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**SENATE BILL 5167**

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

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1 AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters; amending RCW 15.76.115,  
2 28B.92.205, 41.05.120, 41.50.075, 41.50.110, 43.19.025, 43.99N.060,  
3 43.101.200, 43.101.220, 43.320.110, 43.330.250, 43.330.365,  
4 50.16.010, 50.24.014, 69.50.540, 70.104.110, 70A.65.100, 70A.65.250,  
5 70A.65.260, 70A.65.300, 70A.200.140, 72.09.780, and 79.64.040;  
6 reenacting and amending RCW 43.155.050, 70A.65.030, and 79.64.110;  
7 creating new sections; making appropriations; providing an expiration  
8 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

- 1 (a) "Fiscal year 2026" or "FY 2026" means the fiscal year ending  
 2 June 30, 2026.
- 3 (b) "Fiscal year 2027" or "FY 2027" means the fiscal year ending  
 4 June 30, 2027.
- 5 (c) "FTE" means full time equivalent.
- 6 (d) "Lapse" or "revert" means the amount shall return to an  
 7 unappropriated status.
- 8 (e) "Provided solely" means the specified amount may be spent  
 9 only for the specified purpose. Unless otherwise specifically  
 10 authorized in this act, any portion of an amount provided solely for  
 11 a specified purpose which is not expended subject to the specified  
 12 conditions and limitations to fulfill the specified purpose shall  
 13 lapse.

14 **PART I**  
 15 **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101. FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

17 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$65,168,000  
 18 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$67,652,000  
 19 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$132,820,000

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102. FOR THE SENATE**

21 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$47,568,000  
 22 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$51,246,000  
 23 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$98,814,000

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

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 103. FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND**  
 33 **REVIEW COMMITTEE**

34 Performance Audits of Government Account—State  
 35 Appropriation. . . . . \$13,690,000

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$13,690,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (v) Review how often and how many youth face new juvenile or  
36 adult criminal offense charges, convictions, or both while residing  
37 at juvenile rehabilitation institutions and potential future  
38 consequences that may occur as a result such as sentence extension,

1 likelihood of recidivism, health impacts, and effects regarding  
2 criminal records;

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (3) \$400,000 of the performance audits of government account—  
29 state appropriation is for the joint legislative audit and review  
30 committee to evaluate the ignition interlock device revolving account  
31 including the compliance and monitoring results associated with the  
32 device requirements, as listed on the committee's approved work plan.  
33 The evaluation must include but is not limited to the following:

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

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

39 (c) An examination of state and local agency performance in  
40 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. 104.      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. 105.      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. 106.      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. 107.      FOR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ACTUARY**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$429,000
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1	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$438,000
2	State Health Care Authority Administrative Account—	
3	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$312,000
4	Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account—	
5	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$7,540,000
6	School Employees' Insurance Administrative Account—	
7	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$259,000
8	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$8,978,000

9       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 108. FOR THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE**

10	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$6,753,000
11	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$6,472,000
12	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$13,225,000

13       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 109. FOR THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT**  
14 **SERVICES**

15	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$6,772,000
16	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$7,050,000
17	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$13,822,000

18       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 110. LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES**

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

29       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 111. FOR THE SUPREME COURT**

30	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$17,537,000
31	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$17,689,000
32	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$35,226,000

33       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 112. FOR THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

34	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$2,985,000
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1	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$2,888,000
2	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$5,873,000

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 113. FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS**

4	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$29,078,000
5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$29,490,000
6	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$58,568,000

7        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 114. FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE COURTS**

8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$149,101,000
9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$146,016,000
10	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,209,000
11	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$681,000
12	Judicial Stabilization Trust Account—State	
13	Appropriation. . . . .	\$101,085,000
14	Judicial Information Systems Account—State	
15	Appropriation. . . . .	\$79,530,000
16	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
17	Appropriation. . . . .	\$940,000
18	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$479,562,000

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

21        (1) \$48,950,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state  
22 appropriation is provided solely to establish a direct refund process  
23 to individuals to refund legal financial obligations, collection  
24 costs, and document-verified costs paid to third parties previously  
25 paid by defendants whose convictions have been vacated by court order  
26 due to the *State v. Blake* ruling. Superior court clerks, district  
27 court administrators, and municipal court administrators must certify  
28 and send to the office the amount of any refund ordered by the court.  
29 The court order must either contain the amount of the refund or  
30 provide language for the clerk or court administrator to certify to  
31 the office the amount to be refunded to the individual.

32        (2) \$1,739,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$1,739,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for activities of the office  
35 relating to the resentencing or vacating convictions of individuals  
36 and refund of legal financial obligations and costs associated with  
37 the *State v. Blake* ruling. In addition to contracting with cities and

1 counties for the disbursement of funds appropriated for resentencing  
2 costs, the office must:

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

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

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

17 (3) \$34,430,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—  
18 state appropriation is provided solely to assist counties with costs  
19 of complying with the *State v. Blake* decision that arise from the  
20 county's role in operating the state's criminal justice system,  
21 including resentencing, vacating prior convictions for simple drug  
22 possession, and certifying refunds of legal financial obligations and  
23 collections costs. The office shall contract with counties for  
24 judicial, clerk, defense, and prosecution expenses for these purposes  
25 if requested by a county. A county may designate the office to use  
26 available funding to administer a vacate process, or a portion of the  
27 vacate process, on behalf of the county. The office must collaborate  
28 with counties to adopt standard coding for application to *Blake*  
29 convictions and to develop a standardized practice regarding vacated  
30 convictions.

31 (4) \$11,362,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state  
32 appropriation is provided solely to assist cities with costs of  
33 complying with the *State v. Blake* decision that arise from the city's  
34 role in operating the city's criminal justice system, including  
35 vacating prior convictions for simple drug possession, to include  
36 cannabis and possession of paraphernalia, and certifying refunds of  
37 legal financial obligations and collections costs. The office shall  
38 contract with cities for judicial, clerk, defense, and prosecution  
39 expenses for these purposes if requested by a city. A city may  
40 designate the office to use available funding to administer a vacate



1 process, or a portion of the vacate process, on behalf of the city.  
2 The office must collaborate with cities to adopt standard coding for  
3 application to *Blake* convictions and to develop a standardized  
4 practice regarding vacated convictions.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 115. FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE**

6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$132,568,000
7	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$139,075,000
8	Judicial Stabilization Trust Account—State	
9	Appropriation . . . . .	\$21,092,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$292,735,000

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

13 (1) \$900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026 and \$900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the purpose of improving the  
16 quality of trial court public defense services as authorized by  
17 chapter 10.101 RCW. The office of public defense must allocate these  
18 amounts so that \$450,000 per fiscal year is distributed to  
19 counties, and \$450,000 per fiscal year is distributed to cities, for  
20 grants under chapter 10.101 RCW.

21 (2) \$2,632,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$2,812,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense  
24 to administer contracts for appellate attorneys to cover a backlog of  
25 case assignments and increasing workload associated with indigent  
26 appeals. The office shall provide training for contracted attorneys.

27 (3) \$8,615,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state  
28 appropriation is provided solely to assist counties and cities with  
29 public defense services related to vacating the convictions of  
30 defendants and/or resentencing for defendants whose convictions or  
31 sentences are affected by the *State v. Blake* decision. Of the amount  
32 provided in this subsection:

33 (a) \$1,615,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state  
34 appropriation is provided solely for the office of public defense to  
35 provide statewide attorney training, technical assistance, data  
36 analysis and reporting, and quality oversight, to administer  
37 financial assistance for public defense costs related to *State v.*  
38 *Blake* impacts, and to maintain a triage team to provide statewide

1 support to the management and flow of hearings for individuals  
2 impacted by the *State v. Blake* decision.

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

13 (4) \$7,684,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026 and \$8,097,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense  
16 to administer statutory duties under RCW 2.70.200 through the simple  
17 possession advocacy and representation program.

18 (a) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, the office of  
19 public defense may utilize up to \$10,000 for fiscal year 2026 and  
20 \$10,000 for fiscal year 2027 to address emergency needs for clients  
21 served by the simple possession advocacy and representation program.  
22 Temporary, limited assistance may be made available to address short-  
23 term urgent needs that, if unaddressed, could cause clients to miss  
24 court dates or fail to engage in court-ordered services. The office  
25 of public defense shall establish eligibility criteria and an  
26 expedited process for reviewing financial assistance requests  
27 submitted by simple possession and advocacy representation program  
28 contractors.

29 (5) \$40,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$40,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense  
32 to address emergency safety assistance and other urgent needs for  
33 clients served by the parents representation program. Temporary,  
34 limited assistance may be made available for short-term housing,  
35 utilities, transportation, food assistance, and other urgent needs  
36 that, if unaddressed, could adversely impact dependency case outcomes  
37 and impede successful family reunification. The office of public  
38 defense shall utilize eligibility criteria and an expedited process

1 for reviewing financial assistance requests submitted by parents  
2 representation program contractors.

3 (6) \$210,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$210,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of public defense  
6 to contract with an experienced, objective, and independent subject-  
7 matter expert organization to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of  
8 trial-level adult criminal public defense systems in Washington. The  
9 evaluator shall use established evaluation methodologies grounded in  
10 federal and local law, United States and Washington case law, and  
11 state and national public defense standards. The contracted  
12 organization will engage with project advisors comprising public  
13 defense providers, city and county government representatives, state  
14 officials from the three branches of government, and community  
15 representatives experienced with and/or impacted by city and county  
16 public defense. The evaluation shall result in a report to the  
17 legislature detailing current levels of system structures and making  
18 recommendations to ensure constitutionally sufficient and equitable  
19 representation throughout the state.

20 (7) \$1,500,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state  
21 appropriation is provided solely for the office of public defense to  
22 offer internships and to partner with law schools to introduce law  
23 students to the child welfare legal field and recruit them to pursue  
24 a public service child welfare practice, including parent  
25 representation program contracts. The office of public defense may  
26 collaborate with one or more Washington law schools to develop and  
27 implement a child welfare legal practicum that includes academic  
28 courses focused on child welfare law, clinical training programs, and  
29 internships.

30 (8) \$40,449,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2026 and \$40,416,000 of the general fund—state  
32 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office  
33 of public defense to administer funds to counties and cities to  
34 improve the quality of public defense services for both juveniles and  
35 adults. These amounts are in addition to existing funds for public  
36 defense. State funds may not be used to supplant local expenditures  
37 on public defense services. Of the amounts provided in this  
38 subsection:

1 (a) \$30,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026 and \$30,000,000 of the general fund—state  
3 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for counties  
4 and cities pursuant to formulas established in RCW 10.101.050 through  
5 10.101.080.

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

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

23 (9) \$1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026 and \$1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the parents for parents  
26 program, as established by RCW 2.70.060 through 2.70.090. Funds must  
27 be used to maintain and improve the parents for parents service  
28 model, including host organizations and county coordinators.

29 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 116. FOR THE OFFICE OF CIVIL LEGAL AID**

30 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$78,255,000
31 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$87,589,000
32 Judicial Stabilization Trust Account—State	
33 Appropriation. . . . .	\$6,960,000
34 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$172,804,000

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

37 (1) \$12,883,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2026 and \$15,617,000 of the general fund—state

1 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
2 appointed counsel program for children and youth in dependency cases  
3 under RCW 13.34.212(3) in accordance with revised practice, caseload,  
4 and training standards adopted by the supreme court commission on  
5 children in foster care.

6 (2) \$2,708,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
7 year 2026 and \$2,843,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the provision of civil legal  
9 information, advice, and representation for tenants at risk of  
10 eviction but not yet eligible for appointed counsel services under  
11 RCW 59.18.640 and includes a vendor rate increase for contracted  
12 attorneys.

13 (3) \$19,972,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2026 and \$20,962,000 of the general fund—state  
15 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
16 appointed counsel program for tenants in unlawful detainer cases  
17 established in RCW 59.18.640 and includes a vendor rate increase for  
18 contracted attorneys. The office of civil legal aid shall assign  
19 priority to providing legal representation to indigent tenants in  
20 those counties in which the most evictions occur and to indigent  
21 tenants who are disproportionately at risk of eviction, as provided  
22 in RCW 59.18.640.

23 (4) \$5,496,000 of the judicial stabilization trust account—state  
24 appropriation is provided solely to continue legal information,  
25 advice, assistance, and representation for individuals eligible for  
26 civil relief under the supreme court's ruling in *State v. Blake*.

27 (5) An amount not to exceed \$40,000 of the general fund—state  
28 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and an amount not to exceed  
29 \$40,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027  
30 may be used to provide telephonic legal advice and assistance to  
31 otherwise eligible persons who are 60 years of age or older on  
32 matters authorized by RCW 2.53.030(2) (a) through (k) regardless of  
33 household income or asset level.

34 (6) \$509,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$516,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to the office of civil legal aid  
37 to maintain a kinship care legal advice phone line and support  
38 program. The program provides guidance and legal advice to kinship

1 caregivers on topics including kinship care, guardianship, the child  
2 welfare system, and issues related to child custody.

3 (7) \$2,206,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$2,319,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of civil legal  
6 aid to continue civil legal aid services for survivors of domestic  
7 violence, including legal services for protection order proceedings,  
8 family law cases, immigration assistance, and other civil legal  
9 issues arising from or related to the domestic violence they  
10 experienced.

11 (8) \$1,073,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$1,127,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of civil legal  
14 aid to continue the statewide reentry legal aid project as  
15 established in section 115(12), chapter 357, Laws of 2020.

16 (9) \$204,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$204,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
19 328, Laws of 2024 (children and families).

20 (10) \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of civil legal  
23 aid to establish a pipeline program providing law students with the  
24 academic and practical experience to represent children involved in  
25 the child welfare system.

26 (11) \$2,887,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,967,000 of the general fund—state  
28 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office  
29 of civil legal aid to establish a program for the provision of civil  
30 legal services to medicaid-eligible long-term care residents being  
31 discharged from a provider-owned setting pursuant to WAC  
32 388-76-. . ., 388-78A-. . ., and 388-107-. . . .

33 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 117. FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

34	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$27,354,000
35	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$27,311,000
36	Economic Development Strategic Reserve Account—State	
37	Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,359,000
38	GOV Central Service Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$21,674,000

1	Performance Audits of Government Account—State	
2	Appropriation. . . . .	\$861,000
3	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
4	Appropriation. . . . .	\$100,000
5	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$79,659,000

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

8 (1) \$1,146,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2026 and \$1,146,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the education  
11 ombuds.

12 (2) \$21,674,000 of the GOV central service account—state  
13 appropriation is provided solely for the office of equity.

14 (3) \$100,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
15 appropriation is provided solely to the office of the governor to  
16 implement career connected learning.

17 (4) \$3,020,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
18 year 2026 and \$3,023,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
19 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of House/  
20 Senate Bill No. . . . (H-0201.1/25) (extending the program to address  
21 complex cases of children in crisis). Uses of the funding include,  
22 but are not limited to:

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

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

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

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

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

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 118. FOR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

38	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$1,393,000
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1	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$1,434,000
2	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$90,000
3	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$2,917,000

4        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 119. FOR THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$6,101,000
6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$5,873,000
7	Public Disclosure Transparency Account—State	
8	Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,743,000
9	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$14,717,000

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

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

16        (2) \$2,170,000 of the public disclosure transparency account—  
17 state appropriation is provided solely for the public disclosure  
18 commission for the purpose of improving the ability of the public to  
19 access information about political campaigns, lobbying, and elected  
20 officials, and facilitating accurate and timely reporting by the  
21 regulated community. The commission must report to the office of  
22 financial management and fiscal committees of the legislature by  
23 October 31st of each year detailing information on the public  
24 disclosure transparency account. The report shall include, but is not  
25 limited to:

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

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

33        (c) A list of projects that are planned in the current and  
34 following fiscal year and projects the commission would recommend for  
35 future funding. The commission must identify priorities, and develop  
36 accountability measures to ensure the projects meet intended  
37 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. 120. 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
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$133,776,000</b>

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

1 statewide election reconciliation report for every state primary and  
2 general election. The report must be submitted annually on July 31,  
3 to legislative policy and fiscal committees. The annual report must  
4 include statewide analysis and by county analysis on the reasons for  
5 ballot rejection and an analysis of the ways ballots are received,  
6 counted, rejected and cure data that can be used by policymakers to  
7 better understand election administration.

8 (5) \$1,206,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2026 and \$1,206,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for staff dedicated to the  
11 maintenance and operations of the voter registration and election  
12 management system. These staff will manage database upgrades,  
13 database maintenance, system training and support to counties, and  
14 triage and customer service to system users. Of the amounts provided  
15 in this subsection, \$336,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
16 for fiscal year 2026 and \$336,000 of the general fund—state  
17 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided for additional system  
18 improvements for system reliability and cybersecurity.

19 (6) \$8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026 and \$8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for:

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

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

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

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

34 (7) \$580,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$580,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office's migration of  
37 its applications and systems to Azure cloud environments.

38 (8) \$154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026 and \$154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state library  
2 branch at Green Hill school.

3 (9) \$81,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$81,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for intrusion detection systems  
6 that prevent election security breaches.

7 (10) \$57,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 is provided solely for artifact preservation at Lakeland  
9 Village.

10 (11) \$146,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 and \$146,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to make necessary updates to the  
13 election results application.

14 (12) \$147,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$147,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to digitize  
17 archival legislative and oral history recordings.

18 (13) \$140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to update web  
21 pages and digital content to meet federal requirements for  
22 accessibility in alignment with the Americans with disabilities act.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 121. FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN**  
24 **AFFAIRS**

25	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$925,000
26	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$899,000
27	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$536,000
28	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$2,360,000

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

31 (1) The office shall assist the department of enterprise services  
32 on providing the government-to-government training sessions for  
33 federal, state, local, and tribal government employees. The training  
34 sessions shall cover tribal historical perspectives, legal issues,  
35 tribal sovereignty, and tribal governments. Costs of the training  
36 sessions shall be recouped through a fee charged to the participants  
37 of each session. The department of enterprise services shall be

1 responsible for all of the administrative aspects of the training,  
2 including the billing and collection of the fees for the training.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 122. FOR THE COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC**  
8 **AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$736,000
10	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$701,000
11	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,437,000

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 123. FOR THE STATE TREASURER**

13	State Treasurer's Service Account—State	
14	Appropriation	\$25,748,000
15	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$25,748,000

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 124. FOR THE STATE AUDITOR**

17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$1,108,000
18	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$1,117,000
19	Auditing Services Revolving Account—State	
20	Appropriation	\$19,596,000
21	Performance Audits of Government Account—State	
22	Appropriation	\$1,985,000
23	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$23,806,000

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

26 (1) \$1,585,000 of the performance audit of government account—  
27 state appropriation is provided solely for staff and related costs to  
28 verify the accuracy of reported school district data submitted for  
29 state funding purposes; conduct school district program audits of  
30 state-funded public school programs; establish the specific amount of  
31 state funding adjustments whenever audit exceptions occur and the  
32 amount is not firmly established in the course of regular public  
33 school audits; and to assist the state special education safety net  
34 committee when requested.

35 (2) \$1,030,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$1,030,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for law enforcement audits  
2 pursuant to RCW 43.101.460 and 43.101.465.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 125. FOR THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON SALARIES**  
7 **FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$297,000
9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$323,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$620,000

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 126. FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

12	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$51,181,000
13	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$46,949,000
14	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$29,679,000
15	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$14,000
16	Public Service Revolving Account—State Appropriation. . .	\$5,943,000
17	New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Account—State	
18	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,960,000
19	Medicaid Fraud Penalty Account—State Appropriation. . . .	\$8,802,000
20	Child Rescue Fund—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$200,000
21	Legal Services Revolving Account—State Appropriation. .	\$448,272,000
22	Local Government Archives Account—State	
23	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,178,000
24	Tobacco Prevention and Control Account—State	
25	Appropriation. . . . .	\$276,000
26	Washington State Attorney General Charitable Asset	
27	Protection Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$200,000
28	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$594,654,000

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

31 (1) The attorney general shall report each fiscal year on actual  
32 legal services expenditures and actual attorney staffing levels for  
33 each agency receiving legal services. The report shall be submitted  
34 to the office of financial management and the fiscal committees of  
35 the senate and house of representatives no later than ninety days  
36 after the end of each fiscal year. As part of its by agency report to  
37 the legislative fiscal committees and the office of financial

1 management, the office of the attorney general shall include  
2 information detailing the agency's expenditures for its agency-wide  
3 overhead and a breakdown by division of division administration  
4 expenses.

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

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

18 (4) \$1,981,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$1,981,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for multi-year arbitrations of  
21 the state's diligent enforcement of its obligations to receive  
22 amounts withheld from tobacco master settlement agreement payments.

23 (5) \$4,037,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026 and \$1,323,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
26 326, Laws of 2021 (law enforcement data).

27 (6) \$958,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$958,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of a program  
30 for receiving and responding to tips from the public regarding risks  
31 or potential risks to the safety or well-being of youth, called the  
32 YES tip line program. Risks to safety or well-being may include, but  
33 are not limited to, harm or threats of harm to self or others, sexual  
34 abuse, assault, rape, bullying or cyberbullying, substance use, and  
35 criminal acts. Any person contacting the YES tip line, whether for  
36 themselves or for another person, must receive timely assistance and  
37 not be turned away. The program must operate within the guidelines of  
38 this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 (e) The YES tip line program must promote and market the program  
8 and YES tip line to youth, families, community members, schools, and  
9 others statewide to build awareness of the program's resources and  
10 the YES tip line. Youth perspectives must be included and consulted  
11 in tip line development and implementation including creating  
12 marketing campaigns and materials required for the YES tip line  
13 program. The insights of youth representing marginalized and minority  
14 communities must be prioritized for their invaluable insight. Youths  
15 are eligible for stipends and reasonable allowances for  
16 reimbursement, lodging, and travel expenses as provided in RCW  
17 43.03.220.

18 (7) \$9,188,000 of the legal services revolving fund—state  
19 appropriation is provided solely for additional legal services to  
20 address additional legal services necessary for dependency actions  
21 where the state and federal Indian child welfare act apply. The  
22 office must report to the fiscal committees of the legislature within  
23 90 days of the close of the fiscal year the following information for  
24 new cases initiated in the previous fiscal year to measure quantity  
25 and use of this funding:

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

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

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

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



1 (8) \$689,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$689,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for legal services related to  
4 the defense of the state and its agencies in a federal environmental  
5 cleanup action involving the Quendall terminals superfund site.

6 (9) \$1,462,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
7 year 2026 and \$1,462,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional resources for the  
9 prosecution of sexually violent predator cases pursuant to chapter  
10 71.09 RCW.

11 (10) \$699,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$699,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional resources for the  
14 criminal litigation unit to address increased wrongfully convicted  
15 person claims under chapter 4.100 RCW and increased workload and  
16 complexity of cases referred to the unit.

17 (11) \$1,510,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,510,000 of the general fund—state  
19 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office  
20 to create a centralized statewide organized retail crime task force  
21 to coordinate, investigate, and prosecute multijurisdictional retail  
22 crime.

23 (12) \$397,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026, \$397,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027, \$346,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation,  
26 \$80,000 of the public service revolving account—state appropriation,  
27 \$115,000 of the medicaid fraud penalty account—state appropriation,  
28 and \$5,839,000 of the legal services revolving fund—state  
29 appropriation are provided solely for implementation of the legal  
30 matter management system and is subject to the conditions,  
31 limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

32 (13) \$1,068,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,068,000 of the general fund—state  
34 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office  
35 to create a permanent sexual assault kit initiative program.

36 (14) \$216,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026 and \$216,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for personnel and associated  
39 costs to implement and maintain functional operations such as

1 support, records management and disclosure, victim liaisons, and  
2 information technology for the clemency and pardons board.

3 (15) \$935,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$1,208,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
6 299, Laws of 2024 (hate crimes & bias incidents).

7 (16) \$794,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$768,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of the  
10 homicide investigations tracking system (HITS) and is subject to the  
11 conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of  
12 this act.

13 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 127. FOR THE CASELOAD FORECAST COUNCIL**

14	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$2,548,000
15	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$2,490,000
16	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
17	Appropriation . . . . .	\$374,000
18	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$5,412,000

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

21 (1) \$356,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
22 appropriation is provided solely to forecast the caseload for the  
23 Washington college grant program.

24 (2) Within existing resources, and beginning with the November  
25 2021 forecast, the caseload forecast council shall produce an  
26 unofficial forecast of the long-term caseload for juvenile  
27 rehabilitation as a courtesy.

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

33 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 128. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—COMMUNITY**  
34 **SERVICES**

35	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$81,537,000
36	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$65,134,000
37	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$143,664,000

1	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,387,000
2	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$25,007,000
3	Community Reinvestment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$85,000
4	Covenant Homeownership Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,000
5	Financial Fraud and Identity Theft Crimes	
6	Investigation and Prosecution Account—State	
7	Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,682,000
8	Lead Paint Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$267,000
9	Prostitution Prevention and Intervention Account—	
10	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$26,000
11	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$323,794,000

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

14 (1) \$10,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2026 and \$10,500,000 of the general fund—state  
16 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to  
17 resolution Washington to build statewide capacity for alternative  
18 dispute resolution centers and dispute resolution programs that  
19 guarantee that citizens have access to low-cost resolution as an  
20 alternative to litigation.

21 (2) \$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to the retired  
24 senior volunteer program.

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

28 (4) \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington new Americans  
31 program. The department may require a cash match or in-kind  
32 contributions to be eligible for state funding.

33 (5) \$768,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$768,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract  
36 with a private, nonprofit organization to provide developmental  
37 disability ombuds services.

1 (6) \$557,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$557,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to design and  
4 administer the achieving a better life experience program.

5 (7) \$8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract  
8 with organizations and attorneys to provide either legal  
9 representation or referral services for legal representation, or  
10 both, to indigent persons who are in need of legal services for  
11 matters related to their immigration status. Persons eligible for  
12 assistance under any contract entered into pursuant to this  
13 subsection must be determined to be indigent under standards  
14 developed under chapter 10.101 RCW.

15 (8) \$1,646,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$1,646,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the operations of the long-  
18 term care ombudsman program.

19 (9) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026 and \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract  
22 with a nonprofit entity located in Seattle that focuses on poverty  
23 reduction and racial equity to convene and staff a poverty reduction  
24 workgroup steering committee comprised of individuals that have lived  
25 experience with poverty. Funding provided in this section may be used  
26 to reimburse steering committee members for travel, child care, and  
27 other costs associated with participation in the steering committee.

28 (10) \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for capacity-building grants  
31 through the Latino community fund for emergency response services,  
32 educational programs, and human services support for children and  
33 families in rural and underserved communities.

34 (11) \$9,575,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2026 and \$9,575,000 of the general fund—state  
36 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
37 department to continue the Washington state office of firearm safety  
38 and violence prevention, including the creation of a state and  
39 federal grant funding plan to direct resources to cities that are

1 most impacted by community violence. Of the amounts provided in this  
2 subsection:

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

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

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

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

26 (iv) Of the amounts provided under (a) of this subsection,  
27 \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026  
28 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
29 2027 are provided solely for a certified credible messenger program  
30 that does work in at least three regions of Washington state to train  
31 and certify credible messengers to implement a culturally responsive,  
32 evidence-based credible messenger violence prevention and  
33 intervention services program.

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

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

5 (12) \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state  
7 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
8 department to administer grants to diaper banks for the purchase of  
9 diapers, wipes, and other essential baby products, for distribution  
10 to families in need. The department must give priority to providers  
11 serving or located in marginalized, low-income communities or  
12 communities of color; and providers that help support racial equity.

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

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

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

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

36 (d) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, no more than 60  
37 percent of the funding may be utilized by the department to target  
38 services to multifamily residential buildings across the state that  
39 experience high energy use, where a majority of the residents within

1 the building are below 80 percent of the area median income and the  
2 community experiences high environmental health disparities.

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

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

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

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

19 (16) \$1,169,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,169,000 of the general fund—state  
21 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
22 implementation of chapter 462, Laws of 2023 (domestic violence).

23 (17) \$20,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
24 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for grants to crime victims  
25 service providers. The department must distribute the funding in a  
26 manner that is consistent with the office of crime victims advocacy's  
27 state plan. The department shall provide information, to the extent  
28 it is available, on program services and outcomes for the previous  
29 three fiscal years to the governor and appropriate committees of the  
30 legislature by August 31, 2025. This may include but is not limited  
31 to: The number of individuals served by county, the number of  
32 requests for services from individuals impacted by violent crimes,  
33 the type of service provided, staff ratios for organizations  
34 providing services, the number of individuals who could not receive  
35 needed services and what types of services were requested, any  
36 waitlists, and the average length of time on waitlists by service  
37 type and geography.

38 (18) \$1,694,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,694,000 of the general fund—state

1 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
2 implementation of the law enforcement community grants program.

3 (19) \$2,850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
4 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,850,000 of the general fund—state  
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for sex  
6 trafficking support programs.

7 (20) \$2,700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,700,000 of the general fund—state  
9 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
10 department to continue to provide grant funding to local  
11 multijurisdictional task forces that previously received funding  
12 through the federal Edward Byrne memorial justice assistance grant  
13 program. Grants provided under this section must be used consistent  
14 with the requirements of Edward Byrne memorial justice assistance  
15 grants and with national best practices for law enforcement.

16 (21) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 is provided solely to contract with a social purpose  
18 corporation that operates a cultural community center located in the  
19 city of Tumwater to provide a trauma-informed cultural and job  
20 training program for people of color and those facing barriers to  
21 employment.

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

26 (23) \$227,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
27 year 2026 and \$223,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for coordination of activities  
29 of the reentry council.

30 (24) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
31 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
32 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
33 173-446B WAC.

34 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 129. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—HOUSING**

35	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$249,378,000
36	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$245,239,000
37	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$65,517,000
38	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$82,000



1	Home Security Fund Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$339,155,000
2	Affordable Housing for All Account—State	
3	Appropriation. . . . .	\$94,846,000
4	Community and Economic Development Fee Account—State	
5	Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,499,000
6	Apple Health and Homes Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$6,515,000
7	Covenant Homeownership Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$200,000,000
8	Washington Housing Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$11,506,000
9	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,215,737,000

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

12       (1) \$1,000,000 of the home security fund—state appropriation,  
13 \$2,000,000 of the Washington housing trust account—state  
14 appropriation, and \$1,000,000 of the affordable housing for all  
15 account—state appropriation are provided solely for the department of  
16 commerce for services to homeless families and youth through the  
17 Washington youth and families fund.

18       (2) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026, \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027, and \$2,000,000 of the home security fund—state  
21 appropriation are provided solely for the administration of the grant  
22 program required in chapter 43.185C RCW, linking homeless students  
23 and their families with stable housing.

24       (3) \$11,844,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2026 and \$11,844,000 of the general fund—state  
26 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for housing  
27 assistance, including long-term rental subsidies, permanent  
28 supportive housing, and low- and no-barrier housing beds, for  
29 unhoused individuals. Priority must be given to individuals with a  
30 mental health disorder, substance use disorder, or other complex  
31 conditions; individuals with a criminal history; and individuals  
32 transitioning from behavioral health treatment facilities or local  
33 jails.

34       (4) (a) \$12,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2026, \$12,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
36 for fiscal year 2027, and \$37,000,000 of the affordable housing for  
37 all account—state appropriation are provided solely for grants to  
38 support the building operation, maintenance, and service costs of

1 permanent supportive housing projects or units within housing  
2 projects that have or will receive funding from the housing trust  
3 fund—state account or other public capital funding that:

4 (i) Is dedicated as permanent supportive housing units;

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

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

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

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

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

1 (5) \$7,000,000 of the home security fund—state appropriation is  
2 provided solely for the office of homeless youth prevention and  
3 protection programs to:

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

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

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

14 (6) \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of homeless youth  
17 to build infrastructure and services to support a continuum of  
18 interventions, including but not limited to prevention, crisis  
19 response, and long-term housing, to reduce youth homelessness.

20 (7) \$2,125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$2,125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of homeless youth  
23 to contract with one or more nonprofit organizations to provide youth  
24 services and young adult housing on a multi-acre youth campus located  
25 in the city of Tacoma. Youth services include, but are not limited  
26 to, HOPE beds and crisis residential centers to provide temporary  
27 shelter and permanency planning for youth under the age of 18. Young  
28 adult housing includes, but is not limited to, rental assistance and  
29 case management for young adults ages 18 to 24. The department shall  
30 submit an annual report to the legislature on the use of the funds.  
31 The report is due annually on June 30th. The report shall include but  
32 is not limited to:

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

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

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

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

1 (8) \$65,310,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026 and \$65,310,000 of the general fund—state  
3 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
4 essential needs and housing support program and related services. The  
5 department may use a portion of the funds provided in this subsection  
6 to continue the pilot program established in section 127(106),  
7 chapter 357, Laws of 2020 (addressing the immediate housing needs of  
8 low or extremely low-income elderly or disabled adults in certain  
9 counties who receive social security disability or retirement  
10 income). The department must ensure the timely redistribution of the  
11 funding provided in this subsection among entities or counties to  
12 reflect actual caseload changes as required under RCW  
13 43.185C.220(5)(c).

14 (9) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract  
17 with an entity located in the Beacon Hill/Chinatown international  
18 district area of Seattle to provide low-income housing, low-income  
19 housing support services, or both. To the extent practicable, the  
20 chosen location must be co-located with other programs supporting the  
21 needs of children, the elderly, or persons with disabilities.

22 (10) \$229,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
23 year 2026 and \$229,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
24 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of the mobile  
25 home community sales program.

26 (11) \$4,740,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2026, \$4,740,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
28 for fiscal year 2027, and \$4,500,000 of the home security fund—state  
29 appropriation are provided solely for the consolidated homeless grant  
30 program. Of the amounts provided in this subsection:

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

36 (b) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for diversion services for those  
39 families and individuals who are at substantial risk of losing stable

1 housing or who have recently become homeless and are determined to  
2 have a high probability of returning to stable housing.

3 (c) \$3,240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$3,240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for up to nine months of rental  
6 assistance for individuals enrolled in the foundational community  
7 supports initiative who are transitioning off of benefits under RCW  
8 74.04.805 due to increased income or other changes in eligibility.  
9 The health care authority, department of social and health services,  
10 and department of commerce shall collaborate on this effort.

11 (12) \$1,007,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,007,000 of the general fund—state  
13 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
14 department to administer a transitional housing program for  
15 nondependent homeless youth.

16 (13) \$80,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$80,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to establish  
19 an identification assistance and support program to assist homeless  
20 persons in collecting documentation and procuring an identicard  
21 issued by the department of licensing. This program may be operated  
22 through a contract for services. The program shall operate in one  
23 county west of the crest of the Cascade mountain range with a  
24 population of 1,000,000 or more and one county east of the crest of  
25 the Cascade mountain range with a population of 500,000 or more.

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

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

37 (i) Car repair or other transportation assistance;

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

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

3 (iv) Transportation costs to go to work;

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (15) \$2,727,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,726,000 of the general fund—state  
24 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
25 department to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure pursuant to  
26 chapter 61.24 RCW. Funding provided in this section may be used for  
27 activities to prevent mortgage or tax lien foreclosure, housing  
28 counselors, a foreclosure prevention hotline, legal services for low-  
29 income individuals, mediation, and other activities that promote  
30 homeownership. The department may contract with other foreclosure  
31 fairness program state partners to carry out this work.

32 (16) \$1,400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,400,000 of the general fund—state  
34 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office  
35 of homeless youth to administer a competitive grant process to award  
36 funding to licensed youth shelters, HOPE centers, and crisis  
37 residential centers to provide behavioral health support services for  
38 youth in crisis, and to increase funding for current grantees.

1 (17) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of homeless youth  
4 prevention and protection programs to colead a prevention work group  
5 with the department of children, youth, and families. The work group  
6 must focus on preventing youth and young adult homelessness and other  
7 related negative outcomes. The work group shall consist of members  
8 representing the department of social and health services, the  
9 employment security department, the health care authority, the office  
10 of the superintendent of public instruction, the Washington student  
11 achievement council, the interagency work group on homelessness,  
12 community-based organizations, and young people and families with  
13 lived experience of housing instability, child welfare involvement,  
14 justice system involvement, or inpatient behavioral health  
15 involvement.

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

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

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

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

21 (iv) Efforts to reform family reconciliation services; and

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

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

33 (18) \$55,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2026 and \$55,500,000 of the general fund—state  
35 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
36 department to continue grant funding for emergency housing and  
37 shelter capacity and associated supports such as street outreach,  
38 diversion services, short-term rental assistance, hotel and motel  
39 vouchers, housing search and placement, and housing stability case

1 management. Entities eligible for grant funding include local  
2 governments and nonprofit entities. The department may use existing  
3 programs, such as the consolidated homelessness grant program, to  
4 award funding under this subsection. Grants provided under this  
5 subsection must be used to maintain or increase current emergency  
6 housing capacity, funded by the shelter program grant and other  
7 programs, as practicable due to increased costs of goods, services,  
8 and wages. Emergency housing includes transitional housing,  
9 congregate or noncongregate shelter, sanctioned encampments, or  
10 short-term hotel or motel stays.

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

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

34 (c) Grant recipients under (a) of this subsection must enter into  
35 a memorandum of understanding with the department, and other state  
36 agencies if applicable, as a condition of receiving funds. Memoranda  
37 of understanding must specify the responsibilities of the grant  
38 recipients and the state agencies and must include specific  
39 measurable outcomes for each entity signing the memorandum. The  
40 department must publish all signed memoranda on the department's



1 website and must publish updates on outcomes for each memorandum at  
2 least every 90 days, while taking steps to protect the privacy of  
3 individuals served by the program. At a minimum, outcomes must  
4 include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (20) \$200,000,000 of the covenant homeownership account—state  
2 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of the covenant  
3 homeownership program.

