

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESSB 5998

As Passed House - Amended:

February 28, 2026

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium 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: 2/28/26, 52-41.

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

- Makes supplemental changes to operating budget appropriations for the 2025-27 biennium.

Staff: Mary Munroe (786-7391).

Background:

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

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The 2025-27 Biennial Operating Budget was enacted in 2025. The enacted 2025-27 Biennial Operating Budget appropriates \$77.9 billion from Near General Fund-Outlook (NGF-O) accounts (General Fund-State, the Education Legacy Trust Account, the Opportunity Pathways Account, and the Workforce Education Investment Account). The total budgeted amount, which includes state, federal, and other funds, is \$150.4 billion including appropriations in other legislation.

Summary of Amended Bill:

The NGF-O appropriations for the 2025-27 biennium are \$79.9 billion. Total budgeted funds are \$156.2 billion (includes state, federal, and other funds).

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.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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