

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESSB 5998

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### PARTIAL VETO C 268 L 26 Synopsis as Enacted

**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).

#### Senate Committee on Ways & Means

**Background:** The operating expenses of state government and its agencies and programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus operating budget adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. In subsequent legislative sessions, a supplemental budget is adopted, making various modifications to agency appropriations. State operating expenses are paid from the state general fund and from various dedicated funds and accounts.

**Summary:** The 2025-2027 biennial operating budget appropriations for the various agencies and programs of the state are modified.

#### Votes on Final Passage:

**Senate** 30 19

**House** 52 41 (House amended)

(Senate refused to concur in House amendments. Asked House for conference thereon.)

#### Conference Committee

**House** 54 43

**Senate** 28 21

**Effective:** April 1, 2026

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**Partial Veto Summary:**

- Removed 26 sections or subsections of the 2026 supplemental operating budget, some of which were related to bills that did not pass the Legislature, and others which created additional programs or eliminated existing programs.