4 (21) \$1,562,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,562,000 of the general fund—state  
6 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for homeless  
7 youth community support programs.

8 (22) Before awarding or entering into grants or contracts for the  
9 2025-2027 fiscal biennium for homeless housing and service programs  
10 that are funded from the home security fund account or the affordable  
11 housing for all account, the department must first consult with local  
12 governments and eligible grantees to ensure that funding from these  
13 accounts is used to maintain the quantity and types of homeless  
14 housing and services funded in local communities as of February 28,  
15 2025. The department may take into consideration local document  
16 recording fee balances and individual county fluctuations in  
17 recording fee collections when allocating state funds. The department  
18 must redeploy funds to other nonprofit and county grantees if  
19 originally granted amounts are not expended or committed within a  
20 reasonable timeline. The department may then provide funding to  
21 eligible entities to undertake the activities described in RCW  
22 36.22.250(4)(b), such as funding for project-based vouchers and other  
23 assistance necessary to support permanent supportive housing as  
24 defined in RCW 36.70A.030 or as administered by the office of apple  
25 health and homes created in RCW 43.330.181.

26 (23) \$125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
27 year 2026 and \$125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a report that identifies  
29 solutions to caring for individuals experiencing homelessness or at  
30 risk of homelessness who require higher-level health care than  
31 provided by traditional shelters and permanent supportive housing.  
32 The department must deliver the report to the governor and the  
33 legislature by June 30, 2027.

34 (24) \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continuation of existing  
37 contracts with a nonprofit organization to increase housing supply  
38 and equitable housing outcomes by advancing affordable housing  
39 options, including affordable homeownership or affordable rental

1 housing, supportive housing, transitional housing, shelter, or  
2 housing funded through the apple health and homes program, that are  
3 colocated with community services such as education centers, health  
4 clinics, nonprofit organizations, social services, or community  
5 spaces or facilities, available to residents or the public, on  
6 underutilized or tax-exempt land.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 130. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—LOCAL**  
8 **GOVERNMENT**

9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$32,801,000
10	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$25,419,000
11	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$39,706,000
12	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,186,000
13	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$22,613,000
14	Community Preservation and Development Authority	
15	Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$523,000
16	Growth Management Planning and Environmental Review	
17	Fund—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,681,000
18	Liquor Excise Tax Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,409,000
19	Liquor Revolving Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$6,854,000
20	Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account—State	
21	Appropriation . . . . .	\$100,000
22	Natural Climate Solutions Account—State	
23	Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,142,000
24	Public Facilities Construction Loan Revolving	
25	Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,637,000
26	Public Works Assistance Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$9,550,000
27	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$151,621,000

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

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

34 (2) \$6,827,000 of the liquor revolving account—state  
35 appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with  
36 the municipal research and services center of Washington.

1 (3) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to produce  
4 the biennial report identifying a list of projects to address  
5 incompatible developments near military installations as provided in  
6 RCW 43.330.520.

7 (4) \$1,160,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$1,159,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the statewide broadband  
10 office established in RCW 43.330.532.

11 (5) \$10,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 of the general fund—state  
13 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
14 department for grants for updating and implementing comprehensive  
15 plans and development regulations in order to implement the  
16 requirements of the growth management act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 (7) \$847,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
7 year 2026 and \$847,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to increase middle housing.

9 (8) \$19,334,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
10 appropriation is provided solely for local government climate  
11 planning implementation.

12 (9) \$67,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$67,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the noise abatement program  
15 for qualifying port districts.

16 (10) \$149,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 is provided solely to complete a report on how to integrate  
18 special purpose districts into the state's growth management planning  
19 framework. The department must provide a final report with  
20 recommendations to the governor's office and the appropriate  
21 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2025.

22 (11) \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for grant funding to local  
24 governments for the purpose of streamlining and improving local  
25 residential permit review processes, in alignment with chapter 338,  
26 Laws of 2023.

27 (12) \$5,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for a contract with a public or  
29 private entity for the purpose of public safety and security  
30 activities related to the 2026 world cup event. Funding may be  
31 provided for law enforcement and fire department resources, emergency  
32 management, traffic control, and security at official event venues,  
33 including fields and fan activation areas.

34 (13) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
35 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
36 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
37 173-446B WAC.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 131. 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

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the northwest agriculture  
2 business center.

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

9 (4) \$60,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 and \$60,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to submit the  
12 necessary Washington state membership dues for the Pacific Northwest  
13 economic region.

14 (5) \$2,438,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$2,438,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to identify  
17 and invest in strategic growth areas, support key sectors, and align  
18 existing economic development programs and priorities. The department  
19 must consider Washington's position as the most trade-dependent state  
20 when identifying priority investments. The department must engage  
21 states and provinces in the northwest as well as associate  
22 development organizations, small business development centers,  
23 chambers of commerce, ports, and other partners to leverage the funds  
24 provided. Sector leads established by the department must include the  
25 industries of: (a) Aerospace; (b) clean technology and renewable and  
26 nonrenewable energy; (c) wood products and other natural resource  
27 industries; (d) information and communication technology; (e) life  
28 sciences and global health; (f) maritime; (g) military and defense;  
29 and (h) creative industries. The department may establish these  
30 sector leads by hiring new staff, expanding the duties of current  
31 staff, or working with partner organizations and or other agencies to  
32 serve in the role of sector lead.

33 (6) \$22,220,000 of the Andy Hill cancer research endowment fund  
34 match transfer account—state appropriation is provided solely for the  
35 Andy Hill cancer research endowment program. Amounts provided in this  
36 subsection may be used for grants and administration costs.

37 (7) \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2026 and \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to establish

1 representation in key international markets that will provide the  
2 greatest opportunities for increased trade and investment for small  
3 businesses in the state of Washington. Prior to entering into any  
4 contract for representation, the department must consult with  
5 associate development organizations and other organizations and  
6 associations that represent small business, rural industries, and  
7 disadvantaged business enterprises.

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

16 (9) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a nonprofit organization  
19 whose sole purpose is to provide grants, capacity building, and  
20 technical assistance support to a network of microenterprise  
21 development organizations. The microenterprise development  
22 organizations will support rural and urban Black, indigenous and  
23 people of color owned businesses, veteran owned businesses, and  
24 limited resourced and other hard to serve businesses with five or  
25 fewer employees throughout the state with business training,  
26 technical assistance, and microloans.

27 (10) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state  
29 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to  
30 a business center that provides confidential, no-cost, one-on-one,  
31 client-centered assistance to small businesses to expand outreach in  
32 underserved communities, especially Black, indigenous, and people of  
33 color-owned businesses, providing targeted assistance where needed.  
34 Funding may also be used to collaborate the department, the  
35 Washington economic development association, and others to develop a  
36 more effective and efficient service delivery system for Washington's  
37 women and minority-owned small businesses.

38 (11) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for



1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to strengthen capacity of the  
2 keep Washington working act work group established in RCW 43.330.510.

3 (12) \$727,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$727,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the employee ownership  
6 program.

7 (13) \$750,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
8 appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with  
9 a nonregulatory coalition located in Seattle that supports the  
10 strategic development and activation of Washington state's  
11 participation in the West Coast wide-floating offshore wind supply  
12 chain through a collaborative approach. The department and  
13 nonregulatory coalition shall identify economic, community, and  
14 workforce development opportunities resulting from Washington state's  
15 participation in the offshore wind supply chain through conducting  
16 convenings, workshops, and studies as appropriate.

17 (14) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
18 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
19 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
20 173-446B WAC.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 132. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—ENERGY**  
22 **AND INNOVATION**

23	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$7,800,000
24	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$7,839,000
25	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$39,950,000
26	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$147,000
27	Building Code Council Account—State Appropriation	\$19,000
28	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation	\$133,578,000
29	Community and Economic Development Fee Account—State	
30	Appropriation	\$160,000
31	Electric Vehicle Incentive Account—State	
32	Appropriation	\$22,000
33	Energy Efficiency Account—State Appropriation	\$20,000
34	Low-Income Weatherization and Structural	
35	Rehabilitation Assistance Account—State	
36	Appropriation	\$1,421,000
37	Natural Climate Solutions Account—State	
38	Appropriation	\$168,000

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$191,124,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (3) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to build a mapping and  
33 forecasting tool that provides locations and information on charging  
34 and refueling infrastructure as required in chapter 300, Laws of 2021  
35 (zero emissions transp.). The department shall collaborate with the  
36 interagency electric vehicle coordinating council established in  
37 chapter 182, Laws of 2022 (transportation resources) when developing  
38 the tool and must work to meet benchmarks established in chapter 182,  
39 Laws of 2022 (transportation resources).

1 (4) \$6,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
2 appropriation is provided solely for grants to support port  
3 districts, counties, cities, towns, special purpose districts, any  
4 other municipal corporations or quasi-municipal corporations, and  
5 tribes to support siting and permitting of clean energy projects in  
6 the state. Eligible uses of grant funding provided in this section  
7 include supporting predevelopment work for sites intended for clean  
8 energy projects, land use studies, conducting or engaging in planning  
9 efforts such as planned actions and programmatic environmental impact  
10 statements, and staff to improve permit timeliness and certainty.

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

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

36 (ii) A resource portfolio approach in which a combination of  
37 commercially available generating resources, energy efficiency,  
38 conservation, and demand response programs, transmission resources,  
39 and other programs and resources that would be necessary  
40 prerequisites to replace the power and grid reliability services

1 otherwise provided by the lower Snake river dams and the time frame  
2 needed to put those resources into operation;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (b) The department shall, to the extent determined practicable,  
38 consider related analyses undertaken by the federal government as  
39 part of the Columbia river system operation stay of litigation agreed

1 to in *National Wildlife Federation et al. v. National Marine*  
2 *Fisheries Service et al.* in October 2021.

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

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

13 (7) \$20,592,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
14 appropriation is provided solely for the department to administer a  
15 grant program to assist owners of public buildings in covering the  
16 costs of conducting an investment grade energy audit for those  
17 buildings. Public buildings include those owned by state and local  
18 governments, tribes, and school districts.

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

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

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

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

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

4 (9) \$1,078,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely for the department to develop plans  
6 to test hydrogen combustion and resulting nitrogen oxides (NOx)  
7 emissions, technical assistance for strategic end uses of hydrogen, a  
8 feasibility assessment regarding underground storage of hydrogen in  
9 Washington, and an environmental justice toolkit for hydrogen  
10 projects.

11 (10) \$1,678,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
12 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 344,  
13 Laws of 2024 (public building materials), including to develop and  
14 maintain a publicly accessible database for covered projects to  
15 submit environmental and working conditions data, to convene a  
16 technical work group, and to develop legislative reports.

17 (11) \$3,500,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
18 appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide and  
19 facilitate access to energy assistance programs, including  
20 incentives, energy audits, and rebate programs to retrofit homes and  
21 small businesses.

22 (12) \$250,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
23 appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with  
24 a nonprofit entity that represents the maritime industry to develop  
25 and publish a strategic framework regarding the production, supply,  
26 and use of sustainable maritime fuels and deployment of low and zero-  
27 emissions vessel technologies in Washington. Analyses will include  
28 relevant human and environmental health and equity considerations.  
29 Funding under this subsection may be used for activities including,  
30 but not limited to, convening stakeholders and building  
31 organizational capacity. Stakeholder engagement pursuant to this  
32 subsection shall include, at a minimum, engagement with federal and  
33 state agencies, ports, industry, labor, research institutions,  
34 nongovernmental organizations, and relevant federally recognized  
35 tribes.

36 (13) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
37 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
38 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
39 173-446B WAC.

1 (14) \$2,500,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
2 appropriation is provided solely for the department for activities  
3 that engage tribes or overburdened communities when siting renewable  
4 energy generation or electrical transmission facilities in Washington  
5 state. Of the amounts provided in this subsection:

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

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

27 (15) \$3,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
28 appropriation is provided solely for the department to develop and  
29 implement a pilot program that provides state match funds to local  
30 governments in areas hosting clean energy projects, where a clean  
31 energy developer has entered into a community benefits agreement with  
32 the hosting community.

33 (16) \$3,045,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
34 appropriation is provided solely for the department to establish the  
35 Washington electric transmission authority to support the development  
36 of electric transmission infrastructure. The department shall  
37 facilitate transmission development by engaging in public-private  
38 partnerships with transmission developers, providing bond financing  
39 to development transmission projects, identifying priority

1 transmission corridors, and building and operating transmission  
2 lines. The department shall provide staff to support the  
3 establishment of the Washington electric transmission authority,  
4 including technical support and engagement with tribes and  
5 overburdened communities.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 133. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—PROGRAM**  
7 **SUPPORT**

8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$8,806,000
9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$7,670,000
10	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$7,902,000
11	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,082,000
12	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
13	(FY 2026). . . . .	\$2,000
14	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,006,000
15	Growth Management Planning and Environmental Review	
16	Fund—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$148,000
17	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$29,616,000

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

20 (1) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants and associated  
23 technical assistance and administrative costs to foster collaborative  
24 partnerships that expand child care capacity in communities. Eligible  
25 applicants include nonprofit organizations, school districts,  
26 educational service districts, and local governments. These funds may  
27 be expended only after the approval of the director of the department  
28 of commerce and must be used to support planning and activities that  
29 help communities address the shortage of child care, prioritizing  
30 partnerships serving in whole or in part areas identified as child  
31 care access deserts. The department must submit a report to the  
32 legislature on the use of funds by June 30, 2027. The report shall  
33 include, but is not limited to:

- 34 (a) The number and location of organizations, school districts,  
35 educational service districts, and local governments receiving  
36 grants;
- 37 (b) The number of grants issued and their size; and
- 38 (c) Any information from grantee organizations on outcomes.



1 (2) \$506,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
2 appropriation is provided solely for the department to incorporate  
3 equity and environmental justice into agency grant programs with the  
4 goal of reducing programmatic barriers to vulnerable populations in  
5 overburdened communities in accessing department funds. The  
6 department shall prioritize grant programs receiving funds from the  
7 accounts established under RCW 70A.65.240, 70A.65.250, 70A.65.260,  
8 70A.65.270, and 70A.65.280.

9 (3) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 is provided solely for the department to conduct a  
11 feasibility study to assess the department's needs and solutions for  
12 contract, grant, and customer relations management. The study must  
13 consider solutions that improve the agency's ability to decrease  
14 administrative burdens for marginalized communities, the agency's  
15 outreach and engagement with underserved communities, and the  
16 capacity to invest funds more equitably. The department must provide  
17 the feasibility study, including cost estimates, to the governor and  
18 appropriate committees of the legislature by August 31, 2026.

19 (4) \$500,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
20 appropriation is provided solely for the department to engage with  
21 communities to create a framework and process to support early and  
22 ongoing overburdened community input for the planning and development  
23 of transmission corridors. This shall, to the extent feasible,  
24 include identifying ways for overburdened communities to benefit from  
25 transmission corridor development as well as ways to reduce and avoid  
26 conflict with overburdened communities in the development of  
27 transmission corridors. Engagement activities may be coordinated with  
28 the tribal collaborative described in section 132 of this act and  
29 other relevant community engagement activities within the department.

30 (5) \$2,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
31 appropriation is provided solely for the department to continue  
32 implementation of chapter 70A.02 RCW.

33 (6) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
34 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
35 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
36 173-446B WAC.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 134. FOR THE ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST**  
38 **COUNCIL**

1	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$992,000
2	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$965,000
3	Lottery Administrative Account—State Appropriation	\$50,000
4	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,007,000

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 135. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$21,857,000
7	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$21,261,000
8	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$36,530,000
9	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$539,000
10	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation	\$3,384,000
11	Performance Audits of Government Account—State	
12	Appropriation	\$702,000
13	Personnel Service Account—State Appropriation	\$28,657,000
14	Higher Education Personnel Services Account—State	
15	Appropriation	\$1,543,000
16	Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line	
17	Account—State Appropriation	\$300,000
18	Statewide Information Technology System Development	
19	Revolving Account—State Appropriation	\$180,864,000
20	Office of Financial Management Central Service	
21	Account—State Appropriation	\$37,960,000
22	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$333,597,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (ii) A report on the contract full-time equivalent charged  
37 compared to the budget spending plan by month for each contracted  
38 vendor, to include interagency agreements with other state agencies,

1 and what the ensuing contract equivalent budget spending plan assumes  
2 by fiscal month;

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

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

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

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

16 (3) \$250,000 of the office of financial management central  
17 services account—state appropriation is provided solely for a  
18 dedicated information technology budget staff for the work associated  
19 with statewide information technology projects that at least are  
20 subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of  
21 section 701 of this act and are under the oversight of Washington  
22 technology solutions. The staff will be responsible for providing a  
23 monthly financial report after each fiscal month close to fiscal  
24 staff of the senate ways and means and house appropriations  
25 committees to reflect at least:

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

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

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

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

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

38 (f) A projection of each information technology project spending  
39 compared to budget spending plan by fiscal month through the

1 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, and a calculation of amount spent to date  
2 as a percentage of total project cost; and

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

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

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

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

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

23 (iii) The governor or his or her designee;

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

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

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

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

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

33 (ix) Other agency directors or designees as necessary;

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

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

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

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

13 (iii) Within existing appropriations, the cost of meetings must  
14 be paid jointly by the senate, house of representatives, and the  
15 office of financial management. Committee expenditures are subject to  
16 approval by the senate facilities and operations committee and the  
17 house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
18 successor committees. Committee members may be reimbursed for travel  
19 expenses as authorized under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, and chapter  
20 44.04 RCW as appropriate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (B) Strategies must:

16 (I) Be based on explicit and measurable actions;

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (e) The committee shall submit a sustainable five-year plan to  
39 substantially improve access to behavioral health for all Washington

1 residents to the governor, the office of financial management, and  
2 the legislature by December 1, 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (E) Short-term involuntary treatment services;

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



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

3 (H) Crisis response services; and

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

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

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

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

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

24 (A) Tribal or local governments;

25 (B) Acute care hospitals already providing similar care;

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

27 (D) State-operated options.

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

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

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

1 (8) \$200,000 of the performance audits of government account—  
2 state appropriation is provided solely for the office of financial  
3 management, as the auditee for the state of Washington single audit,  
4 to contract with a vendor to review and identify efficiencies of the  
5 single audit within the office of the state auditor to ensure  
6 compliance with 2 C.F.R. Sec. 200.512 to meet the annual filing  
7 deadline of March 31. The contractor must create a report that  
8 includes, but is not limited to, the following information:  
9 Recommended changes to complete the state of Washington's single  
10 audit by the required due date and identification of any  
11 opportunities to improve efficiency on conducting the audit on either  
12 auditee or auditor side. The office of financial management will  
13 contract with a vendor to conduct an independent review of the single  
14 audits conducted by the office of the state auditor for fiscal years  
15 2023 and 2024.

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

- 23 (i) Total number of hours to complete the audit;  
24 (ii) Total number of dollars spent on the audit, with any amounts  
25 for work conducted by a contractor reported separately from amounts  
26 spent by the state auditor's office;  
27 (iii) Total dedicated staff from the state auditor's office, with  
28 any contractor totals reported separately from totals of the state  
29 auditor's office;  
30 (iv) Number of audited agency staff impacted by audit;  
31 (v) Total dollars estimated to be saved by implementing  
32 actionable audit recommendations, if known; and  
33 (vi) Qualitative data from audited agencies about the value  
34 provided by the audit.

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

37 (10) Within existing resources, the office will maintain a data  
38 portal to track state agency expenditures from climate commitment act  
39 accounts as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter

1 173-446B WAC. The data portal must be coordinated with the department  
2 of ecology.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 136. FOR THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE**  
4 **HEARINGS**

5 Administrative Hearings Revolving Account—State  
6 Appropriation. . . . . \$76,836,000  
7 Administrative Hearings Revolving Account—Local  
8 Appropriation. . . . . \$12,000  
9 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$76,848,000

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 137. FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE LOTTERY**

11 Lottery Administrative Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$34,324,000  
12 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$34,324,000

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

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

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

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 138. FOR THE COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS**

21 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$1,304,000  
22 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$1,317,000  
23 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$2,621,000

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

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 139. FOR THE COMMISSION ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN**  
32 **AFFAIRS**

33 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$592,000  
34 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$565,000  
35 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$1,157,000

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 140.    FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

2    **—OPERATIONS**

3    Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account—

4        State Appropriation. . . . .	\$129,229,000
5            TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$129,229,000

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

8        (1) \$34,491,000 of the department of retirement systems expense  
9    account—state appropriation is provided solely for pension system  
10   modernization, and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and  
11   review requirements of section 701 of this act.

12        (2) \$21,000 of the department of retirement systems expense  
13    account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of  
14   House/Senate Bill No. . . . . (Z-0229.1/25) (PERS/TRS 1 benefit  
15   increase).

16        (3) \$150,000 of the department of retirement systems expense  
17    account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of  
18   House/Senate Bill No. . . . . (Z-0174/25) (LEOFF merger).

19        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 141.    FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

20    General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$403,947,000
21    General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$420,631,000
22    Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$126,000
23    Timber Tax Distribution Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$8,308,000
24    Business License Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$22,865,000
25    Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control	
26        Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$184,000
27    Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
28        Appropriation. . . . .	\$128,000
29    Financial Services Regulation Nonappropriated Fund—	
30        State Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,000,000
31            TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$861,189,000

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

34        (1) \$1,661,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35    year 2026 and \$1,661,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36    fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of  
37    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. 142. 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. 143. 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. 144. FOR THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$4,765,000
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1	Insurance Commissioner's Regulatory Account—State	
2	Appropriation. . . . .	\$84,399,000
3	Insurance Commissioner's Fraud Account—State	
4	Appropriation. . . . .	\$4,396,000
5	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$93,560,000

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

15       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 145. FOR THE STATE INVESTMENT BOARD**

16	State Investment Board Expense Account—State	
17	Appropriation. . . . .	\$91,525,000
18	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$91,525,000

19       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 146. FOR THE LIQUOR AND CANNABIS BOARD**

20	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$628,000
21	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$644,000
22	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,226,000
23	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$75,000
24	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
25	(FY 2026). . . . .	\$14,529,000
26	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
27	(FY 2027). . . . .	\$14,857,000
28	Liquor Revolving Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$121,072,000
29	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$155,031,000

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

- 32       (1) The liquor and cannabis board may require electronic payment  
33 of the cannabis excise tax levied by RCW 69.50.535. The liquor and  
34 cannabis board may allow a waiver to the electronic payment  
35 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. 147. 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. 148. 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	

1	Appropriation. . . . .	\$89,000
2	Oil Spill Prevention Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,040,000
3	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$127,000
4	Performance Audits of Government Account—State	
5	Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,538,000
6	Worker and Community Right to Know Fund—State	
7	Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,267,000
8	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$859,041,000

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

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

19 (2) \$40,000,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is  
20 provided solely for homeland security, subject to the following  
21 conditions: Any communications equipment purchased by local  
22 jurisdictions or state agencies shall be consistent with standards  
23 set by the Washington state interoperability executive committee.

24 (3) \$11,000,000 of the 911 account—state appropriation is  
25 provided solely for financial assistance to counties.

26 (4) \$784,000 of the disaster response account—state appropriation  
27 is provided solely for fire suppression training, equipment, and  
28 supporting costs to national guard soldiers and airmen.

29 (5) \$876,000 of the disaster response account—state appropriation  
30 is provided solely for a dedicated access and functional needs  
31 program manager, access and functional need services, and a dedicated  
32 tribal liaison to assist with disaster preparedness and response.

33 (6) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
34 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
35 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
36 173-446B WAC.

37 (7) (a) \$355,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the department to conduct a  
39 study regarding statewide building code and construction standards



1 pertaining to earthquake and tsunami resilience as well as  
2 recommendations for functional recovery of buildings and critical  
3 infrastructure directly following an earthquake. In conducting the  
4 study, the department must request input from the state building code  
5 council and representatives of appropriate public and private sector  
6 entities. The department may contract for all or a portion of the  
7 study. The study must, at a minimum, include an assessment of:

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

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

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

19 (A) Are mandatory or voluntary;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (b) The department must submit a preliminary report with interim  
38 findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature by June 1,  
39 2025. The department must submit a final report summarizing the  
40 study's findings and including policy recommendations relating to

1 statewide building code standards for functional recovery to the  
2 appropriate committees of the legislature by May 1, 2026.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 149. FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS**  
4 **COMMISSION**

5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$2,816,000
6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$2,812,000
7	Personnel Service Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,951,000
8	Higher Education Personnel Services Account—State	
9	Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,631,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$12,210,000

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 150. FOR THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

12	Certified Public Accountants' Account—State	
13	Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,194,000
14	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$5,194,000

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 151. FOR THE BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

16	Volunteer Firefighters' and Reserve Officers'	
17	Administrative Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,718,000
18	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$1,718,000

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

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 152. FOR THE FORENSIC INVESTIGATION COUNCIL**

25	Death Investigations Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$841,000
26	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$841,000

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

29 (1) (a) \$250,000 of the death investigations account—state  
30 appropriation is provided solely for providing financial assistance  
31 to local jurisdictions in multiple death investigations. The forensic  
32 investigation council shall develop criteria for awarding these funds  
33 for multiple death investigations involving an unanticipated,  
34 extraordinary, and catastrophic event or those involving multiple  
35 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. 153.      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.

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

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

26 (5) \$654,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
27 year 2026 and \$654,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department, in  
29 collaboration with the state efficiency and environmental performance  
30 program, to implement the zero emission vehicle strategy.

31 (6) \$2,671,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026 and \$2,671,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for zero emission electric  
34 vehicle supply equipment infrastructure at facilities to accommodate  
35 charging station installation. The electric vehicle charging  
36 equipment must allow for the collection of usage data and must be  
37 coordinated with the state efficiency and environmental performance  
38 program. The department must prioritize locations based on state  
39 efficiency and environmental performance location priorities, and at

1 least where zero emission fleet vehicles are or are scheduled to be  
2 purchased. The department must report when and where the equipment  
3 was installed, usage data at each charging station, and the state  
4 agencies and facilities that benefit from the installation of the  
5 charging station to the fiscal committees of the legislature by June  
6 30. The department shall collaborate with the interagency electric  
7 vehicle coordinating council to implement this subsection and must  
8 work to meet benchmarks established in chapter 182, Laws of 2022  
9 (transportation resources).

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

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

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

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

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

40 (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. 154. 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. 155. 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

1 to agency IT projects that are under oversight from Washington  
2 technology solutions. The staff or vendors will:

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

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

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

15 (2) \$2,226,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving  
16 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the enterprise  
17 data management pilot project, and is subject to the conditions,  
18 limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

19 (3) \$17,425,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving  
20 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of  
21 cyber security.

22 (4) \$2,779,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving  
23 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office of  
24 privacy and data protection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (10) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the  
34 department of social and health services, the department of health,  
35 the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth,  
36 and families shall work together within existing resources to  
37 establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the  
38 coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be  
39 a multi-organization collaborative that provides strategic direction  
40 and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-



1 organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology  
2 projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington  
3 technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when  
4 collaborating with the coalition to ensure that the development of  
5 projects identified in this report are planned for in a manner that  
6 ensures the efficient use of state resources and maximizes federal  
7 financial participation. The work of the coalition and any project  
8 identified as a coalition project is subject to the conditions,  
9 limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this act.

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

16 (12) \$89,244,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving  
17 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the procurement  
18 and distribution of Microsoft 365 licenses which must include  
19 advanced security features and cloud-based private branch exchange  
20 capabilities for state agencies. The office must report annually to  
21 fiscal committees of the legislature each December 31, on the count  
22 and type of licenses distributed by Washington technology solutions  
23 to each state agency. The report must also separately report on the  
24 count and type of Microsoft 365 licenses that state agencies have in  
25 addition to those that are distributed by Washington technology  
26 solutions so that the total count, type of license, and cost is known  
27 for statewide Microsoft 365 licenses.

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

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

34 (i) Start date of the project;

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

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

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

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

7 (vi) Start date of maintenance and operations;

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

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

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

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

16 (A) Washington technology solutions;

17 (B) Quality assurance vendor, if applicable; and

18 (C) Agency project team;

19 (xi) Monthly quality assurance reports, if applicable;

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (d) The agency must ensure timely posting of project data on the  
38 statewide information technology dashboard for at least each project  
39 funded in the budget and those projects subject to the conditions of

1 section 701 of this act to include, at a minimum, posting on the  
2 dashboard:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (15) \$8,666,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving  
23 account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of  
24 the enterprise cloud computing program as outlined in the December  
25 2020 Washington state cloud readiness report. Funding provided  
26 includes, but is not limited to, cloud service broker resources,  
27 cloud center of excellence, cloud management tools, a network  
28 assessment, cybersecurity governance, and a cloud security roadmap.

29 (16) \$3,498,000 of the Washington technology solutions revolving  
30 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the implementation  
31 of the recommendations of the cloud transition task force report to  
32 include:

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

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

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

39 (17) Washington technology solutions must collaborate with the  
40 office of the secretary of state in the evaluation of the office of

1 the secretary of state's information technology infrastructure and  
2 applications in determining the appropriate candidates for the  
3 location of data and the systems that could be exempt from Washington  
4 technology solutions oversight.

5 NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 156.      FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF**  
6 **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

7 Professional Engineers' Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$5,140,000  
8            TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$5,140,000

9 NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 157.      FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE LEADERSHIP**  
10 **BOARD**

11 Washington State Leadership Board Account—State  
12    Appropriation. . . . . \$2,059,000  
13            TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$2,059,000

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

16        (1) \$374,000 of the Washington state leadership board account—  
17 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
18 96, Laws of 2022 (WA state leadership board).

19        (2) \$1,200,000 of the Washington state leadership board account—  
20 state appropriation is provided solely for implementing programming  
21 in RCW 43.388.010, and specifically the Washington world fellows  
22 program, sports mentoring program/boundless Washington, compassion  
23 scholars, and the Washington state leadership awards.

(End of part)

**PART II**  
**HUMAN SERVICES**

NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 201.    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

1 clinical input constitute reliable data upon which to determine the  
2 payment rates.

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

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

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

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

34 (7) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the  
35 department of social and health services, the department of health,  
36 the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth,  
37 and families shall work together within existing resources to  
38 establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the  
39 coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be  
40 a multi-organization collaborative that provides strategic direction

1 and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-  
2 organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology  
3 projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington  
4 technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when  
5 collaborating with the coalition to ensure that projects are planned  
6 for in a manner that ensures the efficient use of state resources,  
7 support the adoption of a cohesive technology and data architecture,  
8 and maximize federal financial participation. The work of the  
9 coalition is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review  
10 provided in section 701 of this act.

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

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 202. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH**  
16 **SERVICES—MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$815,087,000
18	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$834,731,000
19	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$158,334,000
20	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$14,947,000
21	Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund—Federal	
22	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,821,000
23	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,824,920,000

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

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

30 (2) \$320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a community partnership  
33 between western state hospital and the city of Lakewood to support  
34 community policing efforts in the Lakewood community surrounding  
35 western state hospital. The amounts provided in this subsection are  
36 for the salaries, benefits, supplies, and equipment for the city of  
37 Lakewood to produce incident and police response reports, investigate  
38 potential criminal conduct, assist with charging consultations,

1 liaison between staff and prosecutors, provide staff training on  
2 criminal justice procedures, assist with parking enforcement, and  
3 attend meetings with hospital staff.

4 (3) \$45,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$45,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for payment to the city of  
7 Lakewood for police services provided by the city at western state  
8 hospital and adjacent areas.

9 (4) \$320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 and \$320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the salaries, benefits,  
12 supplies, and equipment for one full-time investigator, one full-time  
13 police officer, and one full-time community services officer for  
14 policing efforts at eastern state hospital. The department must  
15 collect data from the city of Medical Lake on the use of the funds  
16 and the number of calls responded to by the community policing  
17 program and submit a report with this information to the office of  
18 financial management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the  
19 legislature each December of the fiscal biennium.

20 (5) \$25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for payment to the city of  
23 Medical Lake for police services provided by the city at eastern  
24 state hospital and adjacent areas.

25 (6) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department, in  
28 collaboration with the health care authority, to develop and  
29 implement a predictive modeling tool which identifies clients who are  
30 at high risk of future involvement with the criminal justice system  
31 and for developing a model to estimate demand for civil and forensic  
32 state hospital bed needs pursuant to the following requirements.

33 (a) By the first day of each December during the fiscal biennium,  
34 the department, in coordination with the health care authority, must  
35 submit a report to the office of financial management and the  
36 appropriate committees of the legislature that summarizes how the  
37 predictive modeling tool has been implemented and includes the  
38 following: (i) The number of individuals identified by the tool as  
39 having a high risk of future criminal justice involvement; (ii) the



1 method and frequency for which the department is providing lists of  
2 high-risk clients to contracted managed care organizations and  
3 behavioral health administrative services organizations; (iii) a  
4 summary of how the managed care organizations and behavioral health  
5 administrative services organizations are utilizing the data to  
6 improve the coordination of care for the identified individuals; and  
7 (iv) a summary of the administrative data to identify whether  
8 implementation of the tool is resulting in increased access and  
9 service levels and lower recidivism rates for high-risk clients at  
10 the state and regional level.

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

32 (7) \$9,119,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$9,145,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the settlement agreement  
35 under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services,*  
36 *et al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of  
37 Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The department, in  
38 collaboration with the health care authority and the criminal justice  
39 training commission, must implement the provisions of the settlement  
40 agreement pursuant to the timeline and implementation plan provided

1 for under the settlement agreement. This includes implementing  
2 provisions related to competency evaluations, competency restoration,  
3 forensic navigators, crisis diversion and supports, education and  
4 training, and workforce development.

5 (8) \$7,147,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$7,147,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain implementation of  
8 efforts to improve the timeliness of competency evaluation services  
9 for individuals who are in local jails pursuant to chapter 5, Laws of  
10 2015 (timeliness of competency treatment and evaluation services).  
11 This funding must be used solely to maintain increases in the number  
12 of competency evaluators that began in fiscal year 2016 pursuant to  
13 the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of*  
14 *Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States District Court for  
15 the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP.

16 (9) \$71,690,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2026 and \$77,825,000 of the general fund—state  
18 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
19 implementation of efforts to improve the timeliness of competency  
20 restoration services pursuant to chapter 5, Laws of 2015 (timeliness  
21 of competency treatment and evaluation services) and the settlement  
22 agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health*  
23 *Services, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western  
24 District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. These amounts must  
25 be used to maintain increases that were implemented between fiscal  
26 year 2016 and fiscal year 2025. Pursuant to chapter 7, Laws of 2015  
27 1st sp. sess. (timeliness of competency treatment and evaluation  
28 services), the department may contract some of these amounts for  
29 services at alternative locations if the secretary determines that  
30 there is a need.

31 (10) \$84,565,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2026, \$77,343,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
33 for fiscal year 2027, and \$960,000 of the general fund—federal  
34 appropriation are provided solely for the department to continue to  
35 implement an acuity based staffing tool at western state hospital and  
36 eastern state hospital in collaboration with the hospital staffing  
37 committees. The staffing tool must be used to identify, on a daily  
38 basis, the clinical acuity on each patient ward and determine the  
39 minimum level of direct care staff by profession to be deployed to

1 meet the needs of the patients on each ward. The department must  
2 evaluate interrater reliability of the tool within each hospital and  
3 between the two hospitals. The department must also continue to  
4 update, in collaboration with the office of financial management's  
5 labor relations office, the staffing committees, and state labor  
6 unions, an overall state hospital staffing plan that looks at all  
7 positions and functions of the facilities.

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

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

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

1 legislature of any extensions of authorizations granted under this  
2 subsection within 30 days of granting such authorizations and  
3 identify the reason and time frame for the extension.

4 (11) \$8,611,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2026, \$8,611,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
6 for fiscal year 2027, and \$924,000 of the general fund—federal  
7 appropriation are provided solely for a violence reduction team at  
8 western state hospital to improve patient and staff safety at eastern  
9 and western state hospitals. A report must be submitted by December  
10 1st of each fiscal year of the biennium, which includes a description  
11 of the violence reduction or safety strategy, a profile of the types  
12 of patients being served, the staffing model being used, and outcomes  
13 associated with each strategy. The outcomes section should include  
14 tracking data on facility-wide metrics related to patient and staff  
15 safety as well as individual outcomes related to the patients served.

16 (12) \$2,593,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,593,000 of the general fund—state  
18 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for services  
19 to patients found not guilty by reason of insanity under the *Ross v.*  
20 *Lashway* settlement agreement.

21 (13) Within the amounts provided in this subsection, the  
22 department must develop and submit an annual state hospital  
23 performance report for eastern and western state hospitals. Each  
24 measure included in the performance report must include baseline  
25 performance data, agency performance targets, and performance for the  
26 most recent fiscal year. The performance report must include a one  
27 page dashboard as well as charts for each fiscal year and quality of  
28 care measure broken out by hospital and including but not limited to:  
29 (a) Monthly FTE expenditures compared to allotments; (b) monthly  
30 dollar expenditures compared to allotments; (c) monthly FTE  
31 expenditures per thousand patient bed days; (d) monthly dollar  
32 expenditures per thousand patient bed days; (e) percentage of FTE  
33 expenditures for overtime; (f) average length of stay by category of  
34 patient; (g) average monthly civil wait list; (h) average monthly  
35 forensic wait list; (i) rate of staff assaults per thousand patient  
36 bed days; (j) rate of patient assaults per thousand patient bed days;  
37 (k) average number of days to release after a patient has been  
38 determined to be clinically ready for discharge; and (l) average  
39 monthly vacancy rates for key clinical positions. The department must

1 submit the state hospital performance report to the office of  
2 financial management and the appropriate committees of the  
3 legislature by the first day of each December of the biennium.

