

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESSB 5167

As Passed House - Amended:

March 31, 2025

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations and 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.

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

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

None.

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/31/25, 54-44.

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

- Makes biennial operating appropriations for the 2025-27 biennium and supplemental operating budget appropriations for the 2023-25 biennium.

Background:

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

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Near General Fund-Outlook (NGF-O) accounts are General Fund-State, the Education Legacy Trust Account, the Opportunity Pathways Account, and the Workforce Education Investment Account.

Summary of Amended Bill:

The NGF-O appropriations for the 2025-27 biennium are \$77.8 billion. Total budgeted funds are \$150.2 billion (includes state, federal, and other funds).

Supplemental budget changes for fiscal year 2025 are made to the 2023-25 Biennial Operating Budget. The NGF-O appropriations for the 2023-25 biennium, following supplemental changes, are \$72.7 billion. Total budgeted funds are \$142.3 billion.

Changes to fund transfers and other provisions are made.

Additional details can be found at <https://fiscal.wa.gov>.

Appropriation: The bill contains multiple appropriations. Please see the bill and supporting documents.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately, except for Section 929, which takes effect January 1, 2026.