011.

(c) "Dispense" has the same meaning as in RCW 18.64.011.

(d) "Distribute" has the same meaning as in RCW 18.64.011.

(e) "Health care entity" means a hospital, clinic, pharmacy, office, or similar setting where a health care provider provides health care to patients.

(f) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as in RCW 70.02.010.

(g) "Person" has the same meaning as in RCW 18.64.011.

(h) "Practice of pharmacy" has the same meaning as in RCW 18.64.011.

(i) "Wholesale distribution" has the same meaning as in WAC 246-945-001.

**Sec.**  RCW 79.64.040 and 2023 c 475 s 943 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The board shall determine the amount deemed necessary in order to achieve the purposes of this chapter and shall provide by rule for the deduction of this amount from the moneys received from all leases, sales, contracts, licenses, permits, easements, and rights-of-way issued by the department and affecting state lands and aquatic lands, except as provided in RCW 79.64.130, provided that no deduction shall be made from the proceeds from agricultural college lands.

(2) Moneys received as deposits from successful bidders, advance payments, and security under RCW 79.15.100, 79.15.080, and 79.11.150 prior to December 1, 1981, which have not been subjected to deduction under this section are not subject to deduction under this section.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the deductions authorized under this section shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the moneys received by the department in connection with any one transaction pertaining to state lands and aquatic lands other than second-class tide and shore lands and the beds of navigable waters, and fifty percent of the moneys received by the department pertaining to second-class tide and shore lands and the beds of navigable waters.

(4) In the event that the department sells logs using the contract harvesting process described in RCW 79.15.500 through 79.15.530, the moneys received subject to this section are the net proceeds from the contract harvesting sale.

(5) During the 2015-2017, 2017-2019, 2019-2021, 2021-2023, ((~~and~~)) 2023-2025, and 2025-2027 fiscal biennia, the board may increase the twenty-five percent limitation up to thirty-two percent.

**Sec.**  RCW 79.64.110 and 2023 c 475 s 944 and 2023 c 383 s 8 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) Any moneys derived from the lease of state forestlands or from the sale of valuable materials, oils, gases, coal, minerals, or fossils from those lands, except as provided in RCW 79.64.130, or the appraised value of these resources when transferred to a public agency under RCW 79.22.060, must be distributed as follows:

(a) For state forestlands acquired through RCW 79.22.040 or by exchange or as replacement for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.040:

(i) The expense incurred by the state for administration, reforestation, and protection, not to exceed 25 percent, which rate of percentage shall be determined by the board, must be returned to the forest development account created in RCW 79.64.100. During the 2017-2019, 2019-2021, 2021-2023, ((~~and~~)) 2023-2025, and 2025-2027 fiscal biennia, the board may increase the 25 percent limitation up to 27 percent.

(ii) Any balance remaining must be paid to the county in which the land is located or, if the land acquired under RCW 79.22.040 was exchanged, transferred, or disposed, payment must be made to the county from which the land was exchanged, transferred, or disposed. For counties participating in a land pool created under RCW 79.22.140, to each participating county proportionate to its contribution of asset value to the land pool as determined by the board. Payments made under this subsection are to be paid, distributed, and prorated to the various funds in the same manner as general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment. However, a county may in its discretion pay, distribute, and prorate payments made under this subsection of moneys derived from state forestlands acquired by exchange or as replacement lands, for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.040, in the same manner as general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment for the former state forestlands that were subject to the exchange.

(iii) Any balance remaining, paid to a county with a population of less than 16,000, must first be applied to the reduction of any indebtedness existing in the current expense fund of the county during the year of payment.

(iv) With regard to moneys remaining under this subsection (1)(a), within seven working days of receipt of these moneys, the department shall certify to the state treasurer the amounts to be distributed to the counties. The state treasurer shall distribute funds to the counties four times per month, with no more than 10 days between each payment date.

(b) For state forestlands acquired through RCW 79.22.010 or by exchange or as replacement lands for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.010, except as provided in RCW 79.64.120:

(i) Fifty percent shall be placed in the forest development account.

(ii) Fifty percent shall be prorated and distributed to the state general fund, to be dedicated for the benefit of the public schools, to the county in which the land is located or, for counties participating in a land pool created under RCW 79.22.140, to each participating county proportionate to its contribution of asset value to the land pool as determined by the board, and according to the relative proportions of tax levies of all taxing districts in the county. The portion to be distributed to the state general fund shall be based on the regular school levy rate under RCW 84.52.065 (1) and (2) and the levy rate for any school district enrichment levies. With regard to the portion to be distributed to the counties, the department shall certify to the state treasurer the amounts to be distributed within seven working days of receipt of the money. The state treasurer shall distribute funds to the counties four times per month, with no more than 10 days between each payment date. The money distributed to the county must be paid, distributed, and prorated to the various other funds in the same manner as general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment.

(2) A school district may transfer amounts deposited in its debt service fund pursuant to this section into its capital projects fund as authorized in RCW 28A.320.330.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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