4 (14) \$546,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$566,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for design and planning  
7 activities for the new forensic hospital being constructed on the  
8 grounds of western state hospital.

9 (15) \$135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 and \$135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to maintain  
12 an on-site safety compliance officer, stationed at western state  
13 hospital, to provide oversight and accountability of the hospital's  
14 response to safety concerns regarding the hospital's work  
15 environment.

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

38 (17) \$37,224,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2026 and \$37,224,000 of the general fund—state

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

13 (18) \$39,551,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2026 and \$48,223,000 of the general fund—state  
15 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
16 department to operate the maple lane campus as described in (a) and  
17 (b) of this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

38 (19) \$1,412,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,412,000 of the general fund—state

1 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
2 relocation, storage, and other costs associated with building  
3 demolition on the western state hospital campus.

4 (20) \$5,236,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2026 and \$5,236,000 of the general fund—state  
6 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
7 implementation of chapter 453, Laws of 2023 (competency evaluations).

8 (21) \$4,118,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2026, \$4,118,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
10 for fiscal year 2027, and \$396,000 of the general fund—federal  
11 appropriation are provided solely for the department to address  
12 delays in patient discharge as provided in this subsection.

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

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

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

24 (22) \$5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 of the general fund—state  
26 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
27 department to pursue strategies to maximize existing forensic bed  
28 capacity for individuals in jails awaiting admission to the state  
29 hospitals that are class members of *Trueblood, et al. v. Department*  
30 *of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States district court  
31 for the western district of Washington, cause no. 14-cv-01178-MJP.  
32 The strategies must include, but are not limited to:

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

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

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

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

9 (b) Approaches to resolving any barriers to maximizing the use of  
10 existing civil wards at eastern state hospital for individuals  
11 currently occupying beds on forensic wards at western state hospital  
12 who have been committed to a state hospital pursuant to the dismissal  
13 of criminal charges and a civil evaluation ordered under RCW  
14 10.77.086 or 10.77.088.

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

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

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

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

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

31 (24) \$69,937,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2026 and \$69,937,000 of the general fund—state  
33 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
34 department to operate 72 beds in three wards in the Olympic heritage  
35 behavioral health facility.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 203. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH**  
37 **SERVICES—DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

38 (1) COMMUNITY SERVICES



1	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$1,343,263,000
2	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$1,407,303,000
3	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,823,630,000
4	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,058,000
5	Developmental Disabilities Community Services	
6	Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,028,000
7	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$5,580,282,000

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

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

14       (b) In accordance with RCW 18.51.050, 18.20.050, 70.128.060, and  
15 43.135.055, the department is authorized to increase nursing  
16 facility, assisted living facility, and adult family home fees as  
17 necessary to fully support the actual costs of conducting the  
18 licensure, inspection, and regulatory programs. The license fees may  
19 not exceed the department's annual licensing and oversight activity  
20 costs and shall include the department's cost of paying providers for  
21 the amount of the license fee attributed to medicaid clients.

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

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

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

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

38       (d) \$1,044,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026, \$2,195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

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

5 (e) \$227,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026, \$413,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027, and \$808,000 of the general fund—federal  
8 appropriation are provided solely for administrative costs of the  
9 consumer-directed employer as set by the consumer-directed employer  
10 rate setting board in accordance with RCW 74.39A.530.

11 (f) \$6,953,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026, \$7,815,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027, and \$18,212,000 of the general fund—federal  
14 appropriation are provided solely for the implementation of an  
15 agreement reached between the governor and the adult family home  
16 council under the provisions of chapter 41.56 RCW for the 2025-2027  
17 fiscal biennium, as provided in section 907 of this act.

18 (g) The department may authorize a one-time waiver of all or any  
19 portion of the licensing and processing fees required under RCW  
20 70.128.060 in any case in which the department determines that an  
21 adult family home is being relicensed because of exceptional  
22 circumstances, such as death or incapacity of a provider, and that to  
23 require the full payment of the licensing and processing fees would  
24 present a hardship to the applicant. In these situations the  
25 department is also granted the authority to waive the required  
26 residential administrator training for a period of 120 days if  
27 necessary to ensure continuity of care during the relicensing  
28 process.

29 (h) Community residential cost reports that are submitted by or  
30 on behalf of contracted agency providers are required to include  
31 information about agency staffing including health insurance, wages,  
32 number of positions, and turnover.

33 (i) Sufficient appropriations are provided to continue community  
34 alternative placement beds that prioritize the transition of clients  
35 who are ready for discharge from the state psychiatric hospitals, but  
36 who have additional long-term care or developmental disability needs.

37 (i) Community alternative placement beds include enhanced service  
38 facility beds, adult family home beds, skilled nursing facility beds,

1 shared supportive housing beds, state operated living alternative  
2 beds, and assisted living facility beds.

3 (ii) Each client must receive an individualized assessment prior  
4 to leaving one of the state psychiatric hospitals. The individualized  
5 assessment must identify and authorize personal care, nursing care,  
6 behavioral health stabilization, physical therapy, or other necessary  
7 services to meet the unique needs of each client. It is the  
8 expectation that, in most cases, staffing ratios in all community  
9 alternative placement options described in (i)(i) of this subsection  
10 will need to increase to meet the needs of clients leaving the state  
11 psychiatric hospitals. If specialized training is necessary to meet  
12 the needs of a client before he or she enters a community placement,  
13 then the person centered service plan must also identify and  
14 authorize this training.

15 (iii) When reviewing placement options, the department must  
16 consider the safety of other residents, as well as the safety of  
17 staff, in a facility. An initial evaluation of each placement,  
18 including any documented safety concerns, must occur within thirty  
19 days of a client leaving one of the state psychiatric hospitals and  
20 entering one of the community placement options described in (i)(i)  
21 of this subsection. At a minimum, the department must perform two  
22 additional evaluations of each placement during the first year that a  
23 client has lived in the facility.

24 (iv) In developing bed capacity, the department shall consider  
25 the complex needs of individuals waiting for discharge from the state  
26 psychiatric hospitals.

27 (j) Sufficient appropriations are provided for discharge case  
28 managers stationed at the state psychiatric hospitals. Discharge case  
29 managers will transition clients ready for hospital discharge into  
30 less restrictive alternative community placements. The transition of  
31 clients ready for discharge will free up bed capacity at the state  
32 psychiatric hospitals.

33 (k) The annual certification renewal fee for community  
34 residential service businesses is \$859 per client. The annual  
35 certification renewal fee may not exceed the department's annual  
36 licensing and oversight activity costs.

37 (l) Sufficient appropriations are provided for enhanced respite  
38 beds across the state for children. These services are intended to  
39 provide families and caregivers with a break in caregiving, the  
40 opportunity for behavioral stabilization of the child, and the

1 ability to partner with the state in the development of an  
2 individualized service plan that allows the child to remain in his or  
3 her home. The department must provide the legislature with a respite  
4 utilization report in January of each year that provides information  
5 about the number of children who have used enhanced respite in the  
6 preceding year, as well as the location and number of days per month  
7 that each respite bed was occupied.

8 (m) Sufficient appropriations are provided for 13 community  
9 respite beds across the state for adults. These services are intended  
10 to provide families and caregivers with a break in caregiving and the  
11 opportunity for stabilization of the individual in a community-based  
12 setting as an alternative to using a residential habilitation center  
13 to provide planned or emergent respite. The department must provide  
14 the legislature with a respite utilization report by January of each  
15 year that provides information about the number of individuals who  
16 have used community respite in the preceding year, as well as the  
17 location and number of days per month that each respite bed was  
18 occupied.

19 (n) \$235,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026, \$269,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027, and \$629,000 of the general fund—federal  
22 appropriation are provided solely for rate adjustments for assisted  
23 living providers.

24 (o) A nonrefundable fee of \$485 shall be charged for each  
25 application to increase bed capacity at an adult family home to seven  
26 or eight beds.

27 (p) The appropriations in this section include sufficient funding  
28 to provide access to the individual and family services waiver and  
29 the basic plus waiver to those individuals on the service request  
30 list as forecasted by the caseload forecast council. For subsequent  
31 policy level budgets, the department shall submit a request for  
32 funding associated with individuals requesting to receive the  
33 individual and family services waiver and the basic plus waiver in  
34 accordance with the courtesy forecasts provided by the caseload  
35 forecast council.

36 (q) \$1,586,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026, \$4,223,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027, and \$5,809,000 of the general fund—federal  
39 appropriation are provided solely for supported employment and

1 community inclusion services for those individuals with intellectual  
2 or developmental disabilities who are transitioning from high school  
3 in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium and are anticipated to utilize these  
4 services.

5 (2) INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$157,355,000
7	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$144,579,000
8	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$246,008,000
9	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$17,078,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$565,020,000

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

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

17 (b) The residential habilitation centers may use funds  
18 appropriated in this subsection to purchase goods, services, and  
19 supplies through hospital group purchasing organizations when it is  
20 cost-effective to do so.

21 (3) PROGRAM SUPPORT

22	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$3,767,000
23	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$3,811,000
24	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$4,267,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$11,845,000

26 (4) SPECIAL PROJECTS

27	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$71,000
28	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$74,000
29	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$1,094,000
30	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,239,000

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 204. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH**  
32 **SERVICES—AGING AND ADULT SERVICES PROGRAM**

33	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$2,764,797,000
34	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$2,974,383,000
35	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$6,915,955,000
36	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$55,824,000
37	Traumatic Brain Injury Account—State Appropriation	\$3,411,000

1	Skilled Nursing Facility Safety Net Trust Account—	
2	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$148,360,000
3	Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account—State	
4	Appropriation. . . . .	\$210,152,000
5	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$13,072,882,000

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

8 (1) For purposes of implementing chapter 74.46 RCW, the weighted  
9 average nursing facility payment rate may not exceed \$376.54 for  
10 fiscal year 2026 and may not exceed \$376.54 for fiscal year 2027.

11 (2) In accordance with RCW 18.51.050, 18.20.050, 70.128.060, and  
12 43.135.055, the department is authorized to increase nursing  
13 facility, assisted living facility, and adult family home fees as  
14 necessary to fully support the actual costs of conducting the  
15 licensure, inspection, and regulatory programs. The license fees may  
16 not exceed the department's annual licensing and oversight activity  
17 costs and shall include the department's cost of paying providers for  
18 the amount of the license fee attributed to medicaid clients.

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

24 (b) The current annual renewal license fee for assisted living  
25 facilities is \$116 per bed.

26 (c) The current annual renewal license fee for nursing facilities  
27 is \$359 per bed.

28 (3) The department is authorized to place long-term care clients  
29 residing in nursing homes and paid for with state-only funds into  
30 less restrictive community care settings while continuing to meet the  
31 client's care needs.

32 (4) \$34,738,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2026, \$68,899,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
34 for fiscal year 2027, and \$130,571,000 of the general fund—federal  
35 appropriation are provided solely for the rate increase for the new  
36 consumer-directed employer contracted individual providers as set by  
37 the consumer-directed rate setting board in accordance with RCW  
38 74.39A.530.

1 (5) \$9,125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026, \$18,987,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027, and \$35,418,000 of the general fund—federal  
4 appropriation are provided solely for the homecare agency parity  
5 consistent with the rate set by the consumer-directed employer rate  
6 setting board in accordance with RCW 74.39A.530.

7 (6) \$1,986,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026, \$3,576,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027, and \$7,007,000 of the general fund—federal  
10 appropriation are provided solely for administrative costs of the  
11 consumer-directed employer as set by the consumer-directed employer  
12 rate setting board in accordance with RCW 74.39A.530.

13 (7) The department may authorize a one-time waiver of all or any  
14 portion of the licensing and processing fees required under RCW  
15 70.128.060 in any case in which the department determines that an  
16 adult family home is being relicensed because of exceptional  
17 circumstances, such as death or incapacity of a provider, and that to  
18 require the full payment of the licensing and processing fees would  
19 present a hardship to the applicant. In these situations the  
20 department is also granted the authority to waive the required  
21 residential administrator training for a period of 120 days if  
22 necessary to ensure continuity of care during the relicensing  
23 process.

24 (8) In accordance with RCW 18.390.030, the biennial registration  
25 fee for continuing care retirement communities shall be \$900 for each  
26 facility.

27 (9) Appropriations in this section are sufficient to fund  
28 discharge case managers stationed at the state psychiatric hospitals.  
29 Discharge case managers will transition clients ready for hospital  
30 discharge into less restrictive alternative community placements. The  
31 transition of clients ready for discharge will free up bed capacity  
32 at the state psychiatric hospitals.

33 (10) Appropriations in this section are sufficient to fund  
34 financial service specialists stationed at the state psychiatric  
35 hospitals. Financial service specialists will help to transition  
36 clients ready for hospital discharge into alternative community  
37 placements. The transition of clients ready for discharge will free  
38 up bed capacity at the state hospitals.

1 (11) The department shall continue to administer tailored support  
2 for older adults, medicaid alternative care, presumptive eligibility,  
3 and housing supports, as described in initiative 2 of the 1115  
4 demonstration waiver. This initiative will be funded by the health  
5 care authority through the medicaid quality improvement program. The  
6 secretary in collaboration with the director of the health care  
7 authority shall report to the office of financial management all  
8 expenditures of this subsection and shall provide such fiscal data in  
9 the time, manner, and form requested. The department shall not  
10 increase general fund—state expenditures on this initiative.

11 (12) \$54,119,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2026, \$64,390,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
13 for fiscal year 2027, and \$147,644,000 of the general fund—federal  
14 appropriation are provided solely for the implementation of an  
15 agreement reached between the governor and the adult family home  
16 council under the provisions of chapter 41.56 RCW for the 2025-2027  
17 fiscal biennium, as provided in section 907 of this act.

18 (13) Appropriations provided in this section are sufficient to  
19 continue community alternative placement beds that prioritize the  
20 transition of clients who are ready for discharge from the state  
21 psychiatric hospitals, but who have additional long-term care or  
22 developmental disability needs.

23 (a) Community alternative placement beds include enhanced service  
24 facility beds, adult family home beds, skilled nursing facility beds,  
25 shared supportive housing beds, state operated living alternative  
26 beds, assisted living facility beds, adult residential care beds, and  
27 specialized dementia beds.

28 (b) Each client must receive an individualized assessment prior  
29 to leaving one of the state psychiatric hospitals. The individualized  
30 assessment must identify and authorize personal care, nursing care,  
31 behavioral health stabilization, physical therapy, or other necessary  
32 services to meet the unique needs of each client. It is the  
33 expectation that, in most cases, staffing ratios in all community  
34 alternative placement options described in (a) of this subsection  
35 will need to increase to meet the needs of clients leaving the state  
36 psychiatric hospitals. If specialized training is necessary to meet  
37 the needs of a client before he or she enters a community placement,  
38 then the person centered service plan must also identify and  
39 authorize this training.



1 (c) When reviewing placement options, the department must  
2 consider the safety of other residents, as well as the safety of  
3 staff, in a facility. An initial evaluation of each placement,  
4 including any documented safety concerns, must occur within thirty  
5 days of a client leaving one of the state psychiatric hospitals and  
6 entering one of the community placement options described in (a) of  
7 this subsection. At a minimum, the department must perform two  
8 additional evaluations of each placement during the first year that a  
9 client has lived in the facility.

10 (d) In developing bed capacity, the department shall consider the  
11 complex needs of individuals waiting for discharge from the state  
12 psychiatric hospitals.

13 (14) The annual certification renewal fee for community  
14 residential service businesses is \$859 per client. The annual  
15 certification renewal fee may not exceed the department's annual  
16 licensing and oversight activity costs.

17 (15) \$5,094,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2026 and \$5,094,000 of the general fund—state  
19 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for services  
20 and support to individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-  
21 blind.

22 (16) \$17,781,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2026, \$17,781,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
24 for fiscal year 2027, and \$38,902,000 of the general fund—federal  
25 appropriation are provided solely for rate adjustments for skilled  
26 nursing facilities.

27 (17) \$21,394,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2026, \$24,406,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
29 for fiscal year 2027, and \$52,199,000 of the general fund—federal  
30 appropriation are provided solely for rate adjustments for assisted  
31 living providers.

32 (18) A nonrefundable fee of \$485 shall be charged for each  
33 application to increase bed capacity at an adult family home to seven  
34 or eight beds.

35 (19) The traumatic brain injury council shall collaborate with  
36 other state agencies in their efforts to address traumatic brain  
37 injuries to ensure that efforts are complimentary and continue to  
38 support the state's broader efforts to address this issue.

1 (20) \$24,848,000 of the long-term services and supports trust  
2 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the information  
3 technology project for the long-term services and supports trust  
4 program, and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review  
5 requirements of section 701 of this act.

6 (21) \$13,982,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2026 and \$13,982,000 of the general fund—state  
8 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the area  
9 agencies on aging to maintain senior nutrition services. This  
10 includes, but is not limited to, meals at sites, through pantries,  
11 and home-delivery.

12 (22) \$4,388,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2026, \$8,526,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
14 for fiscal year 2027, and \$7,285,000 of the general fund—federal  
15 appropriation are provided solely for the nursing home to community  
16 program to increase the rental subsidy base to \$1,500 and expand the  
17 program by 200 slots.

18 (23) \$323,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$423,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for staff to begin work to  
21 increase knowledge, improve alignment, and research new efficiencies  
22 and opportunities by identifying opportunities for cross-sector  
23 planning, coordination, and implementation of initiatives for  
24 Washington's aging population in areas like housing, transportation,  
25 business, banking, and employment.

26 (a) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$50,000 of the  
27 general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided for  
28 stakeholder outreach and engagement.

29 (b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$50,000 of the  
30 general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided to  
31 facilitate a biennial aging and longevity summit.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH**  
33 **SERVICES—ECONOMIC SERVICES PROGRAM**

34	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$897,947,000
35	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$906,914,000
36	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$1,999,369,000
37	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$5,002,000
38	Domestic Violence Prevention Account—State	

1	Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,404,000
2	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$3,811,636,000

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

5 (1)(a) \$228,592,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2026, \$230,502,000 of the general fund—state  
7 appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and \$869,777,000 of the general  
8 fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for all components of  
9 the WorkFirst program. Within the amounts provided for the WorkFirst  
10 program, the department may provide assistance using state-only funds  
11 for families eligible for temporary assistance for needy families.  
12 The department must create a WorkFirst budget structure that allows  
13 for transparent tracking of budget units and subunits of expenditures  
14 where these units and subunits are mutually exclusive from other  
15 department budget units. The budget structure must include budget  
16 units for the following: Cash assistance, child care, WorkFirst  
17 activities, and administration of the program. Within these budget  
18 units, the department must develop program index codes for specific  
19 activities and develop allotments and track expenditures using these  
20 codes. The department shall report to the office of financial  
21 management and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the  
22 legislature prior to adopting a structure change.

23 (b)(i) \$601,302,000 of the amounts in (a) of this subsection is  
24 for assistance to clients, including grants, diversion cash  
25 assistance, and additional diversion emergency assistance including  
26 but not limited to assistance authorized under RCW 74.08A.210. The  
27 department may use state funds to provide support to working families  
28 that are eligible for temporary assistance for needy families but  
29 otherwise not receiving cash assistance.

30 (ii) \$3,773,000 of the amount in (b)(i) of this subsection is  
31 provided solely for implementation of chapter 174, Laws of 2024  
32 (concerning child support pass through).

33 (c)(i) \$169,453,000 of the amounts in (a) of this subsection is  
34 for WorkFirst job search, education and training activities, barrier  
35 removal services, limited English proficiency services, and tribal  
36 assistance under RCW 74.08A.040. The department must allocate this  
37 funding based on client outcomes and cost effectiveness measures.  
38 Within amounts provided in this subsection (1)(c), the department  
39 shall implement the working family support program.

1 (ii) \$2,474,000 of the amounts provided in (c)(i) of this  
2 subsection is for enhanced transportation assistance. The department  
3 must prioritize the use of these funds for the recipients most in  
4 need of financial assistance to facilitate their return to work. The  
5 department must not utilize these funds to supplant repayment  
6 arrangements that are currently in place to facilitate the  
7 reinstatement of drivers' licenses.

8 (iii) \$1,319,000 of the amount in (c)(i) of this subsection is  
9 provided solely for implementation of chapter 174, Laws of 2024  
10 (concerning child support pass through).

11 (d) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, \$353,402,000 of the  
12 general fund—federal appropriation is for the working connections  
13 child care program under RCW 43.216.020 within the department of  
14 children, youth, and families. The department is the lead agency for  
15 and recipient of the federal temporary assistance for needy families  
16 grant. A portion of this grant must be used to fund child care  
17 subsidies expenditures at the department of children, youth, and  
18 families.

19 (i) The department of social and health services shall work in  
20 collaboration with the department of children, youth, and families to  
21 determine the appropriate amount of state expenditures for the  
22 working connections child care program to claim towards the state's  
23 maintenance of effort for the temporary assistance for needy families  
24 program. The departments will also collaborate to track the average  
25 monthly child care subsidy caseload and expenditures by fund type,  
26 including child care development fund, general fund—state  
27 appropriation, and temporary assistance for needy families for the  
28 purpose of estimating the annual temporary assistance for needy  
29 families reimbursement from the department of social and health  
30 services to the department of children, youth, and families.

31 (ii) On December 1st of each year of the biennium the department  
32 of children, youth, and families must report to the governor and the  
33 appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature the total  
34 state contribution for the working connections child care program  
35 claimed the previous fiscal year towards the state's maintenance of  
36 effort for the temporary assistance for needy families program and  
37 the total temporary assistance for needy families reimbursement from  
38 the department of social and health services for the previous fiscal  
39 year.

1 (e) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, \$68,496,000 of the  
2 general fund—federal appropriation is for child welfare services  
3 within the department of children, youth, and families.

4 (f)(i) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, \$136,217,000 is  
5 for WorkFirst administration and overhead.

6 (ii) \$230,000 of the amount in (f)(i) of this subsection is  
7 provided solely for implementation of chapter 174, Laws of 2024  
8 (concerning child support pass through).

9 (g)(i) The department shall submit quarterly expenditure reports  
10 to the governor, the fiscal committees of the legislature, and the  
11 legislative WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force under  
12 RCW 74.08A.341. In addition to these requirements, the department  
13 must detail any fund transfers across budget units identified in (a)  
14 through (e) of this subsection. The department shall not initiate any  
15 services that require expenditure of state general fund moneys that  
16 are not consistent with policies established by the legislature.

17 (ii) The department may transfer up to 10 percent of funding  
18 between budget units identified in (b) through (f) of this  
19 subsection. The department shall provide notification prior to any  
20 transfer to the office of financial management and to the appropriate  
21 legislative committees and the legislative-executive WorkFirst  
22 poverty reduction oversight task force. The approval of the director  
23 of financial management is required prior to any transfer under this  
24 subsection.

25 (h) On January 2nd and July 1st of each year, the department  
26 shall provide a maintenance of effort and participation rate tracking  
27 report for temporary assistance for needy families to the office of  
28 financial management, the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of  
29 the legislature, and the legislative-executive WorkFirst poverty  
30 reduction oversight task force. The report must detail the following  
31 information for temporary assistance for needy families:

32 (i) An overview of federal rules related to maintenance of  
33 effort, excess maintenance of effort, participation rates for  
34 temporary assistance for needy families, and the child care  
35 development fund as it pertains to maintenance of effort and  
36 participation rates;

37 (ii) Countable maintenance of effort and excess maintenance of  
38 effort, by source, provided for the previous federal fiscal year;

1 (iii) Countable maintenance of effort and excess maintenance of  
2 effort, by source, for the current fiscal year, including changes in  
3 countable maintenance of effort from the previous year;

4 (iv) The status of reportable federal participation rate  
5 requirements, including any impact of excess maintenance of effort on  
6 participation targets;

7 (v) Potential new sources of maintenance of effort and progress  
8 to obtain additional maintenance of effort;

9 (vi) A two-year projection for meeting federal block grant and  
10 contingency fund maintenance of effort, participation targets, and  
11 future reportable federal participation rate requirements; and

12 (vii) Proposed and enacted federal law changes affecting  
13 maintenance of effort or the participation rate, what impact these  
14 changes have on Washington's temporary assistance for needy families  
15 program, and the department's plan to comply with these changes.

16 (i) In the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, it is the intent of the  
17 legislature to provide appropriations from the state general fund for  
18 the purposes of (a) of this subsection if the department does not  
19 receive additional federal temporary assistance for needy families  
20 contingency funds in each fiscal year as assumed in the budget  
21 outlook.

22 (2) \$3,545,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
23 year 2026 and \$3,545,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
24 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for naturalization services.

25 (3) \$2,366,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 is provided solely for employment services for refugees and  
27 immigrants, of which \$1,774,000 is provided solely for the department  
28 to pass through to statewide refugee and immigrant assistance  
29 organizations for limited English proficiency pathway services; and  
30 \$2,366,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
31 2027 is provided solely for employment services for refugees and  
32 immigrants, of which \$1,774,000 is provided solely for the department  
33 to pass through to statewide refugee and immigrant assistance  
34 organizations for limited English proficiency pathway services.

35 (4) On January 1st of each year, the department must report to  
36 the governor and the legislature on all sources of funding available  
37 for both refugee and immigrant services and naturalization services  
38 during the current fiscal year and the amounts expended to date by

1 service type and funding source. The report must also include the  
2 number of clients served and outcome data for the clients.

3 (5) To ensure expenditures remain within available funds  
4 appropriated in this section, the legislature establishes the benefit  
5 under the state food assistance program, pursuant to RCW 74.08A.120,  
6 to be 100 percent of the federal supplemental nutrition assistance  
7 program benefit amount.

8 (6) The department shall review clients receiving services  
9 through the aged, blind, or disabled assistance program, to determine  
10 whether they would benefit from assistance in becoming naturalized  
11 citizens, and thus be eligible to receive federal supplemental  
12 security income benefits. Those cases shall be given high priority  
13 for naturalization funding through the department.

14 (7) The department shall continue the interagency agreement with  
15 the department of veterans' affairs to establish a process for  
16 referral of veterans who may be eligible for veterans' services. This  
17 agreement must include out-stationing department of veterans' affairs  
18 staff in selected community service office locations in King and  
19 Pierce counties to facilitate applications for veterans' services.

20 (8) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for operational support of the  
23 Washington information network 211 organization.

24 (9) \$560,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 and \$560,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a state-funded employment  
27 and training program for recipients of the state's food assistance  
28 program.

29 (10)(a) \$6,289,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2026, \$5,743,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
31 for fiscal year 2027, and \$23,756,000 of the general fund—federal  
32 appropriation are provided solely for the integrated and eligibility  
33 enrollment modernization project. Funding is subject to the  
34 conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of  
35 this act.

36 (b) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, \$4,984,000 of the  
37 general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, \$4,406,000 of  
38 the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and  
39 \$17,548,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided

1 solely for the alignment of eligibility rules in accordance with  
2 federal center for medicare and medicaid services' regulations in 42  
3 C.F.R. Sec. 433.112(b) and in coordination with the health benefit  
4 exchange.

5 (c) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, \$1,305,000 of the  
6 general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, \$1,337,000 of  
7 the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and  
8 \$6,208,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are provided  
9 solely for the completion and maintenance of a benefit status  
10 tracker. Prior to the release of funds for the status tracker, the  
11 project team must produce a plan that reflects a viable solution for  
12 the completion of the status tracker.

13 (11) Within existing resources, a revised integrated eligibility  
14 and enrollment roadmap and schedule will be created to accommodate  
15 eligibility rule updates that are necessary to meet the federal  
16 center for medicare and medicaid services' regulations.

17 (12) \$1,067,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2026, \$1,067,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
19 for fiscal year 2027, and \$4,980,000 of the general fund—federal  
20 appropriation are provided solely for the integrated eligibility and  
21 enrollment modernization project office.

22 (13)(a) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for sponsorship stabilization  
24 funds for eligible unaccompanied children and their sponsors.

25 (b) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection, \$350,000  
26 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is  
27 provided solely for sponsorship stabilization funds for eligible  
28 unaccompanied children and their sponsors in order to address  
29 financial hardship and support household well-being. Stabilization  
30 funds can be used to support the sponsorship household with costs of  
31 housing, childcare, transportation, internet and data services,  
32 household goods, and other unmet needs. The funds may be provided on  
33 behalf of an unaccompanied child when the following eligibility  
34 criteria are met:

35 (i) The unaccompanied child is between the ages of 0-17, has been  
36 placed in Washington under the care of a nonparental sponsor  
37 following release from the United States office of refugee  
38 resettlement custody, and has not been reunified with a parent; and



1 (ii) The sponsorship household demonstrates financial need and  
2 has an income below 250 percent of the federal poverty level. A  
3 sponsorship household receiving stabilization funds on behalf of a  
4 child who turns 18 may continue to receive funds for an additional 60  
5 days after the child reaches 18 years of age.

6 (c) The department may work with community-based organizations to  
7 administer sponsorship stabilization supports. Up to 10 percent of  
8 the amounts provided in (b) of this subsection may be used by the  
9 community-based organizations to cover administrative expenses  
10 associated with the distribution of these supports.

11 (d) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection, up to  
12 \$150,000 is provided solely to cover the administrative resources  
13 necessary for the department to administer the sponsorship  
14 stabilization program.

15 (14) \$185,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 is provided solely for the department to meet the terms of  
17 its settlement agreement with the United States department of  
18 agriculture (USDA), specifically to fund employment and training  
19 program services and activities targeted to able-bodied adults  
20 without dependents receiving food benefits from the USDA supplemental  
21 nutrition assistance program, but open to all basic food employment  
22 and training participants including participants who are not able-  
23 bodied adults without dependents.

24 (15) \$1,140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,141,000 of the general fund—federal  
26 appropriation are provided solely to fully integrate the asset  
27 verification system into the automated client eligibility system  
28 (ACES).

29 (16)(a) \$6,911,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2026, \$4,924,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
31 for fiscal year 2027, and \$11,837,000 of the general fund—federal  
32 appropriation are provided solely for the implementation of the  
33 summer electronic benefit transfer program for the summer break  
34 months following the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. The program  
35 implementation must align with the federal summer electronic benefit  
36 program requirements defined in the consolidated appropriations act,  
37 2023 (136 Stat. 4459). The department may use a third-party entity to  
38 administer the program through March of 2027.

1 (b) Within existing resources, the department must submit a  
2 report by September 12, 2025, to the appropriate policy and fiscal  
3 committees of the legislature and the governor that includes detailed  
4 estimates of the cost and timeline to administer the summer  
5 electronic benefit transfer program within the community services  
6 division. The report shall also include a comparison of the potential  
7 benefits and risks of administering the program within the division  
8 or through using a vendor and any recommendations the department may  
9 have.

10 (17) (a) \$25,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely to the office of refugee and  
12 immigrant assistance to expand support services for individuals newly  
13 arriving to the United States and Washington who do not qualify for  
14 federal refugee resettlement program services. Support services  
15 include, but are not limited to, housing assistance, food,  
16 transportation, childhood education services, education and  
17 employment supports, connection to legal services, and social  
18 services navigation.

19 (b) Of the amounts in (a) of this subsection, up to \$810,000 for  
20 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for staffing at the office of  
21 refugee and immigrant assistance to cover the administrative expenses  
22 of implementing this subsection.

23 (18) By June 30th of each fiscal year, the department must submit  
24 a report to the governor and the legislature that shows the prior  
25 fiscal year's call and lobby wait times by month and queue, number of  
26 customer contacts by month and queue, processing times for the  
27 various queues for the three most recent fiscal years along with an  
28 explanation for any changes to the most recent year's processing  
29 times, number of filled public benefit specialists 3 positions and  
30 vacancies by month, any available wait time impacts associated with  
31 the individual technology solution enhancements, any telephonic  
32 savings experienced due to fewer customers waiting on hold, and  
33 recommendations to continue reducing customer wait times.

34 (19) \$29,100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2026 and \$37,222,000 of the general fund—state  
36 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
37 implementation of chapter 289, Laws of 2023 (accelerating stability  
38 for people with a work-limiting disability or incapacity).

1 (20) \$154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of House/  
4 Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0064.4/25) (addressing the burden of  
5 unintentional overpayments on older adults and adults with  
6 disabilities). If this bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the  
7 amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

8 (21) \$192,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2026, \$163,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2027, and \$465,000 of the general fund—federal  
11 appropriation are provided solely to support the expansion of the  
12 federal supplemental nutrition assistance program tribal eligibility  
13 determination project to an additional five tribes.

14 (22) \$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2027 and \$166,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are  
16 provided solely for implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . .  
17 (Z-0060.1/25) (reporting self-employed workers to the division of  
18 child support). If this bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the  
19 amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

20 (23) \$4,292,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2026, \$9,468,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
22 for fiscal year 2027, and \$1,623,000 of the general fund—federal  
23 appropriation are provided solely for implementation of chapter 174,  
24 Laws of 2024 (concerning child support pass through).

25 (24) \$404,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026, \$168,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027, and \$572,000 of the general fund—federal  
28 appropriation are provided solely for system enhancements and  
29 staffing necessary to implement the federally mandated interstate  
30 data matching system for the supplemental nutrition assistance  
31 program.

32 (25) Within existing resources, the department shall assess the  
33 ongoing feasibility of continuing services with a third-party  
34 employment verification vendor. A report shall be submitted to the  
35 legislature and governor by September 12, 2025, that includes the  
36 following:

37 (a) A detailed overview of the current employment verification  
38 process, including the general instances in which employment

1 verification is deemed necessary, when the third-party vendor is used  
2 to complete this task and who completes the verification;

3 (b) Current cost of the third-party vendor along with projected  
4 rate increases;

5 (c) Available options to reduce the ongoing cost of using a  
6 third-party vendor for employment verification services, including  
7 but not limited to an inventory of available vendors and their rates  
8 and ways to streamline employment verification costs by reducing  
9 duplicative or unnecessary searches;

10 (d) Costs and risks associated with using in-house services to  
11 verify employment instead of using a third-party vendor; and

12 (e) Recommendations of cost-effective and sustainable employment  
13 verification options.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 206. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH**  
15 **SERVICES—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

16	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$28,660,000
17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$29,199,000
18	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$126,516,000
19	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$184,375,000

20 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
21 conditions and limitations: \$550,000 of the general fund—state  
22 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$550,000 of the general fund—  
23 state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
24 grants to federally recognized tribes of Washington to support  
25 culturally appropriate vocational rehabilitation services and  
26 adaptive technologies for tribal members with disabilities who are  
27 seeking employment.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 207. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH**  
29 **SERVICES—SPECIAL COMMITMENT PROGRAM**

30	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$81,995,000
31	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$83,151,000
32	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$165,146,000

33 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
34 conditions and limitations: The special commitment center may use  
35 funds appropriated in this subsection to purchase goods and supplies  
36 through hospital group purchasing organizations when it is cost-  
37 effective to do so.

1            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 208.    FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH**

2    **SERVICES—ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORTING SERVICES PROGRAM**

3    General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$71,086,000  
4    General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$66,658,000  
5    General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . . \$68,767,000  
6    Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . . \$360,000  
7            TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$206,871,000

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

10           (1) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the department  
11    shall provide to the department of health, where available, the  
12    following data for all nutrition assistance programs funded by the  
13    United States department of agriculture and administered by the  
14    department. The department must provide the report for the preceding  
15    federal fiscal year by February 1, 2026, and February 1, 2027. The  
16    report must provide:

17           (a) The number of people in Washington who are eligible for the  
18    program;

19           (b) The number of people in Washington who participated in the  
20    program;

21           (c) The average annual participation rate in the program;

22           (d) Participation rates by geographic distribution; and

23           (e) The annual federal funding of the program in Washington.

24           (2) \$399,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25    year 2026, \$467,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26    fiscal year 2027, and \$508,000 of the general fund—federal  
27    appropriation are provided solely for the implementation of an  
28    agreement reached between the governor and the Washington federation  
29    of state employees for the language access providers under the  
30    provisions of chapter 41.56 RCW for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium as  
31    provided in section 907 of this act.

32           (3) (a) \$5,170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33    fiscal year 2026 and \$1,458,000 of the general fund—federal  
34    appropriation are provided solely for the system for integrated  
35    leave, attendance, and scheduling (SILAS) project and is subject to  
36    the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701  
37    of this act.

38           (b) By June 30, 2026, the department must submit a report to the  
39    appropriate committees of the legislature to include, but not be

1 limited to, how funding was spent compared to the spending plan and  
2 the actual roll out by facility compared to the implementation  
3 schedule for each facility that the SILAS solution was planned and/or  
4 implemented at in the prior 12 calendar months.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 209. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH**  
10 **SERVICES—PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES PROGRAM**

11	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$104,514,000
12	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$74,132,000
13	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$70,476,000
14	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$249,122,000

15 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
16 conditions and limitations: Within the amounts appropriated in this  
17 section, the department must extend master property insurance to all  
18 buildings owned by the department valued over \$250,000 and to all  
19 locations leased by the department with contents valued over  
20 \$250,000.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 210. FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

22 (1)(a) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the health care  
23 authority shall provide support and data as required by the office of  
24 the state actuary in providing the legislature with health care  
25 actuarial analysis, including providing any information in the  
26 possession of the health care authority or available to the health  
27 care authority through contracts with providers, plans, insurers,  
28 consultants, or any other entities contracting with the health care  
29 authority.

30 (b) Information technology projects or investments and proposed  
31 projects or investments impacting time capture, payroll and payment  
32 processes and systems, eligibility, case management, and  
33 authorization systems within the health care authority are subject to  
34 technical oversight by Washington technology solutions.

35 (2) The health care authority shall not initiate any services  
36 that require expenditure of state general fund moneys unless  
37 expressly authorized in this act or other law. The health care

1 authority may seek, receive, and spend, under RCW 43.79.260 through  
2 43.79.282, federal moneys not anticipated in this act as long as the  
3 federal funding does not require expenditure of state moneys for the  
4 program in excess of amounts anticipated in this act. If the health  
5 care authority receives unanticipated unrestricted federal moneys,  
6 those moneys shall be spent for services authorized in this act or in  
7 any other legislation providing appropriation authority, and an equal  
8 amount of appropriated state general fund moneys shall lapse. Upon  
9 the lapsing of any moneys under this subsection, the office of  
10 financial management shall notify the legislative fiscal committees.  
11 As used in this subsection, "unrestricted federal moneys" includes  
12 block grants and other funds that federal law does not require to be  
13 spent on specifically defined projects or matched on a formula basis  
14 by state funds.

15 (3) (a) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange,  
16 the department of social and health services, the department of  
17 health, the department of corrections, and the department of  
18 children, youth, and families shall work together within existing  
19 resources to establish the health and human services enterprise  
20 coalition (the coalition). The coalition, led by the health care  
21 authority, must be a multi-organization collaborative that provides  
22 strategic direction and federal funding guidance for projects that  
23 have cross-organizational or enterprise impact, including information  
24 technology projects that affect organizations within the coalition.  
25 Washington technology solutions shall maintain a statewide  
26 perspective when collaborating with the coalition to ensure that  
27 projects are planned for in a manner that ensures the efficient use  
28 of state resources, supports the adoption of a cohesive technology  
29 and data architecture, and maximizes federal financial participation.  
30 The work of the coalition and any project identified as a coalition  
31 project is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review  
32 provided in section 701 of this act.

33 (b) The health care authority must submit a report on November  
34 1st of each fiscal year to the fiscal committees of the legislature.  
35 The report must include, at a minimum:

36 (i) A list of active coalition projects as of July 1st of the  
37 fiscal year. This must include all current and ongoing coalition  
38 projects, which coalition agencies are involved in these projects,  
39 and the funding being expended on each project, including in-kind  
40 funding. For each project, the report must include which federal

1 requirements each coalition project is working to satisfy, and when  
 2 each project is anticipated to satisfy those requirements; and  
 3 (ii) A list of coalition projects that are planned in the current  
 4 and following fiscal year. This must include which coalition agencies  
 5 are involved in these projects, including the anticipated in-kind  
 6 funding by agency, and if a budget request will be submitted for  
 7 funding. This must reflect all funding required by fiscal year and by  
 8 fund source and include the budget outlook period.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 211. FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY—**  
 10 **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

11	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$3,194,768,000
12	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$3,174,003,000
13	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$20,275,495,000
14	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,820,912,000
15	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
16	(FY 2026). . . . .	\$20,907,000
17	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
18	(FY 2027). . . . .	\$22,793,000
19	Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Systems	
20	Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$15,092,000
21	Hospital Safety Net Assessment Account—State	
22	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,886,062,000
23	Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account—State	
24	Appropriation. . . . .	\$10,142,000
25	Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$545,000
26	Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line	
27	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$21,512,000
28	Telebehavioral Health Access Account—State	
29	Appropriation. . . . .	\$8,490,000
30	Ambulance Transport Fund—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$12,388,000
31	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$30,463,109,000

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

34 (1) The authority may not accept or expend any federal funds  
 35 received under an 1115 demonstration waiver except as described in  
 36 this section unless the legislature has appropriated the federal  
 37 funding. To ensure compliance with legislative requirements and terms  
 38 and conditions of the waiver, the authority shall implement the



1 renewal of the 1115 demonstration waiver and reporting requirements  
2 with oversight from the office of financial management. The  
3 legislature finds that appropriate management of the renewal of the  
4 1115 demonstration waiver as set forth in subsections (2), (3), and  
5 (4) of this section requires sound, consistent, timely, and  
6 transparent oversight and analytic review in addition to lack of  
7 redundancy with other established measures. The patient must be  
8 considered first and foremost in the implementation and execution of  
9 the demonstration waiver. To accomplish these goals, the authority  
10 shall develop consistent performance measures that focus on  
11 population health and health outcomes. The authority shall limit the  
12 number of projects that accountable communities of health may  
13 participate in under initiative 1 to a maximum of six and shall seek  
14 to develop common performance measures when possible. The joint  
15 select committee on health care oversight will evaluate the measures  
16 chosen: (a) For effectiveness and appropriateness; and (b) to provide  
17 patients and health care providers with significant input into the  
18 implementation of the demonstration waiver to promote improved  
19 population health and patient health outcomes. In cooperation with  
20 the department of social and health services, the authority shall  
21 consult with and provide notification of work on applications for  
22 federal waivers, including details on waiver duration, financial  
23 implications, and potential future impacts on the state budget to the  
24 joint select committee on health care oversight prior to submitting  
25 these waivers for federal approval. Prior to final approval or  
26 acceptance of funds by the authority, the authority shall submit the  
27 special terms and conditions as submitted to the centers for medicare  
28 and medicaid services and the anticipated budget for the duration of  
29 the renewed waiver to the governor, the joint select committee on  
30 health care, and the fiscal committees of the legislature. By federal  
31 standard any programs created or funded by this waiver do not create  
32 an entitlement. The demonstration period for the waiver as described  
33 in subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section began July 1, 2023.

34 (2) (a) \$657,598,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and  
35 \$207,273,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided  
36 solely for accountable communities of health described in initiative  
37 1 of the 1115 demonstration waiver and this is the maximum amount  
38 that may be expended for this purpose. In renewing this initiative,  
39 the authority shall consider local input regarding community needs  
40 and shall limit total local projects to no more than six. To provide

1 transparency to the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature,  
2 the authority shall provide fiscal staff of the legislature query  
3 ability into any database of the fiscal intermediary that authority  
4 staff would be authorized to access. The authority shall not  
5 supplement the amounts provided in this subsection with any general  
6 fund—state moneys appropriated in this section or any moneys that may  
7 be transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. The  
8 director shall report to the fiscal committees of the legislature all  
9 expenditures under this subsection and provide such fiscal data in  
10 the time, manner, and form requested by the legislative fiscal  
11 committees.

12 (b) \$557,333,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and  
13 \$227,643,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation are  
14 provided solely for the medicaid quality improvement program and this  
15 is the maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose. Medicaid  
16 quality improvement program payments do not count against the 1115  
17 demonstration waiver spending limits and are excluded from the  
18 waiver's budget neutrality calculation. The authority may provide  
19 medicaid quality improvement program payments to apple health managed  
20 care organizations and their partnering providers as they meet  
21 designated milestones. Partnering providers and apple health managed  
22 care organizations must work together to achieve medicaid quality  
23 improvement program goals according to the performance period  
24 timelines and reporting deadlines as set forth by the authority. The  
25 authority may only use the medicaid quality improvement program to  
26 support initiatives 1, 2, and 3 as described in the 1115  
27 demonstration waiver and may not pursue its use for other purposes.  
28 Any programs created or funded by the medicaid quality improvement  
29 program do not constitute an entitlement for clients or providers.  
30 The authority shall not supplement the amounts provided in this  
31 subsection with any general fund—state, general fund—federal, or  
32 general fund—local moneys appropriated in this section or any moneys  
33 that may be transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.  
34 The director shall report to the joint select committee on health  
35 care oversight not less than quarterly on financial and health  
36 outcomes. The director shall report to the fiscal committees of the  
37 legislature all expenditures under this subsection and shall provide  
38 such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form requested by the  
39 legislative fiscal committees.

1 (c) In collaboration with the accountable communities of health,  
2 the authority will submit a report to the governor and the joint  
3 select committee on health care oversight describing how each of the  
4 accountable community of health's work aligns with the community  
5 needs assessment no later than December 1, 2026.

6 (d) Performance measures and payments for accountable communities  
7 of health shall reflect accountability measures that demonstrate  
8 progress toward transparent, measurable, and meaningful goals that  
9 have an impact on improved population health and improved health  
10 outcomes, including a path to financial sustainability. While these  
11 goals may have variation to account for unique community  
12 demographics, measures should be standardized when possible.

13 (3) \$146,275,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and  
14 \$154,290,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided  
15 solely for long-term support services as described in initiative 2 of  
16 the 1115 demonstration waiver as well as administrative expenses for  
17 initiative 3 and this is the maximum amount that may be expended for  
18 this purpose. The authority shall contract with and provide funding  
19 to the department of social and health services to administer  
20 initiative 2. The director in cooperation with the secretary of the  
21 department of social and health services shall report to the office  
22 of financial management all of the expenditures of this section and  
23 shall provide such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form  
24 requested. The authority shall not supplement the amounts provided in  
25 this subsection with any general fund—state moneys appropriated in  
26 this section or any moneys that may be transferred pursuant to  
27 subsection (1) of this section.

28 (4) (a) \$131,704,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and  
29 \$58,916,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided  
30 solely for supported housing and employment services described in  
31 initiative 3a and 3b of the 1115 demonstration waiver and this is the  
32 maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose. Under this  
33 initiative, the authority and the department of social and health  
34 services shall ensure that allowable and necessary services are  
35 provided to eligible clients as identified by the department or its  
36 third-party administrator. The authority and the department, in  
37 consultation with the medical assistance expenditure forecast work  
38 group, shall ensure that reasonable reimbursements are established  
39 for services deemed necessary within an identified limit per

1 individual. The authority shall not supplement the amounts provided  
2 in this subsection with any general fund—state moneys appropriated in  
3 this section or any moneys that may be transferred pursuant to  
4 subsection (1) of this section. The director shall report to the  
5 joint select committee on health care oversight no less than  
6 quarterly on financial and health outcomes. The director shall also  
7 report to the fiscal committees of the legislature all of the  
8 expenditures of this subsection and shall provide such fiscal data in  
9 the time, manner, and form requested by the legislative fiscal  
10 committees.

11 (b) \$62,475,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and  
12 \$44,275,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided  
13 solely for additional housing supports described in the 1115  
14 demonstration waiver and this is the maximum amount that may be  
15 expended for this purpose. The authority shall not supplement the  
16 amounts provided in this subsection with any general fund—state  
17 moneys appropriated in this section or any moneys that may be  
18 transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. The director  
19 shall report to the joint select committee on health care oversight  
20 no less than quarterly on financial and health outcomes. The director  
21 shall also report to the fiscal committees of the legislature all of  
22 the expenditures of this subsection and shall provide such fiscal  
23 data in the time, manner, and form requested by the legislative  
24 fiscal committees.

25 (c) The director shall report to the joint select committee on  
26 health care oversight no less than quarterly on utilization and  
27 caseload statistics for both supportive housing and employment  
28 services and its progress toward increasing uptake and availability  
29 for these services.

30 (5) \$1,432,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$3,008,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for supported employment  
33 services and \$1,478,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2026 and \$3,162,000 of the general fund—state  
35 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for supported  
36 housing services, similar to the services described in initiatives 3a  
37 and 3b of the 1115 demonstration waiver to individuals who are  
38 ineligible for medicaid. Under these initiatives, the authority and  
39 the department of social and health services shall ensure that

1 allowable and necessary services are provided to eligible clients as  
2 identified by the authority or its third-party administrator. Before  
3 authorizing services, eligibility for initiative 3a or 3b of the 1115  
4 demonstration waiver must first be determined.

5 (6) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this subsection to  
6 implement the medicaid expansion as defined in the social security  
7 act, section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII).

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

19 (8) Based on quarterly expenditure reports and caseload  
20 forecasts, if the health care authority estimates that expenditures  
21 for the medical assistance program will exceed the appropriations,  
22 the health care authority shall take steps including but not limited  
23 to reduction of rates or elimination of optional services to reduce  
24 expenditures so that total program costs do not exceed the annual  
25 appropriation authority.

26 (9) In determining financial eligibility for medicaid-funded  
27 services, the health care authority is authorized to disregard  
28 recoveries by Holocaust survivors of insurance proceeds or other  
29 assets, as defined in RCW 48.104.030.

30 (10) The legislature affirms that it is in the state's interest  
31 for Harborview medical center to remain an economically viable  
32 component of the state's health care system.

33 (11) When a person is ineligible for medicaid solely by reason of  
34 residence in an institution for mental diseases, the health care  
35 authority shall provide the person with the same benefits as he or  
36 she would receive if eligible for medicaid, using state-only funds to  
37 the extent necessary.

38 (12) \$4,261,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2026, \$4,261,000 of the general fund—state appropriation

1 for fiscal year 2027, and \$8,522,000 of the general fund—federal  
2 appropriation are provided solely for low-income disproportionate  
3 share hospital payments.

4 (13) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the health  
5 care authority shall provide disproportionate share hospital payments  
6 to hospitals that provide services to children in the children's  
7 health program who are not eligible for services under Title XIX or  
8 XXI of the federal social security act due to their citizenship  
9 status.

10 (14) \$7,000,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is  
11 provided solely for supplemental payments to nursing homes operated  
12 by public hospital districts. The public hospital district shall be  
13 responsible for providing the required nonfederal match for the  
14 supplemental payment, and the payments shall not exceed the maximum  
15 allowable under federal rules. It is the legislature's intent that  
16 the payments shall be supplemental to and shall not in any way offset  
17 or reduce the payments calculated and provided in accordance with  
18 part E of chapter 74.46 RCW. It is the legislature's further intent  
19 that costs otherwise allowable for rate-setting and settlement  
20 against payments under chapter 74.46 RCW shall not be disallowed  
21 solely because such costs have been paid by revenues retained by the  
22 nursing home from these supplemental payments. The supplemental  
23 payments are subject to retrospective interim and final cost  
24 settlements based on the nursing homes' as-filed and final medicare  
25 cost reports. The timing of the interim and final cost settlements  
26 shall be at the health care authority's discretion. During either the  
27 interim cost settlement or the final cost settlement, the health care  
28 authority shall recoup from the public hospital districts the  
29 supplemental payments that exceed the medicaid cost limit and/or the  
30 medicare upper payment limit. The health care authority shall apply  
31 federal rules for identifying the eligible incurred medicaid costs  
32 and the medicare upper payment limit.

33 (15) The health care authority shall continue the inpatient  
34 hospital certified public expenditures program for the 2025-2027  
35 fiscal biennium. The program shall apply to all public hospitals,  
36 including those owned or operated by the state, except those  
37 classified as critical access hospitals or state psychiatric  
38 institutions. The health care authority shall submit reports to the  
39 governor and legislature by November 1st of each fiscal year that  
40 evaluate whether savings continue to exceed costs for this program.

1 If the certified public expenditures (CPE) program in its current  
2 form is no longer cost-effective to maintain, the health care  
3 authority shall submit a report to the governor and legislature  
4 detailing cost-effective alternative uses of local, state, and  
5 federal resources as a replacement for this program. During fiscal  
6 year 2026 and fiscal year 2027, hospitals in the program shall be  
7 paid and shall retain 100 percent of the federal portion of the  
8 allowable hospital cost for each medicaid inpatient fee-for-service  
9 claim payable by medical assistance and 100 percent of the federal  
10 portion of the maximum disproportionate share hospital payment  
11 allowable under federal regulations. For the purpose of determining  
12 the amount of any state grant under this subsection, payments will  
13 include the federal portion of medicaid program supplemental payments  
14 received by the hospitals. Inpatient medicaid payments shall be  
15 established using an allowable methodology that approximates the cost  
16 of claims submitted by the hospitals. Payments made to each hospital  
17 in the program in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be compared  
18 to a baseline amount. The baseline amount will be determined by the  
19 total of (a) the inpatient claim payment amounts that would have been  
20 paid during the fiscal year had the hospital not been in the CPE  
21 program based on the reimbursement rates developed, implemented, and  
22 consistent with policies approved in the 2025-2027 biennial operating  
23 appropriations act and in effect on July 1, 2015, (b) one-half of the  
24 indigent assistance disproportionate share hospital payment amounts  
25 paid to and retained by each hospital during fiscal year 2005, and  
26 (c) all of the other disproportionate share hospital payment amounts  
27 paid to and retained by each hospital during fiscal year 2005 to the  
28 extent the same disproportionate share hospital programs exist in the  
29 2019-2021 fiscal biennium. If payments during the fiscal year exceed  
30 the hospital's baseline amount, no additional payments will be made  
31 to the hospital except the federal portion of allowable  
32 disproportionate share hospital payments for which the hospital can  
33 certify allowable match. If payments during the fiscal year are less  
34 than the baseline amount, the hospital will be paid a state grant  
35 equal to the difference between payments during the fiscal year and  
36 the applicable baseline amount. Payment of the state grant shall be  
37 made in the applicable fiscal year and distributed in monthly  
38 payments. The grants will be recalculated and redistributed as the  
39 baseline is updated during the fiscal year. The grant payments are  
40 subject to an interim settlement within 11 months after the end of

1 the fiscal year. A final settlement shall be performed. To the extent  
2 that either settlement determines that a hospital has received funds  
3 in excess of what it would have received as described in this  
4 subsection, the hospital must repay the excess amounts to the state  
5 when requested.

6 (16) The health care authority shall seek public-private  
7 partnerships and federal funds that are or may become available to  
8 provide ongoing support for outreach and education efforts under the  
9 federal children's health insurance program reauthorization act of  
10 2009.

11 (17) The health care authority shall target funding for maternity  
12 support services towards pregnant women with factors that lead to  
13 higher rates of poor birth outcomes, including hypertension, a  
14 preterm or low birth weight birth in the most recent previous birth,  
15 a cognitive deficit or developmental disability, substance abuse,  
16 severe mental illness, unhealthy weight or failure to gain weight,  
17 tobacco use, or African American or Native American race. The health  
18 care authority shall prioritize evidence-based practices for delivery  
19 of maternity support services. To the extent practicable, the health  
20 care authority shall develop a mechanism to increase federal funding  
21 for maternity support services by leveraging local public funding for  
22 those services.

23 (18) The authority shall submit a report to the governor and the  
24 legislature by September 15, 2026, that delineates the number of  
25 individuals in medicaid managed care, by carrier, age, gender, and  
26 eligibility category, receiving preventative services and  
27 vaccinations. The report should include baseline and benchmark  
28 information from the previous two fiscal years and should be  
29 inclusive of, but not limited to, services recommended under the  
30 United States preventative services task force, advisory committee on  
31 immunization practices, early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and  
32 treatment (EPSDT) guidelines, and other relevant preventative and  
33 vaccination medicaid guidelines and requirements.

34 (19) Managed care contracts must incorporate accountability  
35 measures that monitor patient health and improved health outcomes,  
36 and shall include an expectation that each patient receive a wellness  
37 examination that documents the baseline health status and allows for  
38 monitoring of health improvements and outcome measures.

39 (20) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section for the  
40 authority to provide an adult dental benefit.



1 (21) The health care authority shall coordinate with the  
2 department of social and health services to provide referrals to the  
3 Washington health benefit exchange for clients that will be  
4 ineligible for medicaid.

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

13 (23) \$90,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026, \$90,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2027, and \$180,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are  
16 provided solely to continue operation by a nonprofit organization of  
17 a toll-free hotline that assists families to learn about and enroll  
18 in the apple health for kids program.

19 (24) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the  
20 authority shall reimburse for primary care services provided by  
21 naturopathic physicians.

22 (25) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the  
23 authority shall continue to provide coverage for pregnant teens that  
24 qualify under existing pregnancy medical programs, but whose  
25 eligibility for pregnancy related services would otherwise end due to  
26 the application of the new modified adjusted gross income eligibility  
27 standard.

28 (26) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section to  
29 remove the mental health visit limit and to provide the shingles  
30 vaccine and screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment  
31 benefits that are available in the medicaid alternative benefit plan  
32 in the classic medicaid benefit plan.

33 (27) The authority shall use revenue appropriated from the  
34 dedicated cannabis account for contracts with community health  
35 centers under RCW 69.50.540 in lieu of general fund—state payments to  
36 community health centers for services provided to medical assistance  
37 clients, and it is the intent of the legislature that this policy  
38 will be continued in subsequent fiscal biennia.

1 (28) For any service eligible under the medicaid state plan for  
2 encounter payments, managed care organizations at the request of a  
3 rural health clinic shall pay the full published encounter rate  
4 directly to the clinic. At no time will a managed care organization  
5 be at risk for or have any right to the supplemental portion of the  
6 claim. Payments will be reconciled on at least an annual basis  
7 between the managed care organization and the authority, with final  
8 review and approval by the authority.

9 (29) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section for the  
10 authority to provide a medicaid equivalent adult dental benefit to  
11 clients enrolled in the medical care service program.

12 (30) Sufficient amounts are provided in this section for the  
13 authority to provide services identical to those services covered by  
14 the Washington state family planning waiver program as of August 2018  
15 to individuals who:

16 (a) Are 19 years of age;

17 (b) Are at or below 260 percent of the federal poverty level as  
18 established in WAC 182-505-0100;

19 (c) Are not covered by other public or private insurance; and

20 (d) Need family planning services and are not currently covered  
21 by or eligible for another medical assistance program for family  
22 planning.

23 (31) The authority shall ensure that appropriate resources are  
24 dedicated to implementing the recommendations of the centers for  
25 medicare and medicaid services center for program integrity as  
26 provided to the authority in the January 2019 Washington focused  
27 program integrity review final report. Additionally, the authority  
28 shall:

29 (a) Work to ensure the efficient operations of the managed care  
30 plans, including but not limited to, a deconflicting process for  
31 audits with and among the managed care plans and the medicaid fraud  
32 division at the attorney general's office, to ensure the authority  
33 staff perform central audits of cases that appear across multiple  
34 managed care plans, versus the audits performed by the individual  
35 managed care plans or the fraud division;

36 (b) Remain accountable for operating in an effective and  
37 efficient manner, including performing program integrity activities  
38 that ensure high value in the medical assistance program in general  
39 and in medicaid managed care specifically;

1 (c) Work with its contracted actuary and the medical assistance  
2 expenditure forecast work group to develop methods and metrics  
3 related to managed care program integrity activity that shall be  
4 incorporated into annual rate setting; and

5 (d) Work with the medical assistance expenditure forecast work  
6 group to ensure the results of program integrity activity are  
7 incorporated into the rate setting process in a transparent, timely,  
8 measurable, quantifiable manner.

9 (32)(a) The authority shall not enter into any future value-based  
10 arrangements with federally qualified health centers or rural health  
11 clinics prior to receiving approval from the office of financial  
12 management and the appropriate committees of the legislature.

13 (b) The authority shall not modify the reconciliation process  
14 with federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics  
15 without notification to and the opportunity to comment from the  
16 office of financial management.

17 (c) The authority shall require all managed care organizations to  
18 provide information to the authority to account for all payments to  
19 rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers to  
20 include how payments are made, including any additional payments and  
21 whether there is a sub-capitation arrangement or value-based  
22 purchasing arrangement.

23 (d) For each fiscal year, the authority shall reconcile on an  
24 annual basis with rural health clinics and federally qualified health  
25 centers.

26 (e) For each fiscal year, the authority shall properly accrue for  
27 any anticipated reconciliations with rural health clinics and  
28 federally qualified health centers during the fiscal year close  
29 process following generally accepted accounting practices.

30 (33) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the  
31 authority is to include allergen control bed and pillow covers as  
32 part of the durable medical equipment benefit for children with an  
33 asthma diagnosis enrolled in medical assistance programs.

34 (34) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for the  
35 authority for the reimbursement of services provided by doulas for  
36 apple health clients.

37 (35) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for the  
38 authority to extend continuous eligibility for apple health to  
39 children ages zero to six with income at or below 215 percent of the  
40 federal poverty level. The centers for medicare and medicaid services

1 must approve the 1115 medicaid waiver prior to the implementation of  
2 this policy.

3 (36) Sufficient funds are provided to continue reimbursing dental  
4 health aid therapists for services performed in tribal facilities for  
5 medicaid clients. The authority must leverage any federal funding  
6 that may become available as a result of appeal decisions from the  
7 centers for medicare and medicaid services or the United States court  
8 of appeals for the ninth circuit.

9 (37) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the  
10 authority shall implement the requirements of RCW 74.09.830 and the  
11 American rescue plan act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, in extending health  
12 care coverage during the postpartum period. The authority shall make  
13 every effort to expedite and complete eligibility determinations for  
14 individuals who are likely eligible to receive health care coverage  
15 under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal social security act to  
16 ensure the state is receiving maximum federal match. This includes,  
17 but is not limited to, working with managed care organizations to  
18 provide continuous outreach in various modalities until the  
19 individual's eligibility determination is completed. The authority  
20 must submit quarterly reports to the caseload forecast work group on  
21 the number of individuals who are likely eligible to receive health  
22 care coverage under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal social  
23 security act but are waiting for the authority to complete  
24 eligibility determination, the number of individuals who were likely  
25 eligible but are now receiving health care coverage with the maximum  
26 federal match under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal social  
27 security act, and outreach activities including the work with managed  
28 care organizations.

29 (38) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the perinatal support warm  
32 line to provide peer support, resources, and referrals to new and  
33 expectant parents and people in the emotional transition to  
34 parenthood experiencing, or at risk of, postpartum depression or  
35 other mental health issues.

36 (39) Sufficient funding is provided to remove the asset test from  
37 the medicare savings program review process.

38 (40) Sufficient funding is provided to eliminate the mid-  
39 certification review process for the aged, blind, or disabled and  
40 housing and essential needs referral programs.

1 (41) \$490,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026, \$490,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027, and \$8,198,000 of the general fund—federal  
4 appropriation are provided solely for the authority to continue the  
5 grant program for reimbursement for services to patients up to age 18  
6 provided by community health workers in primary care clinics whose  
7 patients are significantly comprised of pediatric patients enrolled  
8 in medical assistance under chapter 74.09 RCW. Community health  
9 workers may receive merit increases within this funding. Community  
10 health workers funded under this subsection may provide outreach,  
11 informal counseling, and social supports for health-related social  
12 needs.

13 (42) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section for the  
14 authority to provide coverage for all federal food and drug  
15 administration-approved HIV antiviral drugs without prior  
16 authorization. This coverage must be provided to apple health clients  
17 enrolled in both fee-for-service and managed care programs.

18 (43) The authority shall consider evidence-based recommendations  
19 from the Oregon health evidence review commission when making  
20 coverage decisions for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune  
21 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections  
22 and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

23 (44) Sufficient funds are provided in this section to maintain  
24 access for primary care services for medicaid-enrolled patients  
25 through increased provider rates.

26 (45) The authority shall seek a waiver from the federal  
27 department of health and human services necessary to implement the  
28 requirements of RCW 74.09.670. Additionally, the authority shall  
29 implement its waiver application for prerelease services up to 90  
30 days; and provide the governor and fiscal committees of the  
31 legislature estimates of costs for implementation or maintenance of  
32 effort requirements of this expansion prior to entering into  
33 agreement with the centers for medicare and medicaid services.

34 (a) \$5,196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026, \$8,699,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027, and \$88,436,000 of the general fund—federal  
37 appropriation are provided solely for prerelease services including,  
38 but not limited to, case management, clinical consultations,  
39 medication assisted therapy, community health worker services, 30-day

1 supply of medications, durable medical equipment, medications,  
2 laboratory services, and radiology services.

3 (b) The authority shall coordinate with the department of  
4 corrections for prison reentry implementation pursuant to the waiver  
5 terms. The authority will coordinate with tribes, other state  
6 agencies, and jail administrations as necessary to achieve the terms  
7 of the 1115 medicaid transformation waiver. The authority shall use  
8 its statutory reentry advisory work group and subgroups as necessary  
9 to coordinate with partners to achieve these goals.

10 (46) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for work  
11 required of the authority as specified in RCW 41.05.840.

12 (47)(a) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for an  
13 outpatient directed payment program.

14 (b) The authority shall:

15 (i) Maintain the program to support the state's access and other  
16 quality of care goals and to not increase general fund—state  
17 expenditures;

18 (ii) Seek approval from the centers for medicare and medicaid  
19 services to expand the medicaid outpatient directed payment program  
20 for hospital outpatient services provided to medicaid program managed  
21 care recipients by UW Medicine hospitals and, at their option, UW  
22 Medicine affiliated hospitals;

23 (iii) Direct managed care organizations to make payments to  
24 eligible providers at levels required to ensure enrollees have timely  
25 access to critical high-quality care as allowed under 42 C.F.R.  
26 438.6(c); and

27 (iv) Increase medicaid payments for hospital outpatient services  
28 provided by UW Medicine hospitals and, at their option, UW Medicine  
29 affiliated hospitals to the average payment received from commercial  
30 payers.

31 (c) Any incremental costs incurred by the authority in the  
32 development, implementation, and maintenance of this program shall be  
33 the responsibility of the participating hospitals.

34 (d) Participating hospitals shall retain the full amount of  
35 payments provided under this program.

36 (48)(a) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for an  
37 inpatient directed payment program.

38 (b) The authority shall:

1 (i) Design the program to support the state's access and other  
2 quality of care goals and to not increase general fund—state  
3 expenditures;

4 (ii) Seek approval from the centers for medicare and medicaid  
5 services to create a medicaid inpatient directed payment program for  
6 hospital inpatient services provided to medicaid program managed care  
7 recipients by UW Medicine hospitals and, at their option, UW Medicine  
8 affiliated hospitals;

9 (iii) Upon approval, direct managed care organizations to make  
10 payments to eligible providers at levels required to ensure enrollees  
11 have timely access to critical high-quality care as allowed under 42  
12 C.F.R. 438.6(c); and

13 (iv) Increase medicaid payments for hospital inpatient services  
14 provided by UW Medicine and, at their option, UW Medicine affiliated  
15 hospitals to the average payment received from commercial payers.

16 (c) Any incremental costs incurred by the authority in the  
17 development, implementation, and maintenance of this program shall be  
18 the responsibility of the participating hospitals.

19 (d) Participating hospitals shall retain the full amount of  
20 payments provided under this program.

21 (e) Participating hospitals will provide the local funds to fund  
22 the required nonfederal contribution.

23 (f) This program shall be effective as soon as administratively  
24 possible.

25 (49) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the  
26 authority shall maintain and increase access for family planning  
27 services for patients seeking services through department of health  
28 sexual and reproductive health program family planning providers  
29 based on the rates in effect as of July 1, 2022.

30 (50)(a) Within the amounts appropriated in this section the  
31 authority, in consultation with the health and human services  
32 enterprise coalition, community-based organizations, health plans,  
33 accountable communities of health, and safety net providers, shall  
34 determine the cost and implementation impacts of a statewide  
35 community information exchange (CIE). A CIE platform must serve as a  
36 tool for addressing the social determinants of health, defined as  
37 nonclinical community and social factors such as housing, food  
38 security, transportation, financial strain, and interpersonal safety,  
39 that affect health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes.

1 (b) Prior to issuing a request for proposals or beginning this  
2 project, the authority must work with stakeholders in (a) of this  
3 subsection to determine which platforms already exist within the  
4 Washington public and private health care system to determine  
5 interoperability needs and fiscal impacts to both the state and  
6 impacted providers and organizations that will be using a single  
7 statewide community information exchange platform.

8 (c) The authority shall provide the office of financial  
9 management and fiscal committees of the legislature a proposal to  
10 leverage medicaid enterprise financing or other federal funds prior  
11 to beginning this project and shall not expend funds under a 1115  
12 waiver or any other waiver without legislative authorization.

13 (d) Sufficient funds are provided in this section for the  
14 authority to implement the community information exchange program.  
15 The technology solution chosen by the health care authority should be  
16 capable of interoperating with other state funded systems in  
17 Washington and should be able to electronically refer individuals to  
18 services using a closed-loop referral process. Funding for the  
19 community information exchange program is subject to the conditions,  
20 limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

21 (51) Sufficient funds in this section are provided for staff  
22 dedicated to data review, analysis, and management, and policy  
23 analysis in support of the health care cost transparency board as  
24 described in chapter 70.390 RCW.

25 (52) \$21,405,000 of the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis  
26 response line account—state appropriation and \$19,732,000 of the  
27 general fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for the 988  
28 technology platform implementation project as described in RCW  
29 71.24.890 (5) and (6). These amounts are subject to the conditions,  
30 limitations, and review requirements provided in section 701 of this  
31 act and any requirements as established in chapter 364, Laws of 2024.  
32 The authority must actively collaborate with Washington technology  
33 solutions and the department of health so that the statewide 988  
34 technology solutions will be coordinated and interoperable.

35 (53)(a) \$66,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2026 and \$63,742,000 of the general fund—state  
37 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
38 authority to implement a program with coverage comparable to the



1 amount, duration, and scope of care provided in the categorically  
2 needy medicaid program for adult individuals who:

3 (i) Have an immigration status making them ineligible for federal  
4 medicaid or federal subsidies through the health benefit exchange;

5 (ii) Are age 19 and older, including over age 65, and have  
6 countable income of up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level;  
7 and

8 (iii) Are not eligible for another full scope federally funded  
9 medical assistance program, including any expansion of medicaid  
10 coverage for deferred action for childhood arrivals recipients.

11 (b) Within the amounts provided in this subsection, the authority  
12 shall use the same eligibility, enrollment, redetermination and  
13 renewal, and appeals procedures as categorically needy medicaid,  
14 except where flexibility is necessary to maintain privacy or minimize  
15 burden to applicants or enrollees.

16 (c) The authority in collaboration with the health benefit  
17 exchange, the department of social and health services, and community  
18 organizations must develop and implement an outreach and education  
19 campaign.

20 (d) The authority must provide the following information to the  
21 governor's office and appropriate committees of the legislature by  
22 February 1st and November 1st of each year:

23 (i) Actual and forecasted expenditures;

24 (ii) Actual and forecasted data from the caseload forecast  
25 council; and

26 (iii) The availability and impact of any federal program or  
27 proposed rule that expands access to health care for the population  
28 described in this subsection, such as the expansion of medicaid  
29 coverage for deferred action for childhood arrivals recipients.

30 (e) The amount provided in this subsection is the maximum amount  
31 allowable for the purposes of this program.

32 (f) Starting January 1, 2026, health care payments made on behalf  
33 of clients shall be made from the authority's fee for service  
34 delivery system.

35 (54) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, the  
36 authority shall make administrative and system changes in  
37 anticipation of receiving federal authority to provide continuous  
38 eligibility for children ages zero to six covered through the apple  
39 health children's health insurance program. The centers for medicare

1 and medicaid services must approve the section 1115 medicaid waiver  
2 prior to the implementation of this policy.

3 (55) If the authority determines that rates require rebasing for  
4 this program, the authority will submit a request to the legislature  
5 through its normal budget process.

6 (56) The authority and department of social and health services  
7 must collaborate in the identification and evaluation of strategies  
8 to obtain federal matching funding opportunities, specifically  
9 focusing on innovative medicaid framework adjustments and the  
10 consideration of necessary state plan amendments for the treatment  
11 facility described in section 203(1)(nn) of this act.

12 (57) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Bree collaborative to  
15 support collaborative learning and targeted technical assistance for  
16 quality improvement initiatives.

17 (58)(a) The authority shall collaborate with the University of  
18 Washington on a supplemental payment program for the family medicine  
19 residency network as a supplement to the family medical education  
20 funding with additional federal funding.

21 (b) The authority shall provide a recommendation and report to  
22 the governor's office and fiscal committees of the legislature no  
23 later than September 30, 2025. The recommendation shall include how  
24 the supplemental payment program can improve the following:

- 25 (i) Fiscal support for graduate medical education training;
- 26 (ii) Access to quality health care services;
- 27 (iii) The state's ability to ensure that medicaid graduate  
28 medical education funding supports the state's workforce development  
29 goals; and
- 30 (iv) Health care access for underserved populations and regions.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 212. FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY—**  
32 **EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE BENEFITS PROGRAM**

33	State Health Care Authority Administrative Account—	
34	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$50,047,000
35	School Employees' Insurance Administrative Account—	
36	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$36,968,000
37	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$87,015,000

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

3 (1) Any savings from reduced claims costs must be reserved for  
4 funding benefits during future fiscal biennia and may not be used for  
5 administrative expenses. The health care authority shall deposit any  
6 moneys received on behalf of the uniform medical plan resulting from  
7 rebates on prescription drugs, audits of hospitals, subrogation  
8 payments, or any other moneys received as a result of prior uniform  
9 medical plan claims payments, in the public employees' and retirees'  
10 insurance account to be used for insurance benefits.

11 (2) Any changes to benefits must be approved by the applicable  
12 program board. Neither board shall make any changes to benefits  
13 without considering a comprehensive analysis of the cost of those  
14 changes, and shall not increase benefits unless offsetting cost  
15 reductions from other benefit revisions are sufficient to fund the  
16 changes. The public employees' benefits board shall not make any  
17 change in retiree eligibility criteria that reestablishes eligibility  
18 for enrollment in retiree benefits.

19 (3) The board shall collect a surcharge payment of \$25 per month  
20 from members who use tobacco products, and a surcharge payment of not  
21 less than \$50 per month from members who cover a spouse or domestic  
22 partner where the spouse or domestic partner has chosen not to enroll  
23 in another employer-based group health insurance that has benefits  
24 and premiums with an actuarial value of not less than 95 percent of  
25 the actuarial value of the public employees' benefits board plan with  
26 the largest enrollment. The surcharge payments shall be collected in  
27 addition to the member premium payment.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 213. FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY—**  
29 **HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE**

30	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$8,766,000
31	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$8,609,000
32	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$87,363,000
33	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$350,000
34	Health Benefit Exchange Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$85,030,000
35	State Health Care Affordability Account—State	
36	Appropriation . . . . .	\$85,000,000
37	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$275,118,000

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

3 (1) The receipt and use of medicaid funds provided to the health  
4 benefit exchange from the health care authority are subject to  
5 compliance with state and federal regulations and policies governing  
6 the Washington apple health programs, including timely and proper  
7 application, eligibility, and enrollment procedures.

8 (2) (a) By July 15th, October 15th, and January 15th of each year,  
9 the authority shall make a payment of 30 percent of the general fund—  
10 state appropriation, 30 percent of the health benefit exchange  
11 account—state appropriation, and 30 percent of the health care  
12 affordability account—state appropriation to the exchange. By April  
13 15th of each year, the authority shall make a payment of 10 percent  
14 of the general fund—state appropriation, 10 percent of the health  
15 benefit exchange account—state appropriation, and 10 percent of the  
16 health care affordability account—state appropriation to the  
17 exchange.

18 (b) The exchange shall monitor actual to projected revenues and  
19 make necessary adjustments in expenditures or carrier assessments to  
20 ensure expenditures do not exceed actual revenues.

21 (c) Payments made from general fund—state appropriation and  
22 health benefit exchange account—state appropriation shall be  
23 available for expenditure for no longer than the period of the  
24 appropriation from which it was made. When the actual cost of  
25 materials and services have been fully determined, and in no event  
26 later than the lapsing of the appropriation, any unexpended balance  
27 of the payment shall be returned to the authority for credit to the  
28 fund or account from which it was made, and under no condition shall  
29 expenditures exceed actual revenue.

30 (3) \$75,000,000 of the state health care affordability account—  
31 state appropriation is provided solely for the exchange to administer  
32 a premium assistance program, as established in RCW 43.71.110. An  
33 individual is eligible for the premium assistance provided if the  
34 individual: (i) Has income up to 250 percent of the federal poverty  
35 level; and (ii) meets other eligibility criteria as established in  
36 RCW 43.71.110(4)(a).

37 (4) \$10,000,000 of the state health care affordability account—  
38 state appropriation is provided solely to provide premium assistance  
39 for customers ineligible for federal premium tax credits who meet the

1 eligibility criteria established in subsection (3)(a) of this  
2 section, and is contingent upon continued approval of the applicable  
3 waiver described in RCW 43.71.120.

4 (5) \$1,117,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026, \$1,182,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027, \$12,510,000 of the general fund—federal  
7 appropriation, and \$809,000 of the health benefit exchange account—  
8 state appropriation are provided solely to make improvements to  
9 healthplanfinder to comply with the eligibility rules changes  
10 required by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services  
11 and 42 C.F.R. Sec. 433.112(b). Funding is subject to the conditions,  
12 limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 214. FOR THE STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY—**  
14 **COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

15	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$1,261,330,000
16	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$1,254,670,000
17	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,305,338,000
18	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation . . . . .	\$39,357,000
19	Criminal Justice Treatment Account—State	
20	Appropriation . . . . .	\$22,046,000
21	Problem Gambling Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,255,000
22	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
23	(FY 2026) . . . . .	\$28,518,000
24	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
25	(FY 2027) . . . . .	\$28,520,000
26	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
27	Appropriation . . . . .	\$97,862,000
28	Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line	
29	Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$37,649,000
30	Tribal Opioid Prevention and Treatment Account—State	
31	Appropriation . . . . .	\$16,381,000
32	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$6,094,926,000

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

35 (1) For the purposes of this section, "behavioral health  
36 entities" means managed care organizations and behavioral health  
37 administrative services organizations that reimburse providers for  
38 behavioral health services.

1 (2) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, funding is  
2 provided for implementation of the settlement agreement under  
3 *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et*  
4 *al.*, United States District Court for the Western District of  
5 Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. In addition to amounts  
6 provided solely for implementation of the settlement agreement, class  
7 members must have access to supports and services funded throughout  
8 this section for which they meet eligibility and medical necessity  
9 requirements. The authority must include language in contracts that  
10 requires regional behavioral health entities to develop and implement  
11 plans for improving access to timely and appropriate treatment for  
12 individuals with behavioral health needs and current or prior  
13 criminal justice involvement who are eligible for services under  
14 these contracts.

15 (3) (a) \$43,429,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2026, \$48,634,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
17 for fiscal year 2027, and \$15,538,000 of the general fund—federal  
18 appropriation are provided solely to continue the settlement  
19 agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health*  
20 *Services, et al.*, United States District Court for the Western  
21 District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The authority, in  
22 collaboration with the department of social and health services and  
23 the criminal justice training commission, must implement the  
24 provisions of the settlement agreement pursuant to the timeline and  
25 implementation plan provided for under the settlement agreement. This  
26 includes implementing provisions related to competency evaluations,  
27 competency restoration, crisis diversion and supports, education and  
28 training, and workforce development. Within these amounts, sufficient  
29 funding is provided to implement chapter 453, Laws of 2023  
30 (competency evaluations).

31 (b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$5,108,000 of the  
32 general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$6,341,000  
33 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are  
34 provided for implementation of chapter 453, Laws of 2023 (competency  
35 evaluations). Of these amounts, \$186,000 of the general fund—state  
36 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$186,000 of the general fund—  
37 state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to  
38 increase compensation for staff in outpatient competency restoration

1 programs pursuant to chapter 453, Laws of 2023 (competency  
2 evaluations).

3 (4) \$8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$8,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue diversion grant  
6 programs funded through contempt fines pursuant to *Trueblood, et al.*  
7 *v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States  
8 District Court for the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-  
9 cv-01178-MJP. The authority must consult with the plaintiffs and  
10 court monitor to determine, within the amounts provided, which of the  
11 programs will continue to receive funding through this appropriation.  
12 The programs shall use this funding to provide assessments, mental  
13 health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, case management,  
14 employment, and other social services.

15 (5) \$18,891,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2026, \$18,561,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
17 for fiscal year 2027, and \$41,062,000 of the general fund—federal  
18 appropriation are provided solely for the authority and behavioral  
19 health entities to continue to contract for implementation of high-  
20 intensity programs for assertive community treatment (PACT) teams. In  
21 determining the proportion of medicaid and nonmedicaid funding  
22 provided to behavioral health entities with PACT teams, the authority  
23 shall consider the differences between behavioral health entities in  
24 the percentages of services and other costs associated with the teams  
25 that are not reimbursable under medicaid. The authority may allow  
26 behavioral health entities which have nonmedicaid reimbursable costs  
27 that are higher than the nonmedicaid allocation they receive under  
28 this section to supplement these funds with local dollars or funds  
29 received under subsection (6) of this section. The authority and  
30 behavioral health entities shall maintain consistency with all  
31 essential elements of the PACT evidence-based practice model in  
32 programs funded under this section.

33 (6) \$139,238,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2026 and \$139,238,000 of the general fund—state  
35 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for persons  
36 and services not covered by the medicaid program. To the extent  
37 possible, levels of behavioral health entity spending must be  
38 maintained in the following priority order: Crisis and commitment  
39 services; community inpatient services; and residential care

1 services, including personal care and emergency housing assistance.  
2 These amounts must be distributed to behavioral health entities as  
3 follows:

4 (a) \$124,713,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2026 and \$124,713,000 of the general fund—state  
6 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
7 authority to contract with behavioral health administrative service  
8 organizations for behavioral health treatment services not covered  
9 under the medicaid program.

10 (b) \$14,525,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2026 and \$14,525,000 of the general fund—state  
12 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
13 authority to contract with medicaid managed care organizations for  
14 wraparound services to medicaid enrolled individuals that are not  
15 covered under the medicaid program.

16 (7) The authority is authorized to continue to contract directly,  
17 rather than through contracts with behavioral health entities for  
18 children's long-term inpatient facility services.

19 (8) Behavioral health entities may use local funds to earn  
20 additional federal medicaid match, provided the locally matched rate  
21 does not exceed the upper-bound of their federally allowable rate  
22 range, and provided that the enhanced funding is used only to provide  
23 medicaid state plan or waiver services to medicaid clients.  
24 Additionally, behavioral health entities may use a portion of the  
25 state funds allocated in accordance with subsection (6) of this  
26 section to earn additional medicaid match, but only to the extent  
27 that the application of such funds to medicaid services does not  
28 diminish the level of crisis and commitment, community inpatient,  
29 residential care, and outpatient services presently available to  
30 persons not eligible for medicaid.

31 (9) \$2,291,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026 and \$2,291,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for mental health services for  
34 mentally ill offenders while confined in a county or city jail and  
35 for facilitating access to programs that offer mental health services  
36 upon release from confinement. The authority must collect information  
37 from the behavioral health entities on their plan for using these  
38 funds, the numbers of individuals served, and the types of services  
39 provided.



1 (10) Within the amounts appropriated in this section, funding is  
2 provided for the authority to develop and phase in intensive mental  
3 health services for high needs youth consistent with the settlement  
4 agreement in *T.R. v. Dreyfus and Porter*.

5 (11) The authority must establish minimum and maximum funding  
6 levels for all reserves allowed under behavioral health  
7 administrative service organization contracts and include contract  
8 language that clearly states the requirements and limitations. The  
9 reserve levels must be informed by the types of risk carried by  
10 behavioral health administrative service organizations for mandatory  
11 services and also consider reasonable levels of operating reserves.  
12 The authority must monitor and ensure that behavioral health  
13 administrative service organization reserves do not exceed maximum  
14 levels. The authority must monitor revenue and expenditure reports  
15 and must require a behavioral health administrative service  
16 organization to submit a corrective action plan on how it will spend  
17 its excess reserves within a reasonable period of time, when its  
18 reported reserves exceed maximum levels established under the  
19 contract. The authority must review and approve such plans and  
20 monitor to ensure compliance. If the authority determines that a  
21 behavioral health administrative service organization has failed to  
22 provide an adequate excess reserve corrective action plan or is not  
23 complying with an approved plan, the authority must reduce payments  
24 to the entity in accordance with remedial actions provisions included  
25 in the contract. These reductions in payments must continue until the  
26 authority determines that the entity has come into substantial  
27 compliance with an approved excess reserve corrective action plan.  
28 The authority must submit to the office of financial management and  
29 the appropriate committees of the legislature, each December of the  
30 biennium, the minimum and maximum reserve levels established in  
31 contract for each of the behavioral health administrative service  
32 organizations for the prior fiscal year and the actual reserve levels  
33 reported at the end of the fiscal year.

34 (12) Within the amounts provided in this section, behavioral  
35 health entities must provide outpatient chemical dependency treatment  
36 for offenders enrolled in the medicaid program who are supervised by  
37 the department of corrections pursuant to a term of community  
38 supervision. Contracts with behavioral health entities must require  
39 that behavioral health entities include in their provider network  
40 specialized expertise in the provision of manualized, evidence-based

1 chemical dependency treatment services for offenders. The department  
2 of corrections and the authority must develop a memorandum of  
3 understanding for department of corrections offenders on active  
4 supervision who are medicaid eligible and meet medical necessity for  
5 outpatient substance use disorder treatment. The agreement will  
6 ensure that treatment services provided are coordinated, do not  
7 result in duplication of services, and maintain access and quality of  
8 care for the individuals being served. The authority must provide all  
9 necessary data, access, and reports to the department of corrections  
10 for all department of corrections offenders that receive medicaid  
11 paid services.

12 (13) The criminal justice treatment account—state appropriation  
13 is provided solely for treatment and treatment support services for  
14 offenders with a substance use disorder pursuant to RCW 71.24.580.  
15 The authority must offer counties the option to administer their  
16 share of the distributions provided for under RCW 71.24.580(5)(a). If  
17 a county is not interested in administering the funds, the authority  
18 shall contract with behavioral health entities to administer these  
19 funds consistent with the plans approved by local panels pursuant to  
20 RCW 71.24.580(5)(b). Funding from the criminal justice treatment  
21 account may be used to provide treatment and support services through  
22 the conclusion of an individual's treatment plan to individuals  
23 participating in a drug court program as of February 24, 2021, if  
24 that individual wishes to continue treatment following dismissal of  
25 charges they were facing under RCW 69.50.4013(1). Such participation  
26 is voluntary and contingent upon substantial compliance with drug  
27 court program requirements.

28 (14)(a) \$12,878,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state  
29 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$12,878,000 of the dedicated  
30 cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are  
31 provided solely for:

32 (i) A memorandum of understanding with the department of  
33 children, youth, and families to provide substance abuse treatment  
34 programs;

35 (ii) A contract with the Washington state institute for public  
36 policy to conduct a cost-benefit evaluation of the implementations of  
37 chapter 3, Laws of 2013 (Initiative Measure No. 502);

1 (iii) Designing and administering the Washington state healthy  
2 youth survey and the Washington state young adult behavioral health  
3 survey;

4 (iv) Maintaining increased services to pregnant and parenting  
5 women provided through the parent child assistance program;

6 (v) Maintaining increased prevention and treatment service  
7 provided by tribes and federally recognized American Indian  
8 organization to children and youth;

9 (vi) Maintaining increased residential treatment services for  
10 children and youth;

11 (vii) Training and technical assistance for the implementation of  
12 evidence-based, research based, and promising programs which prevent  
13 or reduce substance use disorder;

14 (viii) Expenditures into the home visiting services account; and

15 (ix) Grants to community-based programs that provide prevention  
16 services or activities to youth.

17 (b) The authority must allocate the amounts provided in (a) of  
18 this subsection amongst the specific activities proportionate to the  
19 fiscal year 2021 allocation.

20 (15) \$1,850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2026, \$1,850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
22 for fiscal year 2027, and \$13,312,000 of the general fund—federal  
23 appropriation are provided solely for substance use disorder peer  
24 support services included in behavioral health capitation rates in  
25 accordance with section 213(5)(ss), chapter 299, Laws of 2018. The  
26 authority shall require managed care organizations to provide access  
27 to peer support services for individuals with substance use disorders  
28 transitioning from emergency departments, inpatient facilities, or  
29 receiving treatment as part of hub and spoke networks.

30 (16) \$708,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026, \$708,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027, and \$1,598,000 of the general fund—federal  
33 appropriation are provided solely for implementing mental health peer  
34 respite centers and a pilot project to implement a mental health  
35 drop-in center in accordance with chapter 324, Laws of 2019.

36 (17) \$446,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026, \$446,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027, and \$178,000 of the general fund—federal  
39 appropriation are provided solely for the University of Washington's

1 evidence-based practice institute which supports the identification,  
2 evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based or promising  
3 practices. The institute must work with the authority to develop a  
4 plan to seek private, federal, or other grant funding in order to  
5 reduce the need for state general funds. The authority must collect  
6 information from the institute on the use of these funds and submit a  
7 report to the office of financial management and the appropriate  
8 fiscal committees of the legislature by December 1st of each year of  
9 the biennium.

10 (18) As an element of contractual network adequacy requirements  
11 and reporting, the authority shall direct managed care organizations  
12 to make all reasonable efforts to develop or maintain contracts with  
13 provider networks that leverage local, federal, or philanthropic  
14 funding to enhance effectiveness of medicaid-funded integrated care  
15 services. These networks must promote medicaid clients' access to a  
16 system of services that addresses additional social support services  
17 and social determinants of health as defined in RCW 43.20.025 in a  
18 manner that is integrated with the delivery of behavioral health and  
19 medical treatment services.

20 (19) \$9,000,000 of the criminal justice treatment account—state  
21 appropriation is provided solely for therapeutic courts that engage  
22 in evidence-based practices, to include medication assisted treatment  
23 in jail settings pursuant to RCW 71.24.580. Funding provided under  
24 this subsection shall not supplant existing funds utilized for this  
25 purpose.

26 (20) In establishing, re-basing, enhancing, or otherwise updating  
27 medicaid rates for behavioral health services, the authority and  
28 contracted actuaries shall use a transparent process that provides an  
29 opportunity for medicaid managed care organizations, behavioral  
30 health administrative service organizations, and behavioral health  
31 provider agencies, and their representatives, to review and provide  
32 data and feedback on proposed rate changes within their region or  
33 regions of service operation. The authority and contracted actuaries  
34 shall transparently incorporate the information gained from this  
35 process and make adjustments allowable under federal law when  
36 appropriate.

37 (21) The authority shall seek input from representatives of the  
38 managed care organizations (MCOs), licensed community behavioral  
39 health agencies, and behavioral health administrative service  
40 organizations to develop specific metrics related to behavioral

1 health outcomes under integrated managed care. These metrics must  
2 include, but are not limited to: (a) Revenues and expenditures for  
3 community behavioral health programs, including medicaid and  
4 nonmedicaid funding; (b) access to services, service denials, and  
5 utilization by state plan modality; (c) claims denials and record of  
6 timely payment to providers; (d) client demographics; and (e) social  
7 and recovery measures and managed care organization performance  
8 measures. The authority must work with managed care organizations and  
9 behavioral health administrative service organizations to integrate  
10 these metrics into an annual reporting structure designed to evaluate  
11 the performance of the behavioral health system in the state over  
12 time. The authority must submit a report to the office of financial  
13 management and the appropriate committees of the legislature, before  
14 December 30th of each year during the fiscal biennium, that details  
15 the implemented metrics and relevant performance outcomes for the  
16 prior calendar year.

17 (22) The authority must pursue opportunities for shifting state  
18 costs to the state's unused allocation of federal institutions for  
19 mental disease disproportionate share hospital funding.

20 (23) \$1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 of the general fund—state  
22 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
23 authority to contract with the King county behavioral health  
24 administrative services organization to maintain children's crisis  
25 outreach response system services that were previously funded through  
26 the department of children, youth, and families. The authority, in  
27 consultation with the behavioral health administrative services  
28 organization, medicaid managed care organizations, and the actuaries  
29 responsible for developing medicaid managed care rates, must work to  
30 maximize federal funding provided for the children's crisis outreach  
31 response system program.

32 (24) \$65,701,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2026, \$66,157,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
34 for fiscal year 2027, and \$92,293,000 of the general fund—federal  
35 appropriation are provided solely for the authority to contract with  
36 community hospitals or freestanding evaluation and treatment centers  
37 to provide long-term inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025.  
38 Within these amounts, the authority must meet the requirements for  
39 reimbursing counties for the judicial services for patients being

1 served in these settings in accordance with RCW 71.05.730. The  
2 authority must coordinate with the department of social and health  
3 services in developing the contract requirements, selecting  
4 contractors, and establishing processes for identifying patients that  
5 will be admitted to these facilities. Of the amounts in this  
6 subsection, sufficient amounts are provided in fiscal year 2026 and  
7 fiscal year 2027 for the authority to reimburse community hospitals  
8 and nonhospital residential treatment centers serving clients in  
9 long-term inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025 as follows:

10 (a) For a hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW that requires  
11 a hospital specific medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment  
12 rate for long-term civil commitment patients because the hospital has  
13 completed a medicare cost report, the authority shall analyze the  
14 most recent medicare cost report of the hospital after a minimum of  
15 200 medicaid inpatient psychiatric days. The authority shall  
16 establish the inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate for long-  
17 term civil commitment patients for the hospital at 100 percent of the  
18 allowable cost of care, based on the most recent medicare cost report  
19 of the hospital.

20 (b) For a hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW that has not  
21 completed a medicare cost report with more than 200 medicaid  
22 inpatient psychiatric days, the authority shall establish the  
23 medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate for long-term  
24 civil commitment patients for the hospital at the higher of the  
25 hospital's current medicaid inpatient psychiatric rate; or the  
26 annually updated statewide average of the medicaid inpatient  
27 psychiatric per diem payment rate of all acute care hospitals  
28 licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW providing long-term civil commitment  
29 services.

30 (c) For a hospital licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW and currently  
31 providing long-term civil commitment services, the authority shall  
32 establish the medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate at  
33 \$1,250 for fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250 for fiscal year 2027 plus  
34 adjustments that may be needed to capture costs associated with long-  
35 term psychiatric patients that are not allowable on the medicare cost  
36 report or reimbursed separately. The hospital may provide the  
37 authority with supplemental data to be considered and used to make  
38 appropriate adjustments to the medicaid inpatient psychiatric per  
39 diem payment rate of the hospital. Adjustment of costs may include:

1 (i) Costs associated with professional services and fees not  
2 accounted for in the hospital's medicare cost report or reimbursed  
3 separately;

4 (ii) Costs associated with the hospital providing the long-term  
5 psychiatric patient access to involuntary treatment court services  
6 that are not reimbursed separately; and

7 (iii) Other costs associated with caring for long-term  
8 psychiatric patients that are not reimbursed separately.

9 (d) For a hospital licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW that requires  
10 an initial medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate for  
11 long-term civil commitment services because it has not yet completed  
12 a medicare cost report, the authority shall establish the medicaid  
13 inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate at the higher of:

14 (i) The hospital's current medicaid inpatient psychiatric rate;  
15 or

16 (ii) The annually updated statewide average of the medicaid long-  
17 term inpatient psychiatric per diem payment rate of all freestanding  
18 psychiatric hospitals licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW providing  
19 long-term civil commitment services.

20 (e) For nonhospital residential treatment centers certified to  
21 provide long-term inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025,  
22 the authority shall establish the medicaid psychiatric per diem  
23 payment rate at \$1,250 per bed for fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year  
24 2027.

25 (f) The authority shall pay a rate enhancement for patients  
26 committed pursuant to the dismissal of criminal charges and a civil  
27 evaluation ordered under RCW 10.77.086 or 10.77.088. The enhancement  
28 shall be available to all hospital and nonhospital facilities  
29 providing services under this subsection except those whose rates are  
30 set at 100 percent of their most recent medicare cost report. The  
31 rate enhancement shall not exceed the tiered rate enhancements  
32 established under the 1915(i) state plan.

33 (g) The authority may pay a rate enhancement of \$500 per day for  
34 individuals with complex medical needs, challenging behaviors often  
35 diagnosed with co-occurring intellectual or developmental disability,  
36 traumatic brain injury, dementia, or significant medical issues  
37 requiring personal care. The rate enhancement shall be available to  
38 providers contracting directly with the authority.

39 (h) Provider payments for vacant bed days shall not exceed six  
40 percent of their annual contracted bed days.

1 (25) \$2,262,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and  
2 \$2,262,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided  
3 solely for supported housing and employment services described in  
4 initiative 3a and 3b of the 1115 demonstration waiver and this is the  
5 maximum amount that may be expended for this purpose. Within these  
6 amounts, funding is provided for the authority to support community  
7 discharge efforts for patients at the state hospitals. Under this  
8 initiative, the authority and the department of social and health  
9 services shall ensure that allowable and necessary services are  
10 provided to eligible clients as identified by the authority or its  
11 providers or third party administrator. The department and the  
12 authority in consultation with the medicaid forecast work group,  
13 shall ensure that reasonable reimbursements are established for  
14 services deemed necessary within an identified limit per individual.  
15 The authority shall not increase general fund—state expenditures  
16 above appropriated levels for this specific purpose. The secretary in  
17 collaboration with the director of the authority shall report to the  
18 joint select committee on health care oversight no less than  
19 quarterly on financial and health outcomes. The secretary in  
20 cooperation with the director shall also report to the fiscal  
21 committees of the legislature the expenditures of this subsection and  
22 shall provide such fiscal data in the time, manner, and form  
23 requested by the legislative fiscal committees.

24 (26) Within the amounts provided in this section, sufficient  
25 funding is provided for the authority to maintain and increase the  
26 capabilities of a tool to track medication assisted treatment  
27 provider capacity.

28 (27) \$2,433,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2026, \$2,433,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
30 for fiscal year 2027, and \$8,412,000 of the general fund—federal  
31 appropriation are provided solely for the authority to contract for  
32 long-term involuntary treatment services in a 16-bed residential  
33 treatment facility being developed by the Tulalip tribe in Stanwood.

34 (28) \$956,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$956,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for wraparound with intensive  
37 services for youth ineligible for medicaid as outlined in the  
38 settlement agreement under *AGC v. Washington State Health Care*  
39 *Authority*, Thurston county superior court no. 21-2-00479-34.



1 (29) \$15,704,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026 and \$15,704,000 of the general fund—state  
3 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for claims for  
4 services rendered to medicaid eligible clients admitted to  
5 institutions of mental disease that were determined to be unallowable  
6 for federal reimbursement due to medicaid's institutions for mental  
7 disease exclusion rules.

8 (30) \$6,010,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2026, \$6,010,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
10 for fiscal year 2027, and \$1,980,000 of the general fund—federal  
11 appropriation are provided solely for the authority, in coordination  
12 with the department of health, to deploy an opioid awareness campaign  
13 and to contract with syringe service programs and other service  
14 settings assisting people with substance use disorders to: Prevent  
15 and respond to overdoses; provide other harm reduction services and  
16 supplies, including but not limited to distributing naloxone;  
17 fentanyl testing and other drug testing supplies; and for expanding  
18 contingency management services. The authority is encouraged to use  
19 these funds to leverage federal funding for this purpose to expand  
20 buying power when possible. The authority should prioritize funds for  
21 naloxone in coordination with the department of health, to expand the  
22 distribution of naloxone through the department's overdose education  
23 and naloxone distribution program. Funding must be prioritized to  
24 fill naloxone access gaps in community behavioral health and other  
25 community settings, including providing naloxone for agency staff in  
26 organizations such as syringe service programs, housing providers,  
27 and street outreach programs. Of the amounts provided in this  
28 subsection, \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state  
30 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
31 authority to deploy an opioid awareness campaign targeted at youth to  
32 increase the awareness of the dangers of fentanyl.

33 (31) \$2,387,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,387,000 of the general fund—state  
35 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support  
36 individuals enrolled in the foundational community supports  
37 initiative who are transitioning from benefits under RCW 74.04.805  
38 due to increased income or other changes in eligibility. The

1 authority, department of social and health services, and department  
2 of commerce shall collaborate on this effort.

3 (32) \$2,249,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
4 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,249,000 of the general fund—state  
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
6 authority to contract with programs to provide medical respite care  
7 for individuals with behavioral health needs. The programs must serve  
8 individuals with complex medical issues, who may also have  
9 significant behavioral health needs who do not require  
10 hospitalization but are unable to provide adequate self-care for  
11 their medical conditions. The programs must prioritize services to  
12 individuals with complex medical and behavioral health issues who are  
13 homeless or who were recently discharged from a hospital setting. The  
14 services must meet quality standards and best practices developed by  
15 the national health care for the homeless council and may include,  
16 but are not limited to, medical oversight and health education; care  
17 transitions; and discharge planning to and from primary care,  
18 inpatient hospital, emergency rooms, and supportive housing. In  
19 selecting the contractors, the authority must prioritize projects  
20 that demonstrate the active involvement of an established medical  
21 provider that is able to leverage federal medicaid funding in the  
22 provision of these services. The authority must work with the  
23 medicaid managed care organizations to encourage their participation  
24 and assist the plans and the contractor in identifying mechanisms for  
25 appropriate use of medicaid reimbursement in this setting.

26 (33) \$988,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
27 year 2026, \$988,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2027, and \$618,000 of the general fund—federal  
29 appropriation are provided solely for the authority to contract for  
30 three regional behavioral health mobile crisis response teams focused  
31 on supported housing to prevent individuals with behavioral health  
32 conditions at high risk of losing housing from becoming homeless,  
33 identify and prioritize serving the most vulnerable people  
34 experiencing homelessness, and increase alternative housing options  
35 to include short-term alternatives which may temporarily deescalate  
36 situations where there is high risk of a household from becoming  
37 homeless.

38 (34) \$361,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026, \$361,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027, and \$482,000 of the general fund—federal  
2 appropriation are provided solely for the authority, in collaboration  
3 with the department of social and health services research and data  
4 analysis division, to implement community behavioral health service  
5 data into the existing executive management information system. Of  
6 these amounts, \$288,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2026, \$288,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
8 for fiscal year 2027, and \$384,000 of the general fund—federal  
9 appropriation are provided solely for the authority to reimburse the  
10 research and data analysis division for staff costs associated with  
11 this project. The data elements shall be incorporated into the  
12 monthly executive management information system reports on a phased-  
13 in basis, allowing for elements which are readily available to be  
14 incorporated in the initial phase, and elements which require further  
15 definition and data collection changes to be incorporated in a later  
16 phase. The authority must collaborate with the research and data  
17 analysis division to ensure data elements are clearly defined and  
18 must include requirements in medicaid managed care organization and  
19 behavioral health administrative services organization contracts to  
20 provide the data in a consistent and timely manner for inclusion into  
21 the system. The community behavioral health executive management  
22 system information data elements must include, but are not limited  
23 to: Psychiatric inpatient bed days; evaluation and treatment center  
24 bed days; long-term involuntary community psychiatric inpatient bed  
25 days; children's long-term inpatient bed days; substance use disorder  
26 inpatient, residential, withdrawal evaluation and management, and  
27 secure withdrawal evaluation and management bed days; crisis triage  
28 and stabilization services bed days; mental health residential bed  
29 days; mental health and substance use disorder outpatient treatment  
30 services; opioid substitution and medication assisted treatment  
31 services; program of assertive treatment team services; wraparound  
32 with intensive services; mobile outreach crisis services; recovery  
33 navigator team services; foundational community supports housing and  
34 employment services; projects for assistance in transition from  
35 homelessness services; housing and recovery through peer services;  
36 other housing services administered by the authority; mental health  
37 and substance use disorder peer services; designated crisis responder  
38 investigations and outcomes; involuntary commitment hearings and  
39 outcomes; pregnant and parenting women case management services; and

1 single bed certifications and no available bed reports. Wherever  
2 possible and practical, the data must include historical monthly  
3 counts and shall be broken out to distinguish services to medicaid  
4 and nonmedicaid individuals and children and adults. The authority  
5 and the research and data analysis division must consult with the  
6 office of financial management and staff from the fiscal committees  
7 of the legislature on the development and implementation of the  
8 community behavioral health data elements.

9 (35) \$24,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2026 and \$24,500,000 of the general fund—state  
11 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
12 authority to contract with behavioral health administrative service  
13 organizations to implement the statewide recovery navigator program  
14 established in chapter 311, Laws of 2021 and for related technical  
15 assistance to support this implementation. This includes funding for  
16 recovery navigator teams to provide community-based outreach and case  
17 management services based on the law enforcement assisted diversion  
18 model and for technical assistance support from the law enforcement  
19 assisted diversion national support bureau. The authority and  
20 technical assistance contractor must encourage recovery navigator  
21 programs to provide educational information and outreach regarding  
22 recovery navigator program services to local retailers that have high  
23 levels of retail theft. Of the amounts provided in this subsection,  
24 \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
25 2026 and \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 must be allocated to maintain recovery navigator  
27 services in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. These amounts must  
28 be in addition to the proportion of the allocation of the remaining  
29 funds in this subsection the regional behavioral health  
30 administrative services organizations serving those counties were  
31 allocated pursuant to section 22(1), chapter 311, Laws of 2021.

32 (36) \$3,114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2026, \$3,114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
34 for fiscal year 2027, and \$5,402,000 of the general fund—federal  
35 appropriation are provided solely for the authority to implement  
36 clubhouse services in every region of the state.

37 (37) \$7,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2026 and \$7,500,000 of the general fund—state  
39 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the

1 authority to implement homeless outreach stabilization teams pursuant  
2 to chapter 311, Laws of 2021 (drug possession—State v. Blake  
3 decision).

4 (38) \$1,400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,400,000 of the general fund—state  
6 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for behavioral  
7 health administrative service organizations to develop regional  
8 recovery navigator program plans pursuant to chapter 311, Laws of  
9 2021 (drug possession—State v. Blake decision), and to establish  
10 positions focusing on regional planning to improve access to and  
11 quality of regional behavioral health services with a focus on  
12 integrated care.

13 (39) \$66,064,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is  
14 provided solely for the authority to contract with the University of  
15 Washington behavioral health teaching facility to provide long-term  
16 inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025. The authority must  
17 coordinate with the department of social and health services and the  
18 University of Washington to evaluate and determine criteria for the  
19 current population of state hospital patients, committed pursuant to  
20 the dismissal of criminal charges and a civil evaluation ordered  
21 under RCW 10.77.086 or 10.77.088, who can be effectively treated at  
22 the University of Washington behavioral health teaching facility.

23 (40) \$15,638,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state  
24 appropriation is provided solely for the authority to pass through to  
25 tribes and urban Indian health programs for opioid and overdose  
26 response activities. The funding must be used for prevention,  
27 outreach, treatment, recovery support services, and other strategies  
28 to address and mitigate the effects of the misuse and abuse of opioid  
29 related products. The authority must provide the tribes and urban  
30 Indian health programs the latitude to use the funding as they see  
31 fit to benefit their communities, provided the activities are  
32 allowable under the terms of the opioid settlement agreements.

33 (41) Within existing resources, the authority shall continue to  
34 collaborate with the department of social and health services to  
35 develop a program for individuals admitted to a state hospital for  
36 purposes of civil commitment under RCW 10.77.086. The program must  
37 prioritize the use of assisted outpatient treatment resources for  
38 eligible individuals and draw upon existing programs, including the  
39 program of assertive community treatment and the governor's

1 opportunity for supportive housing program to provide wraparound  
2 services for individuals who may be ready to quickly return to the  
3 community following an admission.

4 (42) \$5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for bridge funding grants to  
6 community behavioral health agencies participating in federal  
7 certified community behavioral health clinic expansion grant programs  
8 to sustain their continued level of operations following expiration  
9 of federal grant funding during the planning process for adoption of  
10 the certified community behavioral health clinic model statewide.

11 (43) \$900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to reimburse either King county  
14 or other legal services organizations, or both, for the cost of  
15 conducting 180-day commitment hearings at state operated facilities  
16 operating within King county.

17 (44)(a) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2026, \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
19 for fiscal year 2027, and \$500,000 of the general fund—federal  
20 appropriation are provided solely for the authority to continue work  
21 on the behavioral health comparison rate project, including:

22 (i) Developing phase 3 comparison rates for all major medicaid  
23 managed care behavioral health services not addressed in phase 1 or  
24 phase 2 of the behavioral health comparison rates project or through  
25 other work streams; and

26 (ii) Preparing to implement a minimum fee schedule for behavioral  
27 health services, including developing solutions to resolve any  
28 current data and systems limitations.

29 (b) By October 1, 2025, the authority must provide a final report  
30 to the office of financial management and appropriate committees of  
31 the legislature that:

32 (i) Summarizes the new comparison rates developed as part of  
33 phase 3;

34 (ii) Updates comparison rates developed in phase 1 and phase 2  
35 for new salary and wage information based on most current bureau of  
36 labor statistics data;

37 (iii) Estimates the cost and other impacts to fee for service and  
38 managed care of incorporating additional behavioral health services

1 developed as part of phase 3 of the behavioral health comparison  
2 rates project into a minimum fee schedule effective January 1, 2027;

3 (iv) Identifies planned actions and funding needs if any to  
4 resolve any remaining limitations to implement the phase 3 minimum  
5 fee schedule by January 1, 2027;

6 (v) Provides additional analysis of variation between the  
7 comparison rates developed as part of phase 3 and current payment  
8 levels at a service and regional level; and

9 (vi) Describes how the authority plans to propose to the  
10 legislature implementation of the phase 3 minimum fee schedule by  
11 January 1, 2027, to better match medicaid payments to the cost of  
12 care.

13 (45) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state  
15 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to  
16 tribes to implement the Icelandic model of prevention in their  
17 communities.

18 (46) \$4,000,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state  
19 appropriation is provided solely for a tribal opioid prevention  
20 campaign to inform and educate tribal communities about opioid misuse  
21 prevention, overdose response, and treatment.

22 (47) (a) \$72,412,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2026, \$72,724,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
24 for fiscal year 2027, and \$148,163,000 of the general fund—federal  
25 appropriation are provided solely for supportive supervision and  
26 oversight services pursuant to a 1915(i) state plan amendment. For  
27 medicaid clients enrolled in managed care, the authority must  
28 contract for these services through managed care organizations  
29 utilizing an actuarially sound rate structure as established by the  
30 authority and approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid  
31 services. The authority may not implement a skills development and  
32 restoration benefit until funding is provided for that specific  
33 purpose.

34 (b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$52,686,000 of  
35 the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026,  
36 \$52,808,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
37 2027, and \$109,800,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are  
38 for supportive supervision and oversight services in adult family  
39 home settings.

1 (c) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$18,335,000 of  
2 the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026,  
3 \$18,524,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
4 2027, and \$38,363,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are  
5 for supportive supervision and oversight services in assisted living  
6 or enhanced services facility settings.

7 (d) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$1,000,000 in  
8 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for managed  
9 care organizations to provide reimbursement for the state share of  
10 exceptional behavioral health personal care services for individuals  
11 who have not transitioned into the new 1915(i) state plan services.

12 (e) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$376,000 of the  
13 general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, \$376,000 of  
14 the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and  
15 \$752,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are for  
16 administrative costs associated with implementation of the 1915(i)  
17 state plan.

18 (f) Within the amounts provided in this subsection, the authority  
19 must assure that managed care organizations reimburse the department  
20 of social and health services aging and long term support  
21 administration for the general fund—state cost of exceptional  
22 behavioral health personal care services for medicaid enrolled  
23 individuals who require these services because of a psychiatric  
24 disability.

25 (48) \$5,278,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2026, \$5,153,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
27 for fiscal year 2027, and \$98,000 of the general fund—federal  
28 appropriation are provided solely for postinpatient housing programs  
29 designed for young adults pursuant to chapter 175, Laws of 2024  
30 (postinpatient housing). Contracts with postinpatient housing  
31 providers are exempt from the competitive procurement requirements in  
32 chapter 39.26 RCW.

33 (49) \$26,915,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2026 and \$32,168,000 of the general fund—state  
35 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to implement  
36 the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et al. v. Department of*  
37 *Social and Health Services, et al.*, United States District Court for  
38 the Western District of Washington, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The  
39 authority must implement the provisions of the settlement agreement



1 pursuant to the timeline and implementation plan provided for under  
2 the settlement agreement. This includes implementing provisions  
3 related to outpatient competency restoration, forensic housing and  
4 recovery through peer services, forensic projects for assistance in  
5 transition from homelessness, crisis stabilization and housing, and  
6 global leasing.

7 (50) \$16,381,000 of the tribal opioid prevention and treatment  
8 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the authority to  
9 pass through to tribes and urban Indian health programs for opioid  
10 and overdose response activities. The funding must be used for  
11 prevention, outreach, treatment, recovery support services, and other  
12 strategies to address and mitigate the effects of the misuse and  
13 abuse of opioid related products. The authority must provide the  
14 tribes and urban Indian health programs the latitude to use the  
15 funding as they see fit to benefit their communities, provided the  
16 activities are allowable under the terms of the opioid settlement  
17 agreements.

18 (51) \$758,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state  
19 appropriation is provided solely for the authority to contract for a  
20 program that provides Washington state emergency departments with  
21 real-time medications for opioid use disorder clinical guidance and  
22 follow-up appointment scheduling.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 215. FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

24	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$6,003,000
25	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$5,960,000
26	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,058,000
27	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$15,021,000

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 216. FOR THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE**  
29 **APPEALS**

30	Worker and Community Right to Know Fund—State	
31	Appropriation. . . . .	\$10,000
32	Accident Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$28,506,000
33	Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$28,499,000
34	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$57,015,000

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 217. FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING**  
36 **COMMISSION**

1	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$59,171,000
2	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$58,410,000
3	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$12,983,000
4	Death Investigations Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,724,000
5	Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account—State	
6	Appropriation. . . . .	\$460,000
7	Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account—	
8	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$8,979,000
9	Washington Internet Crimes Against Children	
10	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,270,000
11	24/7 Sobriety Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$20,000
12	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$144,017,000

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

15 (1) \$5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided to the Washington association of  
18 sheriffs and police chiefs solely to verify the address and residency  
19 of registered sex offenders and kidnapping offenders under RCW  
20 9A.44.130.

21 (2) Funding in this section is sufficient for 75 percent of the  
22 costs of providing 23 statewide basic law enforcement trainings in  
23 each fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027. The criminal justice  
24 training commission must schedule its funded classes to minimize wait  
25 times throughout each fiscal year and meet statutory wait time  
26 requirements. The criminal justice training commission must track and  
27 report the average wait time for students at the beginning of each  
28 class and provide the findings in an annual report to the legislature  
29 due in December of each year. Each year, at least two classes must be  
30 held in Spokane, two classes must be held in Vancouver, two classes  
31 must be held in Arlington, and two classes must be held in Pasco.

32 (3) The criminal justice training commission may not run a basic  
33 law enforcement academy class of fewer than 30 students.

34 (4) \$2,270,000 of the Washington internet crimes against children  
35 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the implementation  
36 of chapter 84, Laws of 2015.

37 (5) \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2026 and \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the mental health field

1 response team program administered by the Washington association of  
2 sheriffs and police chiefs. The association must distribute  
3 \$7,000,000 in grants to the phase one and phase two regions as  
4 outlined in the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et. al. v.*  
5 *Department of Social and Health Services, et. al.*, U.S. District  
6 Court-Western District, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The association  
7 must submit an annual report to the Governor and appropriate  
8 committees of the legislature by September 1st of each year of the  
9 biennium. The report shall include best practice recommendations on  
10 law enforcement and behavioral health field response and include  
11 outcome measures on all grants awarded.

12 (6) \$899,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$899,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for crisis intervention training  
15 for the phase one regions as outlined in the settlement agreement  
16 under *Trueblood, et. al. v. Department of Social and Health Services,*  
17 *et. al.*, U.S. District Court-Western District, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-  
18 MJP.

19 (7) \$1,598,000 of the death investigations account—state  
20 appropriation is provided solely for the commission to provide 240  
21 hours of medicolegal forensic investigation training to coroners and  
22 medical examiners to meet the recommendations of the national  
23 commission on forensic science for certification and accreditation.

24 (8) \$346,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 321, Laws  
26 of 2021 (officer duty to intervene).

27 (9) \$30,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$30,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional grants to local  
30 jurisdictions to investigate instances where a purchase or transfer  
31 of a firearm was attempted by an individual who is prohibited from  
32 owning or possessing a firearm.

33 (10) \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state  
35 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
36 criminal justice training commission to provide grant funding to  
37 local law enforcement agencies to support law enforcement wellness  
38 programs. Of the amount provided in this subsection:

1 (a) \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the commission to provide  
4 grants to local law enforcement and corrections agencies for the  
5 purpose of establishing officer wellness programs. Grants provided  
6 under this subsection may be used for, but not limited to building  
7 resilience, injury prevention, peer support programs, physical  
8 fitness, proper nutrition, stress management, suicide prevention, and  
9 physical or behavioral health services. The commission must consult  
10 with a representative from the Washington association of sheriffs and  
11 police chiefs and a representative of the Washington state fraternal  
12 order of police and the Washington council of police and sheriffs in  
13 the development of the grant program.

14 (b) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington association  
17 of sheriffs and police chiefs to establish and coordinate an online  
18 or mobile-based application for any Washington law enforcement  
19 officer; 911 operator or dispatcher; and any other current or retired  
20 employee of a Washington law enforcement agency, and their families,  
21 to anonymously access on-demand wellness techniques, suicide  
22 prevention, resilience, physical fitness, nutrition, and other  
23 behavioral health and wellness supports.

24 (11) \$290,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 and \$290,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for academy training for limited  
27 authority Washington peace officers employed by the Washington state  
28 gambling commission, Washington state liquor and cannabis board,  
29 Washington state parks and recreation commission, department of  
30 natural resources, and the office of the insurance commissioner.

31 (a) Up to 30 officers must be admitted to attend the basic law  
32 enforcement academy and up to 30 officers must be admitted to attend  
33 basic law enforcement equivalency academy.

34 (b) Allocation of the training slots amongst the agencies must be  
35 based on the earliest application date to the commission. Training  
36 does not need to commence within six months of employment.

37 (c) The state agencies must reimburse the commission for the  
38 actual cost of training.

1 (12) \$1,312,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026, \$1,306,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
3 for fiscal year 2027, and \$870,000 of the general fund—private/local  
4 appropriation are provided solely for the commission to conduct four  
5 additional corrections officer academy classes. These classes may be  
6 conducted at the corrections officer academy in Burien or at a  
7 regional corrections officer academy established by the commission.

8 (13) \$236,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2026 and \$236,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the administration of the  
11 firearms certificate program. The commission will raise the fees for  
12 the program so that revenues collected by the program match these  
13 increased expenditures.

14 (14) \$710,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$672,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional staff to improve  
17 the delays in review and investigation of officer certification  
18 complaint cases.

19 (15) Within existing resources, each agency that receives  
20 allocations from the Washington auto theft prevention authority  
21 account must produce a report detailing its expenditures from the  
22 account for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including  
23 documentation of how expenditures were used in accordance with RCW  
24 46.66.080. The report must include recommendations based on outcomes  
25 from prior years' expenditures for how funds from the account can be  
26 used to most effectively prevent auto theft. The report must be  
27 submitted to the office of financial management and the fiscal  
28 committees of the legislature by October 1, 2025.

29 NEW SECTION.           **Sec. 218.       FOR THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT**  
30 **INVESTIGATIONS**

31	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$17,849,000
32	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$19,603,000
33	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$37,452,000

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

36 (1) \$9,383,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026 and \$9,383,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for dedicated staffing at

1 regional offices to include at least regional investigator  
2 supervisors, investigators, forensic investigators, family liaisons,  
3 and evidence technicians.

4 (2) \$1,124,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$1,124,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to contract with the Washington  
7 state patrol for laboratory-based testing and processing of crime  
8 scene evidence collected during investigations.

9 (3) \$251,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 and \$251,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for contracted specialized  
12 training for investigators relating to death investigations in cases  
13 involving deadly force.

14 (4) \$2,257,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$2,057,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for training development,  
17 additional staff training costs, crime lab processing, and contract  
18 services to include polygraphs, background checks, personnel  
19 evaluations, contracted security, and software licensing.

20 (5) \$1,700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2027 is provided solely for the office to pay for one-time  
22 tenant improvements necessary for a regional office.

23 NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 219.      FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**  
24 **INDUSTRIES**

25	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$22,376,000
26	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$18,975,000
27	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$13,271,000
28	Asbestos Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$647,000
29	Electrical License Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$81,443,000
30	Farm Labor Contractor Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$28,000
31	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
32	Appropriation. . . . .	\$250,000
33	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$127,000
34	Worker and Community Right to Know Fund—State	
35	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,173,000
36	Construction Registration Inspection Account—State	
37	Appropriation. . . . .	\$32,905,000
38	Public Works Administration Account—State	

1	Appropriation. . . . .	\$15,373,000
2	Manufactured Home Installation Training Account—	
3	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$475,000
4	Accident Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$472,214,000
5	Accident Account—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$20,183,000
6	Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$449,730,000
7	Medical Aid Account—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,960,000
8	Plumbing Certificate Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,741,000
9	Pressure Systems Safety Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,261,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,142,132,000

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

13 (1) \$8,952,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and  
14 \$8,952,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are  
15 provided solely for the labor and industries workers' compensation  
16 information system replacement project and is subject to the  
17 conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this  
18 act. The department must:

19 (a) Submit quarterly data within 30 calendar days of the end of  
20 each quarter on:

21 (i) The quantifiable deliverables accomplished and the amount  
22 spent by each deliverable in each of the following subprojects:

- 23 (A) Business readiness;
- 24 (B) Change readiness;
- 25 (C) Commercial off the shelf procurement;
- 26 (D) Customer access;
- 27 (E) Program foundations;
- 28 (F) Independent assessment; and
- 29 (G) In total by fiscal year;

30 (ii) All of the quantifiable deliverables accomplished by  
31 subprojects identified in (a)(i)(A) through (F) of this subsection  
32 and in total and the associated expenditures by each deliverable by  
33 fiscal month;

34 (iii) The contract full time equivalent charged by subprojects  
35 identified in (a)(i)(A) through (F) of this subsection, and in total,  
36 compared to the budget spending plan by month for each contracted  
37 vendor and what the ensuing contract equivalent budget spending plan  
38 by subprojects identified in (a)(i)(A) through (F) of this  
39 subsection, and in total, assumes by fiscal month;

1 (iv) The performance metrics by subprojects identified in  
2 (a)(i)(A) through (F) of this subsection, and in total, that are  
3 currently used, including monthly performance data; and

4 (v) The risks identified independently by at least the quality  
5 assurance vendor and Washington technology solutions, and how the  
6 project:

7 (A) Has mitigated each risk; and

8 (B) Is working to mitigate each risk, and when it will be  
9 mitigated; and

10 (b) Submit the report in (a) of this subsection to fiscal and  
11 policy committees of the legislature.

12 (2) \$258,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and  
13 \$258,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided  
14 solely for the department of labor and industries safety and health  
15 assessment research for prevention program to conduct research to  
16 prevent the types of work-related injuries that require immediate  
17 hospitalization. The department will develop and maintain a tracking  
18 system to identify and respond to all immediate in-patient  
19 hospitalizations and will examine incidents in defined high-priority  
20 areas, as determined from historical data and public priorities. The  
21 research must identify and characterize hazardous situations and  
22 contributing factors using epidemiological, safety-engineering, and  
23 human factors/ergonomics methods. The research must also identify  
24 common factors in certain types of workplace injuries that lead to  
25 hospitalization. The department must submit a report to the governor  
26 and appropriate legislative committees no later than August 30th of  
27 each year of the fiscal biennium summarizing work-related immediate  
28 hospitalizations and prevention opportunities, actions that employers  
29 and workers can take to make workplaces safer, and ways to avoid  
30 severe injuries.

31 (3)(a) \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state  
33 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to  
34 promote workforce development in aerospace and aerospace related  
35 supply chain industries by: Expanding the number of registered  
36 apprenticeships, preapprenticeships, and aerospace-related programs;  
37 and providing support for registered apprenticeships or programs in  
38 aerospace and aerospace-related supply chain industries.

39 (b) Grants awarded under this section may be used for:



1 (i) Equipment upgrades or new equipment purchases for training  
2 purposes;

3 (ii) New training space and lab locations to support capacity  
4 needs and expansion of training to veterans and veteran spouses, and  
5 underserved populations;

6 (iii) Curriculum development and instructor training for industry  
7 experts;

8 (iv) Tuition assistance for degrees in engineering and high-  
9 demand degrees that support the aerospace industry; and

10 (v) Funding to increase capacity and availability of child care  
11 options for shift work schedules.

12 (c) An entity is eligible to receive a grant under this  
13 subsection if it is a nonprofit, nongovernmental, or institution of  
14 higher education that provides training opportunities, including  
15 apprenticeships, preapprenticeships, preemployment training,  
16 aerospace-related degree programs, or incumbent worker training to  
17 prepare workers for the aerospace and aerospace-related supply chain  
18 industries.

19 (d) The department may use up to 5 percent of these funds for  
20 administration of these grants.

21 (4) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the crime victims'  
24 compensation program to pay for medical exams for suspected victims  
25 of domestic violence. Neither the hospital, medical facility, nor  
26 victim is to pay for the cost of the medical exam. This funding must  
27 not supplant existing funding for sexual assault medical exams. If  
28 the cost of medical exams exceeds the funding provided in this  
29 subsection, the program shall not reduce the reimbursement rates for  
30 medical providers seeking reimbursement for other claimants, and  
31 instead the program shall return to paying for domestic violence  
32 medical exams after insurance.

33 (5) \$250,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state  
34 appropriation is provided solely for the department to analyze  
35 patients who are maintained on chronic opioids. The department must  
36 submit an annual report of its findings to the governor and the  
37 appropriate committees of the legislature no later than October 1st  
38 of each year of the fiscal biennium. The report shall include  
39 analysis of patient data, describing the characteristics of patients

1 who are maintained on chronic opioids and their clinical needs, and a  
2 preliminary evaluation of potential interventions to improve care and  
3 reduce harms in this population.

4 (6) \$1,406,000 of the public works administration account—state  
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the final  
6 year of system improvements to the prevailing wage program  
7 information technology system. This project is subject to the  
8 conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 of this  
9 act.

10 (7) \$410,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 is provided solely to continue conducting a four-year  
12 retention study of state registered apprentices as provided in  
13 chapter 156, Laws of 2022 (apprenticeship programs). The study shall  
14 include the collection of data from all apprentices three months into  
15 their apprenticeship to understand challenges and barriers they face  
16 towards program participation. The aggregate data by trade must be  
17 displayed on a publicly available dashboard. Study data must be  
18 provided with apprenticeship coordinators to implement an early  
19 response to connect apprentices with needed supports. The department  
20 shall submit an annual report to the governor and appropriate  
21 legislative committees on June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

22 (8) \$881,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and  
23 \$887,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided  
24 solely to expand access to worker rights and safety information for  
25 workers with limited English proficiency (LEP) through outreach and  
26 translation of safety-related information, training, and other  
27 materials.

28 (9) \$108,000 of the public works administration account—state  
29 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 342,  
30 Laws of 2023 (apprenticeship utilization).

31 (10) \$1,072,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and  
32 \$187,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided  
33 solely to create an effective information technology solution  
34 necessary for the implementation of chapter 145, Laws of 2023 (fire-  
35 resistant materials).

36 (11) \$200,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation and  
37 \$200,000 of the accident account—state appropriation are provided  
38 solely for the staffing of a resolution process for complaints  
39 regarding light duty work under Title 51 RCW.

1 (12) \$1,044,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and  
2 \$183,000 of the medical account—state appropriation are provided  
3 solely for implementation of chapter 250, Laws of 2024 (adult  
4 entertainment workers).

5 (13) \$1,840,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and  
6 \$1,838,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are  
7 provided solely for claims management staffing to expand capacity to  
8 reduce claims caseload, effective July 1, 2025.

9 (14) \$3,477,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and  
10 \$614,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided  
11 solely for wage payment act, retaliation, child labor, and  
12 determinations, and fiscal units staffing to expand capacity to  
13 conduct timely worker complaint investigations, effective July 1,  
14 2025.

15 (15) \$1,495,000 of the construction registration inspection  
16 account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of  
17 chapter 213, Laws of 2023 (contractor consumer protection).

18 (16) \$56,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$59,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
21 298, Laws of 2024 (supporting victims of human trafficking and sexual  
22 abuse).

23 (17) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
24 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
25 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
26 173-446B WAC.

27 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 220. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

28 (1) The appropriations in this section are subject to the  
29 following conditions and limitations:

30 (a) The department of veterans affairs shall not initiate any  
31 services that will require expenditure of state general fund moneys  
32 unless expressly authorized in this act or other law. The department  
33 may seek, receive, and spend, under RCW 43.79.260 through 43.79.282,  
34 federal moneys that are unrelated to the coronavirus response and not  
35 anticipated in this act as long as the federal funding does not  
36 require expenditure of state moneys for the program in excess of  
37 amounts anticipated in this act. If the department receives  
38 unanticipated unrestricted federal moneys that are unrelated to the

1 coronavirus response, those moneys must be spent for services  
 2 authorized in this act or in any other legislation that provides  
 3 appropriation authority, and an equal amount of appropriated state  
 4 moneys shall lapse. Upon the lapsing of any moneys under this  
 5 subsection, the office of financial management shall notify the  
 6 legislative fiscal committees. As used in this subsection,  
 7 "unrestricted federal moneys" includes block grants and other funds  
 8 that federal law does not require to be spent on specifically defined  
 9 projects or matched on a formula basis by state funds.

10 (b) Each year, there is fluctuation in the revenue collected to  
 11 support the operation of the state veteran homes. When the department  
 12 has foreknowledge that revenue will decrease, such as from a loss of  
 13 census or from the elimination of a program, the legislature expects  
 14 the department to make reasonable efforts to reduce expenditures in a  
 15 commensurate manner and to demonstrate that it has made such efforts.  
 16 In response to any request by the department for general fund—state  
 17 appropriation to backfill a loss of revenue, the legislature shall  
 18 consider the department's efforts in reducing its expenditures in  
 19 light of known or anticipated decreases to revenues.

20 (2) HEADQUARTERS

21	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$5,892,000
22	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$5,560,000
23	Charitable, Educational, Penal, and Reformatory	
24	Institutions Account—State Appropriation	\$10,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$11,462,000

26 (3) FIELD SERVICES

27	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$12,784,000
28	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$11,931,000
29	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$8,834,000
30	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$6,547,000
31	Veteran Estate Management Account—Private/Local	
32	Appropriation	\$719,000
33	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$40,815,000

34 (4) STATE VETERANS HOMES PROGRAM

35	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$17,114,000
36	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$18,790,000
37	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$163,800,000
38	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$19,855,000

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$219,559,000

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

4 (a) If the department receives additional unanticipated federal  
5 resources that are unrelated to the coronavirus response at any point  
6 during the remainder of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, an equal  
7 amount of general fund—state must be placed in unallotted status so  
8 as not to exceed the total appropriation level specified in this  
9 subsection. The department may submit as part of the policy level  
10 budget submittal documentation required by RCW 43.88.030 a request to  
11 maintain the general fund—state resources that were unallotted as  
12 required by this subsection.

13 (b) Appropriations have been adjusted in this section to reflect  
14 anticipated changes in state, federal, and local resources as a  
15 result of census changes. The department shall incorporate these  
16 adjustments in the governor's projected maintenance level budget  
17 required in RCW 43.88.030.

18 (5) CEMETERY SERVICES

19	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$219,000
20	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$236,000
21	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,042,000
22	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,497,000

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 221. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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

32 (2) The department of health shall not initiate any services that  
33 will require expenditure of state general fund moneys unless  
34 expressly authorized in this act or other law. The department of  
35 health and the state board of health shall not implement any new or  
36 amended rules pertaining to primary and secondary school facilities  
37 until the rules and a final cost estimate have been presented to the  
38 legislature, and the legislature has formally funded implementation

1 of the rules through the omnibus appropriations act or by statute.  
2 The department may seek, receive, and spend, under RCW 43.79.260  
3 through 43.79.282, federal moneys not anticipated in this act as long  
4 as the federal funding does not require expenditure of state moneys  
5 for the program in excess of amounts anticipated in this act. If the  
6 department receives unanticipated unrestricted federal moneys, those  
7 moneys shall be spent for services authorized in this act or in any  
8 other legislation that provides appropriation authority, and an equal  
9 amount of appropriated state moneys shall lapse. Upon the lapsing of  
10 any moneys under this subsection, the office of financial management  
11 shall notify the legislative fiscal committees. As used in this  
12 subsection, "unrestricted federal moneys" includes block grants and  
13 other funds that federal law does not require to be spent on  
14 specifically defined projects or matched on a formula basis by state  
15 funds.

16 (3) In accordance with RCW 43.70.110 and 71.24.037, the  
17 department is authorized to adopt license and certification fees in  
18 fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to support the costs of the regulatory  
19 program. The department's fee schedule shall have differential rates  
20 for providers with proof of accreditation from organizations that the  
21 department has determined to have substantially equivalent standards  
22 to those of the department, including but not limited to the joint  
23 commission on accreditation of health care organizations, the  
24 commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities, and the  
25 council on accreditation. To reflect the reduced costs associated  
26 with regulation of accredited programs, the department's fees for  
27 organizations with such proof of accreditation must reflect the lower  
28 costs of licensing for these programs than for other organizations  
29 which are not accredited.

30 (4) Within the amounts appropriated in this act, and in  
31 accordance with RCW 70.41.100, the department shall set fees to  
32 include the full costs of the performance of inspections pursuant to  
33 RCW 70.41.080.

34 (5) In accordance with RCW 43.70.110 and 71.24.037, the  
35 department is authorized to adopt fees for the review and approval of  
36 mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs in fiscal  
37 years 2026 and 2027 as necessary to support the costs of the  
38 regulatory program. The department's fee schedule must have  
39 differential rates for providers with proof of accreditation from  
40 organizations that the department has determined to have

1 substantially equivalent standards to those of the department,  
2 including but not limited to the joint commission on accreditation of  
3 health care organizations, the commission on accreditation of  
4 rehabilitation facilities, and the council on accreditation. To  
5 reflect the reduced costs associated with regulation of accredited  
6 programs, the department's fees for organizations with such proof of  
7 accreditation must reflect the lower cost of licensing for these  
8 programs than for other organizations which are not accredited.

9 (6) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the  
10 department of social and health services, the department of health,  
11 the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth,  
12 and families shall work together within existing resources to  
13 establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the  
14 coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be  
15 a multi-organization collaborative that provides strategic direction  
16 and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-  
17 organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology  
18 projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington  
19 technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when  
20 collaborating with the coalition to ensure that projects are planned  
21 for in a manner that ensures the efficient use of state resources,  
22 supports the adoption of a cohesive technology and data architecture,  
23 and maximizes federal financial participation. The work of the  
24 coalition and any project identified as a coalition project is  
25 subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in  
26 section 701 of this act.

27 (7) Within the amounts appropriated in this act, and in  
28 accordance with RCW 43.70.110 and 71.12.470, the department shall set  
29 fees to include the full costs of the performance of inspections  
30 pursuant to RCW 71.12.485.

31 (8) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
32 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
33 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
34 173-446B WAC.

35	<u>NEW SECTION.</u>	<b>Sec. 222.</b>	<b>FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—</b>
36	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
37	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	. . . . .	\$23,057,000
38	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	. . . . .	\$20,527,000

1	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$58,240,000
2	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$22,681,000
3	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
4	(FY 2026). . . . .	\$462,000
5	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
6	(FY 2027). . . . .	\$490,000
7	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$618,000
8	Climate Investment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$136,000
9	Foundational Public Health Services Account—State	
10	Appropriation. . . . .	\$229,000
11	Hospital Data Collection Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$108,000
12	Health Professions Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$38,385,000
13	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	
14	Appropriation. . . . .	\$103,000
15	Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Systems	
16	Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,636,000
17	Medicaid Fraud Penalty Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$135,000
18	Natural Climate Solutions Account—State	
19	Appropriation. . . . .	\$16,000
20	Safe Drinking Water Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,590,000
21	Drinking Water Assistance Account—Federal	
22	Appropriation. . . . .	\$4,700,000
23	Waterworks Operator Certification Account—State	
24	Appropriation. . . . .	\$389,000
25	Drinking Water Assistance Administrative Account—	
26	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$408,000
27	Site Closure Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$35,000
28	Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$72,000
29	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
30	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,608,000
31	Medical Test Site Licensure Account—State	
32	Appropriation. . . . .	\$896,000
33	Secure Drug Take-Back Program Account—State	
34	Appropriation. . . . .	\$256,000
35	Youth Tobacco and Vapor Products Prevention Account—	
36	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$522,000
37	Public Health Supplemental Account—Private/Local	
38	Appropriation. . . . .	\$552,000



1	Accident Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$67,000
2	Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$9,000
3	Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line	
4	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,530,000
5	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
6	Appropriation. . . . .	\$422,000
7	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$179,879,000

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

10       (1) \$1,378,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 and \$1,378,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the child profile health  
13 promotion notification system.

14       (2) \$599,000 of the health professions account—state  
15 appropriation is provided solely for ongoing maintenance of the  
16 HEALWA web portal to provide access to health information for health  
17 care providers.

18       (3) \$350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to maintain  
21 the master person index as part of the health and human services  
22 coalition master person index initiative.

23       (4) \$7,355,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026 and \$7,355,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for operation of the statewide  
26 medical logistics center. Within these amounts, the department must  
27 coordinate with the department of social and health services to  
28 develop processes that will minimize the disposal and destruction of  
29 personal protective equipment and for interagency distribution of  
30 personal protective equipment.

31       (5) \$315,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026 and \$315,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to operate  
34 the universal development screening system.

35       (6) \$4,296,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$4,296,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain public health  
38 information technology infrastructure in a cloud-based environment.

1 (7) \$1,001,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
 2 year 2026 and \$975,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
 3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain the WA Health bed  
 4 tracking and supply database.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 223. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—**  
 6 **ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

7	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$10,268,000
8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$10,398,000
9	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$33,129,000
10	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$27,135,000
11	Safe Drinking Water Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$11,878,000
12	Drinking Water Assistance Account—Federal	
13	Appropriation. . . . .	\$22,482,000
14	Waterworks Operator Certification Account—State	
15	Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,559,000
16	Drinking Water Assistance Administrative Account—	
17	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,113,000
18	Site Closure Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$167,000
19	Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,094,000
20	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
21	Appropriation. . . . .	\$9,327,000
22	Climate Investment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$562,000
23	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$18,518,000
24	Natural Climate Solutions Account—State	
25	Appropriation. . . . .	\$62,000
26	Accident Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$327,000
27	Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$52,000
28	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$150,071,000

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

31 (1) \$492,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
 32 year 2026 and \$492,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
 33 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to coordinate  
 34 with local health jurisdictions to establish and maintain  
 35 comprehensive group B programs to ensure safe drinking water. These  
 36 funds shall be used for implementation costs, including continued

1 development and adoption of rules, policies, and procedures;  
2 technical assistance; and training.

3 (2) \$186,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$186,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to test for  
6 lead in child care facilities to prevent child lead exposure and to  
7 research, identify, and connect facilities to financial resources  
8 available for remediation costs.

9 (3) (a) \$4,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
10 appropriation is provided solely to support and administer a  
11 workplace health and safety program for workers who are affected by  
12 climate impacts, including but not limited to, extreme heat and cold,  
13 wildfire smoke, drought, and flooding. This program will focus on  
14 workplace health and safety for farmworkers, construction workers,  
15 and other workers who face the most risk from climate-related  
16 impacts. This amount shall be limited to supporting vulnerable  
17 populations in overburdened communities under the climate commitment  
18 act as defined in RCW 70A.65.010. Funding shall be provided for:

19 (i) Pass through grants to community-based organizations, tribal  
20 governments, and tribal organizations to support workplace health and  
21 safety for workers who are burdened by the intersection of their work  
22 and climate impacts; and

23 (ii) Procurement and distribution of equipment and resources for  
24 workers who are burdened by the intersection of their work and  
25 climate impacts directly by the department of health, or through  
26 pass-through grants to community-based organizations, tribal  
27 governments, and tribal organizations. Equipment and resources may  
28 include but are not limited to: Personal protective equipment, other  
29 protective or safety clothing for cold and heat, air purifiers for  
30 the workplace or worker housing, protection from ticks and  
31 mosquitoes, and heating and cooling devices.

32 (b) The department of health, in consultation with the  
33 environmental justice council, community groups, and the department  
34 of labor and industries, shall evaluate mechanisms to provide workers  
35 with financial assistance to cover lost wages or other financial  
36 hardships caused by extreme weather events and climate threats.

37 (c) No more than five percent of this funding may be used to  
38 administer this grant program.

1 (4) \$808,000 of the drinking water assistance administrative  
2 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the water system  
3 consolidation grant program.

4 (5) \$1,044,000 of the safe drinking water account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely for the drinking water technical  
6 services program.

7 (6) \$7,146,000 of the drinking water assistance account—federal  
8 appropriation is provided solely for the office of drinking water to  
9 provide technical assistance, direct engineering support, and  
10 construction management to small water systems.

11 (7) \$811,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$811,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to assist  
14 with access to safe drinking water for homes and businesses with  
15 individual wells or small water systems that are contaminated.

16 (8) \$48,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state  
17 appropriation is provided solely for the Puget Sound clean air agency  
18 to coordinate meetings with local health jurisdictions in King,  
19 Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties to better understand air  
20 quality issues, align messaging, and facilitate delivery of ready-to-  
21 go air quality and health interventions. The amount provided in this  
22 subsection may be used for agency staff time, meetings and events,  
23 outreach materials, and tangible air quality and health  
24 interventions.

25 (9) \$5,496,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
26 appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide grants  
27 to school districts making updates to existing heating, venting, and  
28 air conditioning systems using small district modernization grants.

29 (10) \$1,000,000 of the model toxics control operating account—  
30 state appropriation is provided solely to implement actions provided  
31 in the nitrate water hazard mitigation plan to support safe drinking  
32 water in the lower Yakima valley. Implementation of this plan  
33 includes, but is not limited to, education and outreach, well  
34 testing, and provision of alternate water supplies. The department  
35 may contract with local governments, local health jurisdictions, and  
36 nonprofit organizations to administer the plan.

37 (11) \$428,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state  
38 appropriation is provided solely for continued implementation of

1 chapter 156, Laws of 2021 (risk-based water standards), to create  
2 standards for developers seeking to reuse wastewater in buildings.

3 (12) \$888,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
4 appropriation is provided solely for an operations manager and  
5 translation services for the environmental justice council.

6 (13) \$382,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
7 appropriation is provided solely for one FTE to lead cross agency  
8 coordination for wildfire and extreme heat emergency management.

9 (14) \$1,124,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
10 appropriation is provided solely to migrate, maintain, and continue  
11 community engagement to update the health disparities map and  
12 increase operating staff to complete environmental assessments.

13 (15) \$267,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state  
14 appropriation is provided solely to extend the pesticide application  
15 safety committee until June 30, 2027.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 224. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—HEALTH**  
17 **SYSTEMS QUALITY ASSURANCE**

18	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$17,685,000
19	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$17,181,000
20	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$13,614,000
21	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$39,164,000
22	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
23	(FY 2026) . . . . .	\$1,038,000
24	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
25	(FY 2027) . . . . .	\$1,063,000
26	Hospital Data Collection Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$502,000
27	Health Professions Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$169,398,000
28	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	
29	Appropriation. . . . .	\$544,000
30	Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Systems	
31	Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$8,603,000
32	Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$674,000
33	Medicaid Fraud Penalty Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$23,000
34	Medical Test Site Licensure Account—State	
35	Appropriation. . . . .	\$4,446,000
36	Secure Drug Take-Back Program Account—State	
37	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,251,000
38	Public Health Supplemental Account—State	

1	Appropriation. . . . .	\$235,000
2	Public Health Supplemental Account—Private/Local	
3	Appropriation. . . . .	\$44,000
4	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$275,465,000

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

7 (1) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the Washington  
8 board of nursing must hire sufficient staff to process applications  
9 for nursing licenses so that the time required for processing does  
10 not exceed seven days.

11 (2) \$622,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$622,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the ongoing operations and  
14 maintenance of the prescription monitoring program maintained by the  
15 department.

16 (3) \$12,509,000 of the health professions account—state  
17 appropriation is provided solely for the regulation of health  
18 professions.

19 (4) \$1,865,000 of the medical test site licensure account—state  
20 appropriation is provided solely for the medical test site regulatory  
21 program for inspections and other regulatory activities.

22 (5) \$2,276,000 of the health professions account—state  
23 appropriation is provided solely for the Washington board of nursing  
24 for nursing licensure and other regulatory activities.

25 (6) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the midwifery licensure and  
28 regulatory program to supplement revenue from fees. The department  
29 shall charge no more than \$525 annually for new or renewed licenses  
30 for the midwifery program.

31 (7) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for three full-time emergency  
34 medical technicians and other resources necessary for the Franklin  
35 county public hospital district #1 to provide health services as part  
36 of medical transport operations services, including services to the  
37 Coyote Ridge corrections center.

38 (8) \$196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026 and \$196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for community compensation  
2 stipends for low-income individuals who participate in priority  
3 engagements across the department.

4 (9) \$1,490,000 of the health professional services account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely for the Washington board of nursing  
6 to continue to implement virtual nursing assistant training and  
7 testing modalities, create an apprenticeship pathway into nursing for  
8 nursing assistants, implement rule changes to support a career path  
9 for nursing assistants, and collaborate with the workforce training  
10 and education coordinating board on a pilot project to transform the  
11 culture and practice in long term care settings. The goal of these  
12 activities is to expand the nursing workforce for long term care  
13 settings.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 225. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—PREVENTION**  
15 **AND COMMUNITY HEALTH**

16	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$53,916,000
17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$53,480,000
18	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$407,620,000
19	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$62,964,000
20	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
21	(FY 2026). . . . .	\$11,285,000
22	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
23	(FY 2027). . . . .	\$11,521,000
24	Youth Tobacco and Vapor Products Prevention Account—	
25	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,767,000
26	Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line	
27	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$79,486,000
28	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
29	Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,737,000
30	Public Health Supplemental Account—Private/Local	
31	Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,301,000
32	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$692,077,000

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

35 (1) \$96,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$92,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for community outreach to  
38 prepare culturally and linguistically appropriate hepatitis B

1 information in a digital format to be distributed to ethnic and  
2 cultural leaders and organizations to share with foreign-born and  
3 limited or non-English speaking community networks.

4 (2) \$2,265,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$2,265,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for:

7 (a) Staffing by the department, the department of veterans  
8 affairs, and the department of corrections to expand statewide  
9 suicide prevention efforts, which efforts include suicide prevention  
10 efforts for military service members and veterans and incarcerated  
11 persons;

12 (b) A suicide prevention public awareness campaign to provide  
13 education regarding the signs of suicide, interventions, and  
14 resources for support;

15 (c) Staffing for call centers to support the increased volume of  
16 calls to suicide hotlines;

17 (d) Training for first responders to identify and respond to  
18 individuals experiencing suicidal ideation;

19 (e) Support for tribal suicide prevention efforts;

20 (f) Strengthening behavioral health and suicide prevention  
21 efforts in the agricultural sector;

22 (g) Support for the three priority areas of the governor's  
23 challenge regarding identifying suicide risk among service members  
24 and their families, increasing the awareness of resources available  
25 to service members and their families, and lethal means safety  
26 planning;

27 (h) Training for community health workers to include culturally  
28 informed training for suicide prevention;

29 (i) Coordination with the office of the superintendent of public  
30 instruction; and

31 (j) Support for the suicide prevention initiative housed in the  
32 University of Washington.

33 (3) \$3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the fruit and vegetable  
36 incentives program.

37 (4) \$3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2026 and \$3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington board of



1 nursing to manage a grant process to incentivize nurses to supervise  
2 nursing students in health care settings. The goal of the grant  
3 program is to create more clinical placements for nursing students to  
4 complete required clinical hours to earn their nursing degree and  
5 related licensure.

6 (5) \$1,205,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
7 year 2026 and \$1,205,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to provide  
9 grants to support school-based health centers and behavioral health  
10 services. The department must develop a plan for the school-based  
11 health centers to become financially self-sufficient.

12 (6) \$1,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$1,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to coordinate  
15 and lead a multi-agency approach to youth suicide prevention and  
16 intervention.

17 (7) \$2,000,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state  
18 appropriation is provided solely for prevention, treatment, and  
19 recovery support services to remediate the impacts of the opioid  
20 epidemic. This funding must be used consistent with conditions of the  
21 opioid settlement agreements that direct how funds deposited into the  
22 opioid abatement settlement account created in RCW 43.79.483 must be  
23 used.

24 (8) \$8,469,250 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 and \$7,853,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for programs and grants to  
27 maintain access to abortion care. Of the amounts provided in this  
28 subsection:

29 (a) For fiscal year 2026, those funds in (b) of this subsection  
30 must be used before funds in (c) through (e) of this subsection can  
31 be disbursed to providers.

32 (b) \$616,250 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 is provided for grants to providers of abortion care who  
34 participate in the department's sexual and reproductive health  
35 program solely for the purchase of state-acquired mifepristone.

36 (c) \$2,939,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026 and \$2,939,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to providers of  
39 abortion care.

1 (d) \$364,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$364,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for outreach, patient  
4 navigation, staffing at the department, and training.

5 (e) \$4,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$4,300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to providers of  
8 abortion care who participate in the department's sexual and  
9 reproductive health program for workforce retention and recruitment  
10 initiatives to ensure continuity of services.

11 (f) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to providers of  
14 abortion care that participate in the department's sexual and  
15 reproductive health program for security investments.

16 (g) \$607,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$607,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the early hearing detection,  
19 diagnosis, and intervention program.

20 (h) \$1,150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,150,000 of the general fund—state  
22 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
23 department to expand the birth equity project with the goal of  
24 reducing prenatal and perinatal health disparities.

25 (i) \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state  
27 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for tobacco,  
28 vapor product, and nicotine control, cessation, treatment, and  
29 prevention, and other substance use prevention and education, with an  
30 emphasis on community-based strategies. These strategies must include  
31 programs that consider the disparate impacts of nicotine,  
32 specifically flavored nicotine products, addiction on specific  
33 populations, including youth, and racial or other disparities.

34 (j) Sufficient funding is provided for the 988 technology  
35 platform implementation project as described in RCW 71.24.890(5)(a).  
36 The amount provided is subject to the conditions, limitations, and  
37 review requirements provided in section 701 of this act and any  
38 requirements as established in chapter 364, Laws of 2024 (988 system  
39 timeline). The department must actively collaborate with Washington

1 technology solutions and the health care authority so that the  
2 statewide 988 technology solutions will be coordinated and  
3 interoperable.

4 (13) \$304,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support health equity zones,  
7 as defined in RCW 43.70.595, in identification and implementation of  
8 targeted interventions to have a significant impact on health  
9 outcomes and health disparities.

10 (14) \$32,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 and \$32,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for costs identified to expand  
13 membership to the LGBTQ commission, women's commission, governor's  
14 committee on disability issues and employment, and additional  
15 community members.

16 (15) \$4,236,000 of the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis  
17 response line account—state appropriation is provided solely for  
18 behavioral crisis coordination.

19 (16) \$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026 and \$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely as pass-through funding to an  
22 organization that specializes in culturally relevant sports programs  
23 for indigenous children and adolescents, with the goal of keeping at-  
24 risk youth out of the juvenile justice system.

25 (17) \$3,150,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state  
26 appropriation is provided solely to launch a tele-buprenorphine  
27 hotline that facilitates access to medications for opioid use  
28 disorder. This funding must be used consistent with conditions of the  
29 opioid settlement agreements that direct how funds deposited into the  
30 opioid abatement settlement account created in RCW 43.79.483 must be  
31 used.

32 (18) \$410,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state  
33 appropriation is provided solely for perinatal opioid use disorder  
34 information and services. This funding must be used consistent with  
35 conditions of the opioid settlement agreements that direct how funds  
36 deposited into the opioid abatement settlement account created in RCW  
37 43.79.483 must be used.

1        NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 226.        FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—HEALTH**  
2 **SCIENCE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

3	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$35,465,000
4	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$36,443,000
5	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$94,729,000
6	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$44,039,000
7	Drinking Water Assistance Account—Federal	
8	Appropriation. . . . .	\$14,000
9	Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$14,000
10	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
11	Appropriation. . . . .	\$965,000
12	Foundational Public Health Services Account—	
13	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$72,000
14	Public Health Supplemental Account—State	
15	Appropriation. . . . .	\$53,000
16	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
17	Appropriation. . . . .	\$7,248,000
18	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$219,042,000

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

21        (1) \$1,225,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$1,225,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington poison  
24 center. This funding is provided in addition to funding pursuant to  
25 RCW 69.50.540.

26        (2) \$1,856,000 of the general fund—private/local appropriation is  
27 provided solely for the department to provide cystic fibrosis DNA  
28 testing and to engage with a courier service to transport specimens  
29 to the public health laboratory.

30        NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 227.        FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—EXTERNAL**  
31 **AFFAIRS**

32	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$6,418,000
33	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$6,513,000
34	Foundational Public Health Services Account—State	
35	Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,066,000
36	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
37	Appropriation. . . . .	\$4,091,000

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$19,088,000

2 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
3 conditions and limitations: \$154,000 of the general fund—state  
4 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$154,000 of the general fund—  
5 state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
6 staffing to support a new office of tribal policy at the department.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 228. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

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

25 The department must report to and coordinate with the department  
26 of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act  
27 accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
28 173-446B WAC.

29 (1) ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

30	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$163,288,000
31	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$165,435,000
32	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$400,000
33	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$168,000
34	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$564,000
35	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$329,855,000

36 The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the  
37 following conditions and limitations: The department must report to

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

4 (2) CORRECTIONAL OPERATIONS

5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$812,308,000
6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$830,653,000
7	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$4,326,000
8	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$334,000
9	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation	\$577,000
10	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
11	Appropriation	\$474,000
12	Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account—	
13	State Appropriation	\$5,282,000
14	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,653,954,000

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

17 (a) The department may contract for local jail beds statewide to  
18 the extent that it is at no net cost to the department. The  
19 department shall calculate and report the average cost per offender  
20 per day, inclusive of all services, on an annual basis for a facility  
21 that is representative of average medium or lower offender costs. The  
22 department shall not pay a rate greater than \$85 per day per offender  
23 excluding the costs of department of corrections provided services,  
24 including evidence-based substance abuse programming, dedicated  
25 department of corrections classification staff on-site for  
26 individualized case management, transportation of offenders to and  
27 from department of corrections facilities, and gender responsive  
28 training for jail staff. The capacity provided at local correctional  
29 facilities must be for offenders whom the department of corrections  
30 defines as close medium or lower security offenders. Programming  
31 provided for offenders held in local jurisdictions is included in the  
32 rate, and details regarding the type and amount of programming, and  
33 any conditions regarding transferring offenders must be negotiated  
34 with the department as part of any contract. Local jurisdictions must  
35 provide health care to offenders that meets standards set by the  
36 department. The local jail must provide all medical care including  
37 unexpected emergent care. The department must utilize a screening  
38 process to ensure that offenders with existing extraordinary medical/  
39 mental health needs are not transferred to local jail facilities. If

1 extraordinary medical conditions develop for an inmate while at a  
2 jail facility, the jail may transfer the offender back to the  
3 department, subject to terms of the negotiated agreement. Health care  
4 costs incurred prior to transfer are the responsibility of the jail.

5 (b) \$3,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$3,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department of  
8 corrections to provide wages and gratuities of no less than \$1.00 per  
9 hour to incarcerated persons working in class III correctional  
10 industries.

11 (c) Within existing resources, each agency that receives  
12 allocations from the Washington auto theft prevention authority  
13 account must produce a report detailing its expenditures from the  
14 account for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including  
15 documentation of how expenditures were used in accordance with RCW  
16 46.66.080. The report must include recommendations based on outcomes  
17 from prior years' expenditures for how funds from the account can be  
18 used to most effectively prevent auto theft. The report must be  
19 submitted to the office of financial management and the fiscal  
20 committees of the legislature by October 1, 2025.

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

25 (3) COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

26	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$239,653,000
27	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$250,808,000
28	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$4,142,000
29	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$9,022,000
30	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$503,625,000

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

33 (a) The department of corrections shall contract with local and  
34 tribal governments for jail capacity to house offenders who violate  
35 the terms of their community supervision. A contract rate increase  
36 may not exceed five percent each year. The department may negotiate  
37 to include medical care of offenders in the contract rate if medical  
38 payments conform to the department's offender health plan and  
39 pharmacy formulary, and all off-site medical expenses are preapproved

1 by department utilization management staff. If medical care of  
2 offender is included in the contract rate, the contract rate may  
3 exceed five percent to include the cost of that service. The  
4 department shall pay the bed rate for the day of release.

5 (b) The department shall engage in ongoing mitigation strategies  
6 to reduce the costs associated with community supervision violators,  
7 including improvements in data collection and reporting and  
8 alternatives to short-term confinement for low-level violators.

9 (4) CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES

10	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$9,725,000
11	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$9,743,000
12	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$600,000
13	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$1,034,000
14	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$21,102,000

15 (5) INTERAGENCY PAYMENTS

16	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$83,985,000
17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$66,896,000
18	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
19	Appropriation	\$50,000
20	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$150,931,000

21 (6) OFFENDER CHANGE

22	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$90,424,000
23	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$92,758,000
24	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$1,436,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$184,618,000

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

28 (a) The department of corrections shall use funds appropriated in  
29 this subsection (6) for programming for incarcerated individuals. The  
30 department shall develop and implement a written comprehensive plan  
31 for programming for incarcerated individuals that prioritizes  
32 programs which follow the risk-needs-responsivity model, are  
33 evidence-based, and have measurable outcomes. The department is  
34 authorized to discontinue ineffective programs and to repurpose  
35 underspent funds according to the priorities in the written plan.

36 (b) The department of corrections shall collaborate with the  
37 state health care authority to explore ways to utilize federal  
38 medicaid funds as a match to fund residential substance use disorder



1 treatment-based alternative beds under RCW 9.94A.664 under the drug  
2 offender sentencing alternative program and residential substance use  
3 disorder treatment beds that serve individuals on community custody.

4 (c) Within existing resources, the department of corrections may  
5 provide reentry support items such as disposable cell phones, prepaid  
6 phone cards, hygiene kits, housing vouchers, and release medications  
7 associated with individuals resentenced or ordered released from  
8 confinement as a result of policies or court decisions including, but  
9 not limited to, the *State v. Blake* decision.

10 (d) \$122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 and \$122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for work on reentry 2030,  
13 continued internal and cross agency reentry collaboration, and work  
14 on the state's medicaid 1115 transformation waiver impacts to the  
15 department.

16 (7) HEALTH CARE SERVICES

17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$274,138,000
18	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$279,536,000
19	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$6,720,000
20	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$2,000
21	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
22	Appropriation	\$8,916,000
23	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$569,312,000

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

26 (a) The state prison medical facilities may use funds  
27 appropriated in this subsection to purchase goods, supplies, and  
28 services through hospital or other group purchasing organizations  
29 when it is cost effective to do so.

30 (b) \$4,458,000 of the opioid abatement settlement account—state  
31 appropriation is provided solely for opioid treatment for individuals  
32 in the department of corrections' custody on full confinement.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 229. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE**  
34 **BLIND**

35	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$6,455,000
36	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$6,550,000
37	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$29,824,000

1	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$68,000
2	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$42,897,000

3 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
4 conditions and limitations: \$99,000 of the general fund—state  
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$99,000 of the general fund—  
6 state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
7 grants to federally recognized tribes of Washington to support  
8 culturally appropriate vocational rehabilitation services,  
9 independent living, youth supports, and adaptive technologies for  
10 tribal members who are blind, low-visioned, or deaf-blind.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 230. FOR THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

12	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$1,603,000
13	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$1,609,000
14	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$182,054,000
15	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$38,893,000
16	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$404,000
17	Unemployment Compensation Administration Account—	
18	Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$311,360,000
19	Administrative Contingency Account—State	
20	Appropriation. . . . .	\$63,786,000
21	Employment Service Administrative Account—State	
22	Appropriation. . . . .	\$134,998,000
23	Family and Medical Leave Insurance Account—State	
24	Appropriation. . . . .	\$191,733,000
25	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
26	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,000
27	Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account—State	
28	Appropriation. . . . .	\$40,122,000
29	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$966,563,000

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

32 (1) The department is directed to maximize the use of federal  
33 funds. The department must update its budget annually to align  
34 expenditures with anticipated changes in projected revenues.

35 (2) \$6,397,000 of the long-term services and supports trust  
36 account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of  
37 the long-term services and support trust program information

1 technology project and is subject to the conditions, limitations, and  
2 review provided in section 701 of this act.

3 (3) Within existing resources, the department must reassess its  
4 ongoing staffing and funding needs for the paid family medical leave  
5 program and submit documentation of the updated need to the governor  
6 and appropriate committees of the legislature by October 1st of each  
7 fiscal year.

8 (4) Within existing resources, the department shall report the  
9 following to the legislature and the governor by October 15th of each  
10 fiscal year:

11 (a) An inventory of the department's programs, services, and  
12 activities, identifying federal, state, and other funding sources for  
13 each;

14 (b) Federal grants received by the department, segregated by line  
15 of business or activity, for the most recent five fiscal years, and  
16 the applicable rules;

17 (c) State funding available to the department, segregated by line  
18 of business or activity, for the most recent five fiscal years;

19 (d) A history of staffing levels by line of business or activity,  
20 identifying sources of state or federal funding, for the most recent  
21 five fiscal years;

22 (e) A projected spending plan for the employment services  
23 administrative account and the administrative contingency account.  
24 The spending plan must include forecasted revenues and estimated  
25 expenditures under various economic scenarios.

26 (5) (a) \$20,510,000 of the administrative contingency account—  
27 state appropriation is provided solely for career connected learning  
28 grants as provided in RCW 28C.30.050, including sector intermediary  
29 grants, technical assistance and support grants, and administrative  
30 expenses associated with grant administration.

31 (b) Of the amount provided in (a) of this subsection, up to  
32 \$921,000 may be used for the department to contract with the student  
33 achievement council to lead the career connected learning cross-  
34 agency work group and provide staffing support as required in RCW  
35 28C.30.040.

36 (6) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
37 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
38 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
39 173-446B WAC.

1 (7) (a) \$9,154,000 of the employment service administrative  
2 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the replacement of  
3 the WorkSource integrated technology platform. The replacement system  
4 must support the workforce administration statewide to ensure  
5 adoption of the United States department of labor's integrated  
6 service delivery model and program performance requirements for the  
7 state's workforce innovation and opportunity act and other federal  
8 grants. This subsection is subject to the conditions, limitations,  
9 and review provided in section 701 of this act.

10 (b) \$5,938,000 of the employment service administrative account—  
11 state appropriation is provided solely for the maintenance and  
12 operations of the WorkSource integrated technology project.

13 (8) \$1,448,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026, \$1,448,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2027, and \$17,818,000 of the employment services  
16 administrative account—state appropriation are provided solely for  
17 implementation of the economic services for all programs as defined  
18 in chapter 92, Laws of 2024.

19 (9) \$3,826,000 of the employment services administration account—  
20 state appropriation is provided solely for the continuation of the  
21 office of agricultural and seasonal workforce services.

22 (10) \$140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
23 year 2026 and \$140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
24 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time employee to  
25 provide casework on behalf of constituents who contact their  
26 legislators to escalate unresolved claims.

27 (11) (a) \$7,792,000 of the administrative contingency account—  
28 state appropriation and \$14,470,000 of the employment service  
29 administrative account—state appropriation are provided solely to  
30 address a projected shortfall of federal revenue that supports the  
31 administration of the unemployment insurance program.

32 (b) The department must submit a report no later than November  
33 1st of each year in the fiscal biennium to the governor and the  
34 appropriate committees of the legislature outlining how the funding  
35 in (a) of this subsection is being utilized and recommendations for  
36 long-term solutions to address future decreases in federal funding.

37 (12) \$1,740,000 of the administrative contingency account—state  
38 appropriation is provided solely to increase the stipend for  
39 Washington service corps members to \$26,758 per year and for one

1 staff member to assist with program outreach. The stipend increase is  
2 for members that enter into a service year with income below 200  
3 percent of the federal poverty level.

4 (13) \$10,823,000 of the family and medical leave insurance  
5 account—state appropriation is provided solely to increase staffing  
6 for the paid family and medical leave program to process claims and  
7 respond to customer and employer inquiries in a timely manner.

8 (14) \$8,966,000 of the family and medical leave insurance account  
9 —state appropriation is provided solely for information technology  
10 staffing to complete system enhancements for any remaining  
11 statutorily required components of the paid family and medical leave  
12 program, including, but not limited to, the establishment and  
13 collection of overpayments, crossmatching eligibility with other  
14 programs, and elective coverage for tribes.

15 (15) \$5,074,000 of the long-term services and supports trust  
16 account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of  
17 chapter 120, Laws of 2024 (LTSS trust access).

18 (16) \$500,000 of the unemployment compensation administration  
19 account—federal appropriation is provided solely for the department  
20 to contract with a vendor to evaluate current unemployment insurance  
21 technology systems and to produce a comprehensive roadmap that  
22 addresses system challenges, makes recommendations for future  
23 enhancements, and identifies costs associated with the  
24 recommendations. If the department does not receive adequate funding  
25 from the United States department of labor to cover these costs, the  
26 department may use funding made available to the state through  
27 section 903 (d), (f), and (g) of the social security act (Reed act)  
28 in an amount not to exceed the amount provided in this subsection.

29 (17) \$1,000,000 of the employment services administrative account  
30 —state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely to  
31 improve access to the unemployment insurance program to underserved  
32 communities by expanding the use of navigators within community-based  
33 organizations. At a minimum, \$684,000 of the amount shall be used to  
34 contract with community-based organizations to raise awareness of the  
35 unemployment insurance program and help individuals navigate the  
36 application process.

37 (18) Within existing resources, the department must submit a  
38 report to the legislature and the governor by September 12, 2026,  
39 that provides an analysis of unemployment insurance fraud, strategies

1 deployed to address fraud including those that reduce the false-  
2 positive rate, percentage of fraudulent issues identified to claims  
3 filed and the average number of days to resolve, alternative  
4 approaches that the department could consider along with potential  
5 benefits, risks, and costs, and the necessary staffing levels to  
6 address fraudulent claims.

7 (19) \$11,156,000 of the employment services administrative  
8 account—state appropriation is provided solely to increase staffing  
9 for the unemployment insurance program to process claims and respond  
10 to customer inquiries in a timely manner and to maintain unemployment  
11 insurance ambassadors.

12 (20) \$2,107,000 of the employment services administrative account  
13 —state appropriation is provided solely for a pilot to offer pre- and  
14 post-release employment readiness services for justice involved  
15 individuals in Thurston, Snohomish, and Walla Walla counties.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 231. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH,**  
17 **AND FAMILIES—GENERAL**

18 (1) The appropriations to the department of children, youth, and  
19 families in this act shall be expended for the programs and in the  
20 amounts specified in this act. Appropriations made in this act to the  
21 department of children, youth, and families shall initially be  
22 allotted as required by this act. The department shall seek approval  
23 from the office of financial management prior to transferring moneys  
24 between sections of this act except as expressly provided in this  
25 act. Subsequent allotment modifications shall not include transfers  
26 of moneys between sections of this act except as expressly provided  
27 in this act, nor shall allotment modifications permit moneys that are  
28 provided solely for a specified purpose to be used for other than  
29 that purpose.

30 (2) The health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the  
31 department of social and health services, the department of health,  
32 the department of corrections, and the department of children, youth,  
33 and families shall work together within existing resources to  
34 establish the health and human services enterprise coalition (the  
35 coalition). The coalition, led by the health care authority, must be  
36 a multi-organization collaborative that provides strategic direction  
37 and federal funding guidance for projects that have cross-  
38 organizational or enterprise impact, including information technology

1 projects that affect organizations within the coalition. Washington  
2 technology solutions shall maintain a statewide perspective when  
3 collaborating with the coalition to ensure that projects are planned  
4 for in a manner that ensures the efficient use of state resources,  
5 supports the adoption of a cohesive technology and data architecture,  
6 and maximizes federal financial participation.

7 (3) Information technology projects or investments and proposed  
8 projects or investments impacting time capture, payroll and payment  
9 processes and systems, eligibility, case management, and  
10 authorization systems within the department are subject to technical  
11 oversight by Washington technology solutions.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 232. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH,**  
13 **AND FAMILIES—CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAM**

14	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$581,012,000
15	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$588,450,000
16	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$537,083,000
17	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,824,000
18	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
19	Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,860,000
20	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$1,715,229,000

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

23 (1) \$748,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026 and \$748,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to contract for the operation of  
26 one pediatric interim care center. The center shall provide  
27 residential care for up to 13 children through two years of age.  
28 Seventy-five percent of the children served by the center must be in  
29 need of special care as a result of substance abuse by their mothers.  
30 The center shall also provide on-site training to biological,  
31 adoptive, or foster parents. The center shall provide at least three  
32 months of consultation and support to the parents accepting placement  
33 of children from the center. The center may recruit new and current  
34 foster and adoptive parents for infants served by the center. The  
35 department shall not require case management as a condition of the  
36 contract.

37 (2) \$453,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2026 and \$453,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the costs of hub home foster  
2 and kinship families that provide a foster care delivery model that  
3 includes a hub home. Use of the hub home model is intended to support  
4 foster parent retention, provide support to biological families,  
5 improve child outcomes, and encourage the least restrictive community  
6 placements for children in out-of-home care.

7 (3) \$1,620,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$1,620,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for services provided through  
10 children's advocacy centers.

11 (4) In each fiscal year, the department shall provide a tracking  
12 report for social service specialists and corresponding social  
13 services support staff to the office of financial management, and the  
14 appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature. The  
15 report shall detail continued implementation of the targeted 1:18  
16 caseload ratio standard for child and family welfare services  
17 caseload-carrying staff and targeted 1:8 caseload ratio standard for  
18 child protection services caseload carrying staff. To the extent to  
19 which the information is available, the report shall include the  
20 following information identified separately for social service  
21 specialists doing case management work, supervisory work, and  
22 administrative support staff, and identified separately by job duty  
23 or program, including but not limited to intake, child protective  
24 services investigations, child protective services family assessment  
25 response, and child and family welfare services:

26 (a) Total full-time equivalent employee authority, allotments and  
27 expenditures by region, office, classification, and band, and job  
28 duty or program;

29 (b) Vacancy rates by region, office, and classification and band;  
30 and

31 (c) Average length of employment with the department, and when  
32 applicable, the date of exit for staff exiting employment with the  
33 department by region, office, classification and band, and job duty  
34 or program.

35 (5) \$94,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$94,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a contract with a child  
38 advocacy center in Spokane to provide continuum of care services for  
39 children who have experienced abuse or neglect and their families.



1 (6) (a) \$999,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026, \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
3 for fiscal year 2027, \$656,000 of the general fund—private/local  
4 appropriation, and \$252,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation  
5 are provided solely for a contract with an educational advocacy  
6 provider with expertise in foster care educational outreach. The  
7 amounts in this subsection are provided solely for contracted  
8 education coordinators to assist foster children in succeeding in  
9 K-12 and higher education systems and to assure a focus on education  
10 during the department's transition to performance-based contracts.  
11 Funding must be prioritized to regions with high numbers of foster  
12 care youth, regions where backlogs of youth that have formerly  
13 requested educational outreach services exist, or youth with high  
14 educational needs. The department is encouraged to use private  
15 matching funds to maintain educational advocacy services.

16 (b) The department shall contract with the office of the  
17 superintendent of public instruction, which in turn shall contract  
18 with a nongovernmental entity or entities to provide educational  
19 advocacy services pursuant to RCW 28A.300.590.

20 (7) For purposes of meeting the state's maintenance of effort for  
21 the state supplemental payment program, the department of children,  
22 youth, and families shall track and report to the department of  
23 social and health services the monthly state supplemental payment  
24 amounts attributable to foster care children who meet eligibility  
25 requirements specified in the state supplemental payment state plan.  
26 Such expenditures must equal at least \$3,100,000 annually and may not  
27 be claimed toward any other federal maintenance of effort  
28 requirement. Annual state supplemental payment expenditure targets  
29 must continue to be established by the department of social and  
30 health services. Attributable amounts must be communicated by the  
31 department of children, youth, and families to the department of  
32 social and health services on a monthly basis.

33 (8) \$197,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$197,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to conduct  
36 biennial inspections and certifications of facilities, both overnight  
37 and day shelters, that serve those who are under 18 years old and are  
38 homeless.

1 (9) (a) \$6,195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026, \$8,981,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
3 for fiscal year 2027, and \$1,188,000 of the general fund—federal  
4 appropriation are provided solely for the department to operate  
5 emergent placement and enhanced emergent placement contracts.

6 (b) The department shall not include the costs to operate  
7 emergent placement contracts in the calculations for family foster  
8 home maintenance payments and shall submit as part of the budget  
9 submittal documentation required by RCW 43.88.030 any costs  
10 associated with increases in the number of emergent placement  
11 contract beds after the effective date of this section that cannot be  
12 sustained within existing appropriations.

13 (10) The department must provide semiannual reports to the  
14 governor and appropriate legislative committees that includes the  
15 number of in-state behavioral rehabilitation services providers and  
16 licensed beds, the number of out-of-state behavioral rehabilitation  
17 services placements, and a comparison of these numbers to the same  
18 metrics expressed as an average over the prior six months. The report  
19 shall identify separately beds with the enhanced behavioral  
20 rehabilitation services rate. To the extent the information is  
21 available, the report shall include the same information for  
22 emergency placement services beds and enhanced emergency placement  
23 services beds.

24 (11) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementing the supportive  
27 visitation model that utilizes trained visit navigators to provide a  
28 structured and positive visitation experience for children and their  
29 parents.

30 (12) \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for enhanced adoption placement  
33 services for legally free children in state custody, through a  
34 partnership with a national nonprofit organization with private  
35 matching funds. These funds must supplement, but not supplant, the  
36 work of the department to secure permanent adoptive homes for  
37 children with high needs.

38 (13) The department of children, youth, and families shall make  
39 foster care maintenance payments to programs where children are

1 placed with a parent in a residential program for substance abuse  
2 treatment. These maintenance payments are considered foster care  
3 maintenance payments for purposes of forecasting and budgeting at  
4 maintenance level as required by RCW 43.88.058.

5 (14) If the department receives an allocation of federal funding  
6 through an unanticipated receipt, the department shall not expend  
7 more than what was approved or for another purpose than what was  
8 approved by the governor through the unanticipated receipt process  
9 pursuant to RCW 43.79.280.

10 (15) \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state  
12 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
13 department to contract with one or more nonprofit, nongovernmental  
14 organizations to purchase and deliver concrete goods to low-income  
15 families.

16 (16) \$2,400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,400,000 of the general fund—state  
18 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
19 implementation of performance-based contracts for family support and  
20 related services pursuant to RCW 74.13B.020.

21 (17) The department will only refer child welfare cases to the  
22 department of social and health services division of child support  
23 enforcement when the court has found a child to have been abandoned  
24 by their parent or guardian as defined in RCW 13.34.030.

25 (18) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the provision of SafeCare,  
28 an evidence-based parenting program, for families in Grays Harbor  
29 county.

30 (19) \$10,016,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2026, \$9,349,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
32 for fiscal year 2027, and \$512,000 of the general fund—federal  
33 appropriation are provided solely for the phase-in of the settlement  
34 agreement under *D.S. et al. v. Department of Children, Youth, and*  
35 *Families et al.*, United States district court for the western  
36 district of Washington, cause no. 2:21-cv-00113-BJR. The department  
37 must implement the provisions of the settlement agreement pursuant to  
38 the timeline and implementation plan provided for under the  
39 settlement agreement. This includes implementing provisions related

1 to the emerging adulthood housing program, statewide hub home model,  
2 emergent facility-based receiving care resources, exceptional  
3 placement costs, and plaintiff legal fees. To comply with the  
4 settlement agreement, funding in this subsection is provided as  
5 follows:

6 (a) \$1,576,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
7 year 2026 and \$1,576,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the emerging adulthood  
9 housing program.

10 (b) \$245,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 is provided solely for the statewide hub home model. The  
12 department shall develop and adapt the existing hub home model to  
13 serve youth as described in the settlement agreement.

14 (c) \$5,959,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$7,016,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for emergent facility-based  
17 receiving care resources.

18 (d) \$1,474,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$428,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are  
20 provided solely for exceptional placement costs.

21 (e) \$640,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$640,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for plaintiff legal fees.

24 (f) \$122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026, \$117,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027, and \$84,000 of the general fund—federal  
27 appropriation are provided solely for continuous quality improvement.

28 (20) \$6,696,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2026, \$6,696,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
30 for fiscal year 2027, and \$2,940,000 of the general fund—federal  
31 appropriation are provided solely for contracted visitation services  
32 for children in temporary out-of-home care. Funding is provided to  
33 reimburse providers for certain uncompensated services, which may  
34 include work associated with missed or canceled visits.

35 (21) \$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026, \$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027, and \$112,000 of the general fund—federal  
38 appropriation are provided solely for the department to develop,  
39 implement, and expand strategies to improve the capacity,

1 reliability, and effectiveness of contracted visitation services for  
2 children in temporary out-of-home care and their parents and  
3 siblings. Strategies may include, but are not limited to, increasing  
4 mileage reimbursement for providers, offering transportation-only  
5 contract options, and mechanisms to reduce the level of parent-child  
6 supervision when doing so is in the best interest of the child. The  
7 department shall report to the office of financial management and the  
8 relevant fiscal and policy committees of the legislature regarding  
9 these strategies by September 1, 2025. The report shall include the  
10 number and percentage of parents requiring supervised visitation and  
11 the number and percentage of parents with unsupervised visitation,  
12 prior to reunification.

13 (22) \$2,351,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,351,000 of the general fund—state  
15 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to  
16 a nonprofit organization in Spokane that has experience administering  
17 a family-centered drug treatment and housing program for families  
18 experiencing substance use disorder. As a requirement for receiving  
19 this funding, the nonprofit organization must provide an annual  
20 report to the governor and the department that includes, but is not  
21 limited to, the following information: Number of children and  
22 families served each month, number of families that entered and  
23 exited the program each month, and a comprehensive budget for all  
24 costs incurred by the program.

25 (23) \$872,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2027 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—private/local  
27 appropriation are provided solely for two pilot programs that  
28 implement an evidence-based, comprehensive, intensive, in-home  
29 parenting services support model to serve children and families from  
30 birth to age 18 who are involved in child welfare, children's mental  
31 health, or juvenile justice systems. One pilot program will serve  
32 families west of the crest of the Cascade mountain range and one  
33 pilot program will serve families east of the crest of the Cascade  
34 mountain range.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 233. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH,**  
36 **AND FAMILIES—JUVENILE REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

37 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$185,451,000  
38 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$178,977,000

1	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$720,000
2	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$35,000
3	Home Visiting Services Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$101,000
4	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
5	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,302,000
6	Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account—	
7	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$196,000
8	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$366,782,000

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

11       (1) \$2,841,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$2,841,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to county juvenile  
14 courts for effective, community-based programs that are culturally  
15 relevant, research-informed, and focused on supporting positive youth  
16 development, not just reducing recidivism. Additional funding for  
17 this purpose is provided through an interagency agreement with the  
18 health care authority. County juvenile courts shall apply to the  
19 department of children, youth, and families for funding for program-  
20 specific participation and the department shall provide grants to the  
21 courts consistent with the per-participant treatment costs identified  
22 by the institute. The block grant oversight committee, in  
23 consultation with the Washington state institute for public policy,  
24 shall identify effective, community-based programs that are  
25 culturally relevant, research-informed, and focused on supporting  
26 positive youth development to receive funding.

27       (2) \$1,537,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$1,537,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for expansion of the juvenile  
30 justice treatments and therapies in the department of children,  
31 youth, and families. The juvenile rehabilitation evidence-based  
32 expansion committee, in consultation with the Washington state  
33 institute for public policy, will work with community expert partners  
34 to identify culturally relevant and research-informed programs for  
35 prevention and intervention services. These programs will include  
36 principles of positive youth development, healing centered  
37 engagement, or peer centered approaches that holistically benefit  
38 young people, or all three principles. The department may concentrate

1 delivery of these treatments and therapies at a limited number of  
2 programs to deliver the treatments in a cost-effective manner.

3 (3) (a) \$6,698,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
4 fiscal year 2026 and \$6,698,000 of the general fund—state  
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to implement  
6 evidence- and research-based programs through community juvenile  
7 accountability grants, administration of the grants, and evaluations  
8 of programs funded by the grants. In addition to funding provided in  
9 this subsection, funding to implement alcohol and substance abuse  
10 treatment programs for locally committed offenders is provided  
11 through an interagency agreement with the health care authority.

12 (b) The department of children, youth, and families shall  
13 administer a block grant to county juvenile courts for the purpose of  
14 serving youth as defined in RCW 13.40.510(4)(a) in the county  
15 juvenile justice system. Funds dedicated to the block grant include:  
16 Consolidated juvenile service funds, community juvenile  
17 accountability act grants, chemical dependency/mental health  
18 disposition alternative, and suspended disposition alternative. The  
19 department of children, youth, and families shall follow the  
20 following formula and must prioritize evidence-based programs and  
21 disposition alternatives and take into account juvenile courts  
22 program-eligible youth in conjunction with the number of youth served  
23 in each approved evidence-based program or disposition alternative:  
24 (i) Thirty-seven and one-half percent for the at-risk population of  
25 youth ten to seventeen years old; (ii) fifteen percent for the  
26 assessment of low, moderate, and high-risk youth; (iii) twenty-five  
27 percent for evidence-based program participation; (iv) seventeen and  
28 one-half percent for minority populations; (v) three percent for the  
29 chemical dependency and mental health disposition alternative; and  
30 (vi) two percent for the suspended dispositional alternatives.  
31 Funding for the special sex offender disposition alternative shall  
32 not be included in the block grant, but allocated on the average  
33 daily population in juvenile courts. Funding for the evidence-based  
34 expansion grants shall be excluded from the block grant formula.  
35 Funds may be used for promising practices when approved by the  
36 department of children, youth, and families and juvenile courts,  
37 through the community juvenile accountability act committee, based on  
38 the criteria established in consultation with Washington state  
39 institute for public policy and the juvenile courts.

1 (c) The department of children, youth, and families and the  
2 juvenile courts shall establish a block grant funding formula  
3 oversight committee with equal representation from the department of  
4 children, youth, and families and the juvenile courts. The purpose of  
5 this committee is to assess the ongoing implementation of the block  
6 grant funding formula, utilizing data-driven decision making and the  
7 most current available information. The committee will be co-chaired  
8 by the department of children, youth, and families and the juvenile  
9 courts, who will also have the ability to change members of the  
10 committee as needed to achieve its purpose. The committee may make  
11 changes to the formula categories in (b) of this subsection if it  
12 determines the changes will increase statewide service delivery or  
13 effectiveness of evidence-based program or disposition alternative  
14 resulting in increased cost/benefit savings to the state, including  
15 long-term cost/benefit savings. The committee must also consider  
16 these outcomes in determining when evidence-based expansion or  
17 special sex offender disposition alternative funds should be included  
18 in the block grant or left separate.

19 (d) The juvenile courts and administrative office of the courts  
20 must collect and distribute information and provide access to the  
21 data systems to the department of children, youth, and families and  
22 the Washington state institute for public policy related to program  
23 and outcome data. The department of children, youth, and families and  
24 the juvenile courts must work collaboratively to develop program  
25 outcomes that reinforce the greatest cost/benefit to the state in the  
26 implementation of evidence-based practices and disposition  
27 alternatives.

28 (4) \$645,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$645,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for funding of the teamchild  
31 project.

32 (5) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant program focused on  
35 criminal street gang prevention and intervention. The department of  
36 children, youth, and families may award grants under this subsection.  
37 The department of children, youth, and families shall give priority  
38 to applicants who have demonstrated the greatest problems with  
39 criminal street gangs. Applicants composed of, at a minimum, one or



1 more local governmental entities and one or more nonprofit,  
2 nongovernmental organizations that have a documented history of  
3 creating and administering effective criminal street gang prevention  
4 and intervention programs may apply for funding under this  
5 subsection. Each entity receiving funds must report to the department  
6 of children, youth, and families on the number and types of youth  
7 served, the services provided, and the impact of those services on  
8 the youth and the community.

9 (6) The juvenile rehabilitation institutions may use funding  
10 appropriated in this subsection to purchase goods, supplies, and  
11 services through hospital group purchasing organizations when it is  
12 cost-effective to do so.

13 (7) \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026 and \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to county juvenile  
16 courts to establish alternative detention facilities similar to the  
17 proctor house model in Jefferson county, Washington, that will  
18 provide less restrictive confinement alternatives to youth in their  
19 local communities. County juvenile courts shall apply to the  
20 department of children, youth, and families for funding and each  
21 entity receiving funds must report to the department on the number  
22 and types of youth serviced, the services provided, and the impact of  
23 those services on the youth and the community.

24 (8) \$432,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 and \$432,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to provide  
27 housing services to clients releasing from incarceration into the  
28 community.

29 (9) (a) \$878,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2026 and \$879,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
31 for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of  
32 chapter 206, Laws of 2021 (concerning juvenile rehabilitation  
33 community transition services).

34 (b) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection, \$105,000  
35 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and  
36 \$105,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027  
37 are provided solely for housing vouchers.

38 (10) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a credible messenger  
2 mentorship organization located in Kitsap county to provide peer  
3 counseling, peer support services, and mentorship for at-risk youth  
4 and families.

5 (11)(a) \$140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2026 and \$140,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
7 for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of  
8 chapter 150, Laws of 2023 (sexual offenses by youth).

9 (b) The department of children, youth, and families—juvenile  
10 rehabilitation shall develop and implement a grant program that  
11 allows defense attorneys and counties to apply for funding for sex  
12 offender evaluation and treatment programs. The department shall  
13 provide funding to counties for: (a) Process mapping, site  
14 assessment, and training for additional sex offender treatment  
15 modalities such as multisystemic therapy-problem sexual behavior or  
16 problematic sexual behavior-cognitive behavioral therapy; and (b) for  
17 any evaluation and preadjudication treatment costs which are not  
18 covered by the court.

19 (12) \$505,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026 and \$505,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for contracted services for  
22 housing for youth exiting juvenile rehabilitation facilities.

23 (13) \$1,048,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
24 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,048,000 of the general fund—state  
25 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a contract  
26 to provide opioid use disorder post-release education and  
27 intervention services.

28 (14) \$1,302,000 of the state opioid abatement settlement account—  
29 state appropriation is provided solely for medical personnel to  
30 provide medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) education and  
31 treatment.

32 (15) Within existing resources, each agency that receives  
33 allocations from the Washington auto theft prevention authority  
34 account must produce a report detailing its expenditures from the  
35 account for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including  
36 documentation of how expenditures were used in accordance with RCW  
37 46.66.080. The report must include recommendations based on outcomes  
38 from prior years' expenditures for how funds from the account can be  
39 used to most effectively prevent auto theft. The report must be

1 submitted to the office of financial management and the fiscal  
2 committees of the legislature by October 1, 2025.

3 (16) Within existing resources, the department shall develop a  
4 proposal for future capacity growth. This proposal must evaluate the  
5 feasibility of using existing state-owned facilities, including the  
6 property and facilities of Mission Creek corrections center for  
7 women. The department must submit a report to the office of financial  
8 management and the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
9 September 15, 2025. The report must include:

10 (a) Planned bed capacity to align with forecasted bed needs by  
11 risk classification that addresses both a short-term solution for  
12 immediate relief of overcrowding and a long-term plan to implement  
13 best practices;

14 (b) Assessment of the impact of expanded use of the community  
15 transition services program, or other alternatives to total  
16 confinement, on bed capacity needs;

17 (c) Cost estimates for all aspects of the bed capacity plan  
18 including a full assessment of necessary capital improvements and  
19 staffing needs for both custody and programming; and

20 (d) Analysis of workforce availability for all locations included  
21 in the plan.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 234. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH,**  
23 **AND FAMILIES—EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM**

24	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$1,210,436,000
25	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$1,393,933,000
26	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$475,352,000
27	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation . . . . .	\$579,000
28	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation . . .	\$427,633,000
29	Home Visiting Services Account—State Appropriation . . .	\$37,510,000
30	Home Visiting Services Account—Federal Appropriation . .	\$37,061,000
31	Washington Opportunity Pathways Account—State	
32	Appropriation . . . . .	\$80,000,000
33	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
34	Appropriation . . . . .	\$25,458,000
35	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$3,687,962,000

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

1 (1) (a) \$168,650,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026, \$183,781,000 of the general fund—state  
3 appropriation for fiscal year 2027, \$91,810,000 of the education  
4 legacy trust account—state appropriation, and \$80,000,000 of the  
5 opportunity pathways account—state appropriation are provided solely  
6 for the early childhood education and assistance program. These  
7 amounts shall support at least 16,433 slots in fiscal year 2026 and  
8 16,933 slots in fiscal year 2027. Of the total slots in each fiscal  
9 year, 100 slots must be reserved for foster children to receive  
10 school-year-round enrollment.

11 (b) Funding provided in (a) of this subsection is sufficient to:

12 (i) Provide a slot rate increase of 18 percent on full day slots  
13 in fiscal year 2026; and

14 (ii) Convert 250 part day slots to full day slots and add 500  
15 full day slots in fiscal year 2027.

16 (c) The department of children, youth, and families must develop  
17 a methodology to identify, at the school district level, the  
18 geographic locations of where early childhood education and  
19 assistance program slots are needed to meet the entitlement specified  
20 in RCW 43.216.556. This methodology must be linked to the caseload  
21 forecast produced by the caseload forecast council and must include  
22 estimates of the number of slots needed at each school district and  
23 the corresponding facility needs required to meet the entitlement in  
24 accordance with RCW 43.216.556. This methodology must be included as  
25 part of the budget submittal documentation required by RCW 43.88.030.

26 (2) The department is the lead agency for and recipient of the  
27 federal child care and development fund grant. Amounts within this  
28 grant shall be used to fund child care licensing, quality  
29 initiatives, agency administration, and other costs associated with  
30 child care subsidies.

31 (3) The department of children, youth, and families shall work in  
32 collaboration with the department of social and health services to  
33 determine the appropriate amount of state expenditures for the  
34 working connections child care program to claim towards the state's  
35 maintenance of effort for the temporary assistance for needy families  
36 program. The departments will also collaborate to track the average  
37 monthly child care subsidy caseload and expenditures by fund type,  
38 including child care development fund, general fund—state  
39 appropriation, and temporary assistance for needy families for the

1 purpose of estimating the annual temporary assistance for needy  
2 families reimbursement from the department of social and health  
3 services to the department of children, youth, and families.  
4 Effective December 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the department  
5 of children, youth, and families must report to the governor and the  
6 appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature the total  
7 state contribution for the working connections child care program  
8 claimed the previous fiscal year towards the state's maintenance of  
9 effort for the temporary assistance for needy families program and  
10 the total temporary assistance for needy families reimbursement from  
11 the department of social and health services for the previous fiscal  
12 year.

13 (4) (a) \$330,186,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2026 and \$348,307,000 of the general fund—state  
15 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
16 enhancements to the working connections child care program.

17 (b) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection:

18 (i) \$132,924,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
19 fiscal year 2026 and \$139,888,000 of the general fund—state  
20 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to increase  
21 subsidy base rates to the 85th percentile of market based on the 2024  
22 market rate survey for child care centers.

23 (ii) \$89,494,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
24 fiscal year 2026 and \$94,046,000 of the general fund—state  
25 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to implement  
26 the 2025-2027 collective bargaining agreement covering family child  
27 care providers as provided in section 907 of this act. Of the amounts  
28 provided in this subsection:

29 (A) \$5,342,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$5,784,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are for a 50 cent per hour per child rate increase  
32 for family, friends, and neighbor providers (FFNs) beginning July 1,  
33 2025.

34 (B) \$2,785,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$3,343,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are for a health care contribution increase.

37 (C) \$81,367,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2026 and \$84,919,000 of the general fund—state

1 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are for a cost of care rate  
2 enhancement.

3 (iii) \$107,768,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
4 fiscal year 2026 and \$114,373,000 of the general fund—state  
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided to increase subsidy  
6 base rates to the 85th percentile of market based on the 2024 market  
7 rate survey for licensed family homes.

8 (c) Funding in this subsection must be expended with internal  
9 controls that provide child-level detail for all transactions.

10 (d) On July 1st of each fiscal year, the department, in  
11 collaboration with the department of social and health services, must  
12 report to the governor and the appropriate fiscal and policy  
13 committees of the legislature on the status of overpayments in the  
14 working connections child care program. The report must include the  
15 following information for the previous fiscal year:

16 (i) A summary of the number of overpayments that occurred;

17 (ii) The reason for each overpayment;

18 (iii) The total cost of overpayments;

19 (iv) A comparison to overpayments that occurred in the past two  
20 preceding fiscal years; and

21 (v) Any planned modifications to internal processes that will  
22 take place in the coming fiscal year to further reduce the occurrence  
23 of overpayments.

24 (e) Within available amounts, the department in consultation with  
25 the office of financial management shall report enrollments and  
26 active caseload for the working connections child care program to the  
27 governor and the legislative fiscal committees and the legislative-  
28 executive WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force on an  
29 agreed upon schedule. The report shall also identify the number of  
30 cases participating in both temporary assistance for needy families  
31 and working connections child care. The department must also report  
32 on the number of children served through contracted slots.

33 (5) \$12,034 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026, \$54,684,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027, and \$20,348,000 of the general fund—federal  
36 appropriation are provided solely for the department to comply with  
37 new federal requirements of the child care development fund grant,  
38 including implementing enrollment-based pay, prospective pay, 12 full

1 months of eligibility, additional new children during eligibility  
2 period, and to not pursue overpayments in certain cases.

3 (6) \$22,764,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
4 state appropriation is provided solely for the working connections  
5 child care program under RCW 43.216.135.

6 (7) \$353,402,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is  
7 reimbursed by the department of social and health services to the  
8 department of children, youth, and families for qualifying  
9 expenditures of the working connections child care program under RCW  
10 43.216.135.

11 (8) \$1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department of children,  
14 youth, and families to contract with a countywide nonprofit  
15 organization with early childhood expertise in Pierce county for a  
16 project to prevent child abuse and neglect using nationally  
17 recognized models.

18 (a) The nonprofit organization must continue to implement a  
19 countywide resource and referral linkage system for families of  
20 children who are prenatal through age five.

21 (b) The nonprofit organization must offer a voluntary brief  
22 newborn home visiting program. The program must meet the diverse  
23 needs of Pierce county residents and, therefore, it must be flexible,  
24 culturally appropriate, and culturally responsive.

25 (9) \$3,577,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026, \$3,587,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027, and \$9,588,000 of the education legacy trust  
28 account—state appropriation are provided solely for the early  
29 childhood intervention prevention services (ECLIPSE) program. The  
30 department shall contract for ECLIPSE services to provide therapeutic  
31 child care and other specialized treatment services to abused,  
32 neglected, at-risk, and/or drug-affected children. The department  
33 shall pursue opportunities to leverage other funding to continue and  
34 expand ECLIPSE services. Priority for services shall be given to  
35 children referred from the department.

36 (10) The department shall place a ten percent administrative  
37 overhead cap on any contract entered into with the University of  
38 Washington. In a bi-annual report to the governor and the  
39 legislature, the department shall report the total amount of funds

1 spent on the quality rating and improvements system and the total  
2 amount of funds spent on degree incentives, scholarships, and tuition  
3 reimbursements.

4 (11) \$1,728,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,728,000 of the general fund—state  
6 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for reducing  
7 barriers for low-income providers to participate in the early  
8 achievers program.

9 (12) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 and \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a contract with a nonprofit  
12 entity experienced in the provision of promoting early literacy for  
13 children through pediatric office visits.

14 (13) \$4,000,000 of the education legacy trust account—state  
15 appropriation is provided solely for early intervention assessment  
16 and services.

17 (14) \$515,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
18 year 2026 and \$515,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
19 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a statewide family resource  
20 and referral linkage system, with coordinated access point of  
21 resource navigators who will connect families with children prenatal  
22 through age five with services, programs, and community resources  
23 through a facilitated referral and linkage process.

24 (15)(a) The department must provide to the education research and  
25 data center, housed at the office of financial management, data on  
26 all state-funded early childhood programs. These programs include the  
27 early support for infants and toddlers, early childhood education and  
28 assistance program (ECEAP), and the working connections and seasonal  
29 subsidized childcare programs including license-exempt facilities or  
30 family, friend, and neighbor care. The data provided by the  
31 department to the education research data center must include  
32 information on children who participate in these programs, including  
33 their name and date of birth, and dates the child received services  
34 at a particular facility.

35 (b) ECEAP early learning professionals must enter any new  
36 qualifications into the department's professional development  
37 registry each school year. By October of each fiscal year, the  
38 department must provide updated ECEAP early learning professional  
39 data to the education research data center.



1 (c) The department must request federally funded head start  
2 programs to voluntarily provide data to the department and the  
3 education research data center that is equivalent to what is being  
4 provided for state-funded programs.

5 (d) The education research and data center must provide an  
6 updated report on early childhood program participation and K-12  
7 outcomes to the house of representatives appropriations committee and  
8 the senate ways and means committee using available data every March  
9 for the previous school year.

10 (e) The department, in consultation with the department of social  
11 and health services, must withhold payment for services to early  
12 childhood programs that do not report on the name, date of birth, and  
13 the dates a child received services at a particular facility.

14 (16) \$260,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$260,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to continue  
17 implementation of an infant and early childhood mental health  
18 consultation initiative to support tribal child care and early  
19 learning programs. Funding may be used to provide culturally  
20 congruent infant and early childhood mental health supports for  
21 tribal child care, the tribal early childhood education and  
22 assistance program, and tribal head start providers. The department  
23 must consult with federally recognized tribes which may include round  
24 tables through the Indian policy early learning committee.

25 (17) \$660,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$660,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for continued expansion and  
28 support of family, friend, or neighbor caregivers with a focus on the  
29 provision of play and learn groups. The amounts provided in this  
30 subsection may be used for the department to:

31 (a) Fund consistent staffing across the state's six geographic  
32 regions to support the needs of family, friend, or neighbor  
33 caregivers;

34 (b) Contract with a statewide child care resource and referral  
35 program to sustain and expand the number of facilitated play groups  
36 to meet the needs of communities statewide;

37 (c) Support existing infrastructure for organizations that have  
38 developed the three existing play and learn program models so they

1 have capacity to provide training, technical assistance, evaluation,  
2 data collection, and other support needed for implementation; and

3 (d) Provide direct implementation support to community-based  
4 organizations that offer play and learn groups.

5 (18) Within existing resources, the department, in consultation  
6 with the office of tribal relations, must prioritize complex needs  
7 funds and equity grants to tribal early learning providers.

8 (19) \$2,354,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,431,000 of the general fund—state  
10 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
11 department to continue the birth-to-three early childhood education  
12 and assistance program.

13 (20) \$270,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026, \$1,750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2027, and \$1,480,000 of the general fund—federal  
16 appropriation are provided solely for infant and early childhood  
17 mental health consultation. Of the amounts provided in this  
18 subsection, \$150,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is for  
19 infant and early childhood mental health consultation services to  
20 support rural schools and child care programs in rural communities.

21 (21) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to contract  
24 with an organization that provides relationship-based professional  
25 development support to family, friend, and neighbor, child care  
26 center, and licensed family care providers to work with child care  
27 workers to establish and support new affordable, high quality child  
28 care and early learning programs. To be eligible to receive funding,  
29 the organization must:

30 (a) Provide professional development services for child care  
31 providers and early childhood educators, including training and  
32 mentorship programs;

33 (b) Provide mentorship and other services to assist with child  
34 care provider and facility licensing;

35 (c) Administer or host a system of shared services and consulting  
36 related to operating a child care business; and

37 (d) Administer a state sponsored substitute pool child care  
38 provider program.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 235.    FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH,**  
2 **AND FAMILIES—PROGRAM SUPPORT**

3	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$315,382,000
4	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$312,098,000
5	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$234,282,000
6	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,711,000
7	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,381,000
8	Home Visiting Services Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$486,000
9	Home Visiting Services Account—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$380,000
10	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$241,000
11	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$866,961,000

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

14        (1) \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a Washington state mentoring  
17 organization to continue its public-private partnerships providing  
18 technical assistance and training to mentoring programs that serve  
19 at-risk youth.

20        (2) \$25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026, \$29,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2027, and \$47,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are  
23 provided solely for the implementation of an agreement reached  
24 between the governor and the Washington federation of state employees  
25 for the language access providers under the provisions of chapter  
26 41.56 RCW for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, as provided in section  
27 907 of this act.

28        (3) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a full-time employee to  
31 coordinate policies and programs to support pregnant and parenting  
32 individuals receiving chemical dependency or substance use disorder  
33 treatment.

34        (4) \$282,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026, \$266,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027, and \$181,000 of the general fund—federal  
37 appropriation are provided solely for fiscal support to support the  
38 phase-in of the settlement agreement under *D.S. et al. v. Department*

1 of Children, Youth, and Families et al., United States district court  
2 for the western district of Washington, cause no. 2:21-cv-00113-BJR.  
3 The department must implement the provisions of the settlement  
4 agreement pursuant to the timeline and implementation plan provided  
5 for under the settlement agreement. This includes implementing  
6 provisions related to the emerging adulthood housing program,  
7 statewide hub home model, emergent facility-based receiving care  
8 resources, exceptional placement costs, and plaintiff legal fees.

9 (5) \$1,494,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is  
10 provided solely for continued implementation of the family first  
11 prevention services act requirements, including technology  
12 enhancements to support the automated assessments, data quality, and  
13 reporting requirements. Funding provided in this subsection is  
14 subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in  
15 section 701 of this act.

16 (6) \$1,248,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$1,248,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continuation of the  
19 emergency adolescent housing pilot program. The housing pilot will  
20 serve hard-to-place foster youth who are at least 16 years old with  
21 housing and intensive case management.

22 (7) \$406,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
23 year 2026, \$1,010,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
24 fiscal year 2027, and \$430,000 of the general fund—private/local  
25 appropriation are provided solely for the department to contract with  
26 two community organizations with expertise in the LifeSet case  
27 management model to serve youth and adults currently being served in  
28 or exiting the foster care, juvenile justice, and mental health  
29 systems to successfully transition to adulthood.

30 (8) \$700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for funding of the teamchild  
33 project.

34 (9) \$14,590,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2026, \$18,503,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
36 for fiscal year 2027, and \$33,093,000 of the general fund—federal  
37 appropriation are provided solely to begin design, development, and  
38 implementation of the comprehensive child welfare information system.

1 The funding in this section is subject to the conditions,  
2 limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of this act.

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

(End of part)

**PART III**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES**

NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 301.    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. 302.    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	

1	Appropriation. . . . .	\$15,490,000
2	Reclamation Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$4,966,000
3	Flood Control Assistance Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,176,000
4	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	
5	Appropriation. . . . .	\$692,000
6	Refrigerant Emission Management Account—State	
7	Appropriation. . . . .	\$4,411,000
8	State Emergency Water Projects Revolving Account—	
9	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$40,000
10	Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control	
11	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$42,269,000
12	State Drought Preparedness Account—State	
13	Appropriation. . . . .	\$224,000
14	State and Local Improvements Revolving Account—Water	
15	Supply Facilities—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$186,000
16	Water Rights Tracking System Account—State	
17	Appropriation. . . . .	\$48,000
18	Site Closure Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$582,000
19	Wood Stove Education and Enforcement Account—State	
20	Appropriation. . . . .	\$739,000
21	Worker and Community Right to Know Fund—State	
22	Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,283,000
23	Water Rights Processing Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$39,000
24	Water Quality Permit Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$75,696,000
25	Underground Storage Tank Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,209,000
26	Biosolids Permit Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,165,000
27	Hazardous Waste Assistance Account—State	
28	Appropriation. . . . .	\$11,751,000
29	Radioactive Mixed Waste Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$28,088,000
30	Air Pollution Control Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$6,017,000
31	Oil Spill Prevention Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$11,249,000
32	Air Operating Permit Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$6,093,000
33	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification	
34	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$840,000
35	Oil Spill Response Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$7,076,000
36	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
37	Appropriation. . . . .	\$362,339,000
38	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—Local	

1	Appropriation. . . . .	\$499,000
2	Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account—State	
3	Appropriation. . . . .	\$17,459,000
4	Voluntary Cleanup Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$381,000
5	Paint Product Stewardship Account—State	
6	Appropriation. . . . .	\$155,000
7	Water Pollution Control Revolving Administration	
8	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$9,642,000
9	Clean Fuels Program Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,815,000
10	Climate Investment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$68,987,000
11	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,088,879,000

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

14 (1) \$455,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$455,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to grant to  
17 the northwest straits commission to provide funding, technical  
18 assistance, and/or coordination support equally to the seven Puget  
19 Sound marine resources committees.

20 (2) \$770,000 of the oil spill prevention account—state  
21 appropriation is provided solely for a contract with the University  
22 of Washington's sea grant program to continue an educational program  
23 targeted to small spills from commercial fishing vessels, ferries,  
24 cruise ships, ports, and marinas.

25 (3) \$102,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$102,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of Executive  
28 Order No. 12-07, Washington's response to ocean acidification.

29 (4) \$24,000,000 of the model toxics control operating account—  
30 state appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide  
31 grants to local governments for the purpose of supporting local solid  
32 waste and financial assistance programs.

33 (5) \$150,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement account—state  
34 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of the state  
35 marine management plan and ongoing costs of the Washington coastal  
36 marine advisory council to serve as a forum and provide  
37 recommendations on coastal management issues.

38 (6) \$2,000,000 of the model toxics control operating account—  
39 state appropriation is provided solely for the department to convene



1 a stakeholder group, including representatives from overburdened  
2 communities, to assist with developing a water quality implementation  
3 plan for polychlorinated biphenyls and to address other emerging  
4 contaminants in the Spokane river. The department must also consult  
5 with the Spokane tribe of Indians and other interested tribes when  
6 developing and implementing actions to address water quality in the  
7 Spokane river.

8 (7) \$4,002,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
9 appropriation is provided solely to address flood prevention in the  
10 Nooksack basin and Sumas prairie. Of this amount:

11 (a) \$2,000,000 is provided solely to expand and sustain Whatcom  
12 county's floodplain integrated planning (FLIP) team planning process,  
13 including supporting communication, community participation,  
14 coordination, technical studies and analysis, and development of  
15 local solutions.

16 (b) \$900,000 is provided solely for the department to support  
17 transboundary coordination, including facilitation and technical  
18 support to develop and evaluate alternatives for managing  
19 transboundary flooding in Whatcom county and British Columbia.

20 (c) \$1,102,000 is provided solely to support dedicated local and  
21 department capacity for floodplain planning and technical support. Of  
22 the amount in this subsection (c), \$738,000 is solely for a grant to  
23 Whatcom county. The remaining amount is for the department to provide  
24 ongoing staff technical assistance and support to flood prevention  
25 efforts in this area.

26 (8) \$24,536,000 of the climate investment account—state  
27 appropriation is provided solely for capacity grants to federally  
28 recognized tribes for: (a) Consultation on spending decisions on  
29 grants in accordance with RCW 70A.65.305; (b) consultation on clean  
30 energy siting projects; (c) activities supporting climate resilience  
31 and adaptation; (d) developing tribal clean energy projects; (e)  
32 applying for state or federal grant funding; (f) participation on a  
33 science advisory panel and other associated work on offshore wind;  
34 and (g) other related work. In order to meet the requirements of RCW  
35 70A.65.230(1)(b), tribal applicants are encouraged to include a  
36 tribal resolution supporting their request with their grant  
37 application. Of this amount, \$3,000,000 is reserved solely to ensure  
38 completion of grants awarded or amended between January 1, 2025, and  
39 June 30, 2025.

1 (9) \$1,363,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$1,375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for preparation and filing of  
4 adjudications of state water rights in water resource inventory area  
5 1 (Nooksack).

6 (10) \$2,468,000 of the climate investment account—state  
7 appropriation is provided solely for addressing air quality in  
8 overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution under RCW  
9 70A.65.020.

10 (11) \$189,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 and \$189,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to validate a proposed  
13 standardized channel migration zone mapping methodology, develop a  
14 statewide channel migration zone mapping implementation plan, and  
15 provide technical assistance to local and tribal governments looking  
16 to use the new standard.

17 (12) \$2,256,000 of the model toxics control operating account—  
18 state appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide  
19 technical assistance to landowners and local governments to promote  
20 voluntary compliance, implement best management practices, and  
21 support implementation of water quality clean-up plans in shellfish  
22 growing areas, agricultural areas, forestlands, and other types of  
23 land uses, including technical assistance focused on protection and  
24 restoration of critical riparian management areas important for  
25 salmon recovery.

26 (13) \$1,914,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
27 appropriation is provided solely for activities related to coastal  
28 hazards, including expanding the coastal monitoring and analysis  
29 program, operating a coastal hazard organizational resilience team,  
30 and operating a coastal hazards grant program to help local  
31 communities design projects and apply for funding opportunities. At  
32 least 25 percent of the funding in this subsection must be used for  
33 the benefit of tribes.

34 (14) \$276,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state  
35 appropriation is provided solely for a grant to San Juan county for  
36 the enhancement of ongoing oil spill response preparedness staff  
37 hiring, spill response equipment acquisition, and spill response  
38 training and operational expenses.

1 (15) \$750,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state  
2 appropriation is provided solely to:

3 (a) Identify additional priority consumer products containing  
4 PFAS for potential regulatory action; and

5 (b) Issue orders to manufacturers under RCW 70A.350.040 and  
6 70A.350.030 to obtain ingredient information, including for chemical  
7 ingredients used to replace priority chemicals.

8 (16)(a) \$816,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
9 appropriation is provided to the department of ecology to report on  
10 the state's authority relevant to the potential siting and permitting  
11 of floating offshore wind energy projects in federal waters off  
12 Washington's Pacific Ocean coast. In coordination with the  
13 departments of fish and wildlife, natural resources, and parks, the  
14 energy facility site evaluation council, and the utilities and  
15 transportation commission, the department shall:

16 (i) Study and report on how and when state laws, regulations, and  
17 enforceable policies apply during a federal process for floating  
18 offshore wind energy projects, including the siting of associated  
19 onshore and nearshore transmission infrastructure;

20 (ii) Identify the state's regulatory decisions in the federal  
21 process for which a state agency would be required to undergo  
22 consultation with federally recognized tribes and solicit public  
23 comment; and

24 (iii) Evaluate and recommend whether additional regulatory  
25 actions are needed to improve the state's readiness for a federal  
26 leasing process, including but not limited to:

27 (A) Modification and/or addition to the state's enforceable  
28 policies under the federal coastal zone management act in 16 U.S.C  
29 Sec. 1456 and articulated in the state's marine spatial plan adopted  
30 under chapter 43.372 RCW; and

31 (B) Designation of a geographic location description under 16  
32 U.S.C. Sec. 1465.

33 (b) In developing the report, the department shall consult with  
34 federally recognized tribes and seek input from interested and  
35 affected parties, including the Washington coastal marine advisory  
36 council established in RCW 43.143.050. The department, in  
37 coordination with other state agencies, shall also host a minimum of  
38 two scenario planning exercises where agencies test run how their  
39 authority would be applied in the event of a federal leasing for

1 offshore wind projects. The department shall incorporate the lessons  
2 it learns from these exercises into the report.

3 (c) The department shall submit a report summarizing its findings  
4 and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of  
5 the legislature by November 1, 2026.

6 (17)(a) \$731,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
7 appropriation is provided to convene a tribal-state science advisory  
8 panel to guide the advancement of our scientific understanding of  
9 potential ecological impacts of floating offshore wind projects.  
10 Considering current research, the advisory panel should develop a  
11 prioritized science agenda to increase understanding of how floating  
12 offshore wind projects sited off of Washington's coast could impact  
13 Washington's marine and coastal environment and resources, with an  
14 emphasis on potential impacts to treaty-protected tribal resources.  
15 The advisory panel should also consider and advance understanding of  
16 how offshore projects could be designed and sited to avoid or  
17 minimize identified impacts and maximize co-use with other ocean  
18 uses. The department shall invite representatives from coastal  
19 tribes, inter-tribal organizations, and relevant state agencies to  
20 participate on the advisory panel. In coordination with the advisory  
21 panel, the department shall:

22 (i) Identify and catalog the potentially significant ecological  
23 impacts that floating offshore wind projects sited off of  
24 Washington's coastline may have on Washington's marine and coastal  
25 environment, including consideration of potential impacts to  
26 upwelling and the California current ecosystem;

27 (ii) Contract with a third-party science organization to conduct  
28 a literature review of scientific studies on the identified  
29 potentially significant ecological impacts and summarize impacts that  
30 are not substantiated by literature, impacts for which the literature  
31 find successful avoidance or mitigation measures, and impacts needing  
32 additional study;

33 (iii) After considering the findings from the literature review,  
34 develop a prioritized scientific agenda to increase understanding of  
35 how offshore wind could impact Washington's marine and coastal  
36 environment and resources, with an emphasis on potential impacts to  
37 treaty-protected tribal resources; and

38 (iv) Coordinate with other states to identify and leverage joint  
39 opportunities for advancing research.

1 (b) In conducting its work, the department and advisory panel  
2 must seek input from scientific experts and may seek input from  
3 federal agencies, coastal stakeholders including fishing  
4 representatives, and representatives from the offshore wind industry.

5 (c) By November 1, 2026, the department shall submit a report to  
6 the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature  
7 summarizing its findings and the prioritized scientific agenda.

8 (18) \$4,428,000 of the water quality permit account—state  
9 appropriation, \$2,212,000 of the model toxics control operating  
10 account—state appropriation, and \$1,864,000 of the hazardous waste  
11 assistance account—state appropriation are provided solely for the  
12 department to address and mitigate 6PPD. The department may provide  
13 funding from this subsection to the University of Washington and  
14 Washington State University for the purposes of this subsection. Of  
15 these amounts:

16 (a) \$1,094,000 of the model toxics control operating account—  
17 state appropriation is provided solely to conduct monitoring and  
18 analyze water and sediment for 6PPD.

19 (b) \$1,864,000 of the hazardous waste assistance account—state  
20 appropriation and \$1,118,000 of the model toxics control operating  
21 account—state appropriation is provided solely to find safer  
22 alternatives to 6PPD in consumer products.

23 (c) \$4,428,000 of the water quality permit account—state  
24 appropriation is provided solely to identify effective best  
25 management practices to treat 6PPD in stormwater.

26 (19) \$1,317,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
27 appropriation is provided solely for the department to assist local  
28 governments in building climate resilience by addressing emerging  
29 implementation challenges and updating guidance for local  
30 jurisdictions, including integration of updated climate policies  
31 through amendments to local shoreline master programs.

32 (20) \$580,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
33 appropriation is provided solely for the department to coordinate  
34 implementation of the state's climate resilience strategy developed  
35 pursuant to chapter 70A.05 RCW. The department shall coordinate  
36 resilience activities among state agencies identified in the  
37 strategy, gather data from state agencies to support tracking and  
38 progress reporting, and conduct outreach and engagement. The  
39 department may also facilitate the establishment of the recommended

1 durable governance structure and support implementation of key  
2 resilience activities, as resources allow.

3 (21) \$1,197,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
4 appropriation is provided solely for implementing water resources and  
5 climate resilience actions that build the capacity and knowledge base  
6 needed to boost instream flows and support statewide water security.

7 (a) The department shall fund data collection and analysis of  
8 water supply changes projected due to climate change, focusing on  
9 Puget Sound and Western Washington watersheds. The department shall  
10 summarize its fundings in a report to the appropriate committees of  
11 the legislature and to the office of financial management by June 30,  
12 2027.

13 (b) The department shall initiate rule making processes to update  
14 the reclaimed water rule (chapter 173-219 WAC) and update the  
15 Wenatchee instream flow rule (chapter 173-545 WAC). Rulemaking must  
16 be initiated during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium with the intent  
17 that it will be completed by the end of the 2027-2029 fiscal  
18 biennium.

19 (22) \$542,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement account—state  
20 appropriation is provided solely to support research to enhance  
21 understanding of European green crab behavior and dispersal in  
22 Washington's waters and inform the state's response to this invasive  
23 pest. The department shall hold technical assistance workshops for  
24 natural resource managers to implement larval identification  
25 monitoring programs.

26 (23) (a) \$3,908,000 of the model toxics control operating account—  
27 state appropriation and \$100,000 of the water quality permit account—  
28 state appropriation are provided solely to:

29 (i) Investigate and monitor the sources and impacts of per- and  
30 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the environment;

31 (ii) Identify and reduce the risks posed by PFAS used in  
32 industry, manufacturing, and businesses through outreach activities  
33 and technical assistance to those that have or currently use PFAS;

34 (iii) Support water quality source control and treatment of PFAS  
35 at municipal wastewater facilities and cleanup sites. The department  
36 will use the amount identified in this subsection from the water  
37 quality permit account to complete a study of state waste discharge  
38 permittees to inform how the state should best manage these  
39 discharges; and

1 (iv) Increase cleanup capacity at PFAS contaminated sites.

2 (b) When engaging in work benefiting specific communities, the  
3 department shall prioritize investments to benefit vulnerable  
4 populations in overburdened communities as defined in RCW 70A.02.010  
5 with a goal of investing at least 40 percent of funds to this  
6 purpose.

7 (24) \$400,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
8 appropriation is provided solely for the department to develop a  
9 report that analyzes equity and accessibility considerations for  
10 environmental incident reporting and resolution, and to provide  
11 recommendations for changes and improvements. The department will  
12 consult with relevant government entities that manage environmental  
13 incident reporting for incidents that pollute and damage land, air,  
14 and water, such as the department of health, the office of the  
15 attorney general, regional air agencies, and relevant state and local  
16 agencies. The department will consult with Washington state community  
17 based and non-governmental organizations representing overburdened  
18 communities. The department may contract with a third party to  
19 prepare the report.

20 (a) The report must include: (i) An overview of the existing  
21 environmental incident reporting systems in Washington state and a  
22 description of business objectives; (ii) challenges, barriers, and  
23 accessibility concerns with the current state environmental incident  
24 reporting systems; (iii) evaluation of possible service gaps in  
25 incident reporting in overburdened communities; and (iv) options and  
26 recommendations for improving environmental incident reporting,  
27 including improvements to reporting access, process transparency, and  
28 equitable service to overburdened communities and vulnerable  
29 populations.

30 (b) By October 1, 2026, the department must submit its final  
31 report and recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees  
32 of the legislature.

33 (25) \$882,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state  
34 appropriation, \$352,000 of the climate investment account—state  
35 appropriation, \$176,000 of the water quality permit account—state  
36 appropriation, and \$176,000 of the waste reduction, recycling, and  
37 litter control account—state appropriation are provided solely for  
38 the department to continue implementation of environmental justice  
39 requirements in the HEAL act, state and federal environmental justice

1 and equity mandates, and embed expertise within specific  
2 environmental programs.

3 (26) \$291,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state  
4 appropriation and \$115,000 of the wood stove education and  
5 enforcement account—state appropriation are provided solely for the  
6 department to implement House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0018.2/25)  
7 (wood burning devices). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025,  
8 the amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

9 (27) \$774,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state  
10 appropriation is provided solely for the department to implement  
11 House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0101.4/25) (the photovoltaic module  
12 stewardship and takeback program). If the bill is not enacted by June  
13 30, 2025, the amount provided in this subsection shall lapse.

14 (28) The department must report the department's expenditures  
15 from climate commitment act accounts, as defined and described in RCW  
16 70A.65.300 and chapter 173-446B WAC.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 303. FOR THE WASHINGTON POLLUTION LIABILITY**  
18 **INSURANCE PROGRAM**

19	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,151,000
20	Pollution Liability Insurance Agency Underground	
21	Storage Tank Revolving Account—State	
22	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,260,000
23	Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account—	
24	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$10,429,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$12,840,000

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 304. FOR THE STATE PARKS AND RECREATION**  
27 **COMMISSION**

28	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$45,566,000
29	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$43,366,000
30	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$7,311,000
31	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$980,000
32	Winter Recreation Program Account—State	
33	Appropriation. . . . .	\$4,944,000
34	ORV and Nonhighway Vehicle Account—State	
35	Appropriation. . . . .	\$336,000
36	Snowmobile Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,736,000
37	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	



1	Appropriation. . . . .	\$380,000
2	Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account—State	
3	Appropriation. . . . .	\$158,204,000
4	Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account—Private/Local	
5	Appropriation. . . . .	\$720,000
6	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$267,543,000

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

9 (1) \$362,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 and \$362,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to create a statewide data  
12 management system with the department of natural resources and the  
13 department of fish and wildlife to make informed management decisions  
14 that meet conservation goals for public lands. The agencies will also  
15 collaborate with tribal governments to ensure cultural resources and  
16 cultural practices are considered and incorporated into agency  
17 management plans. The agency must partner with the governor's office  
18 of Indian affairs to identify and award the professional service  
19 contract for third-party facilitation and intermediary services.

20 (2) \$129,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$129,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant for the operation of  
23 the Northwest weather and avalanche center.

24 (3) The commission must report to and coordinate with the  
25 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
26 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
27 173-446B WAC.

28 (4) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a public planning process to  
31 help determine the future of Cama Beach state park. Planning  
32 activities should include consideration of alternatives to replace  
33 recently decommissioned cabins due to climate impacts. The planning  
34 process should consider reuse of the historic cabins, alternatives  
35 for day-use, and options for replacement cabins or other overnight  
36 accommodations in the area.

37 (5) \$121,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2026, \$187,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2027, and \$462,000 of the parks renewal and stewardship

1 account—state appropriation are provided solely to increase  
2 compliance with the Americans with disabilities act.

3 (6) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to conduct detailed assessments  
6 of the agency's highest priority bridges and dams to be used in the  
7 development and implementation of maintenance and preservation plans.

8 (7) \$500,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
9 appropriation is provided solely for cultural resource vulnerability  
10 assessments.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 305. FOR THE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION**  
12 **OFFICE**

13	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$4,346,000
14	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$4,000,000
15	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$6,391,000
16	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$24,000
17	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	
18	Appropriation. . . . .	\$490,000
19	Firearms Range Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$37,000
20	Natural Climate Solutions Account—State	
21	Appropriation. . . . .	\$394,000
22	Recreation Resources Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,632,000
23	NOVA Program Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,618,000
24	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$22,932,000

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

27 (1) \$37,000 of the firearms range account—state appropriation is  
28 provided solely to the recreation and conservation funding board for  
29 administration of the firearms range grant program as described in  
30 RCW 79A.25.210.

31 (2) \$5,124,000 of the recreation resources account—state  
32 appropriation is provided solely to the recreation and conservation  
33 funding board for administrative and coordinating costs of the  
34 recreation and conservation office and the board as described in RCW  
35 79A.25.080(1).

36 (3) \$1,564,000 of the NOVA program account—state appropriation is  
37 provided solely to the recreation and conservation funding board for

1 administration of the nonhighway and off-road vehicle activities  
2 program as described in chapter 46.09 RCW.

3 (4) \$135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the governor's salmon  
6 recovery office to implement the governor's salmon recovery strategy  
7 update by convening the natural resources subcabinet on a regular  
8 basis and developing biennial statewide work priorities with a  
9 recommended budget for salmon recovery pursuant to RCW  
10 77.85.030(4)(e) that align with tribal priorities and regional salmon  
11 recovery plans. The office shall submit the biennial implementation  
12 plan to the governor's office and the office of financial management  
13 no later than October 31, 2026.

14 (5) \$1,714,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$1,714,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for operational and  
17 administrative support of lead entities and salmon recovery regions.

18 (6) \$170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a grant to a nonprofit  
21 organization with a mission for salmon and steelhead restoration to  
22 install and store near-term solutions to prevent steelhead mortality  
23 at the Hood canal bridge.

24 (7) The office must report to and coordinate with the department  
25 of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act  
26 accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
27 173-446B WAC.

28 NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 306.      FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE**  
29 **HEARINGS OFFICE**

30	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$4,315,000
31	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$4,338,000
32	Climate Investment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$100,000
33	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
34	Appropriation. . . . .	\$267,000
35	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$9,020,000

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

1 (1) \$164,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026, \$379,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027, and \$100,000 of the climate investment account—  
4 state appropriation are provided solely for the agency to hire staff  
5 to respond to increased caseloads, including appeals as a result of  
6 the climate commitment act, chapter 316, Laws of 2021.

7 (2) The office must report to and coordinate with the department  
8 of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act  
9 accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
10 173-446B WAC.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 307. FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

12	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$16,993,000
13	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$16,919,000
14	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,482,000
15	Natural Climate Solutions Account—State	
16	Appropriation. . . . .	\$8,641,000
17	Public Works Assistance Account—State Appropriation. . .	\$10,726,000
18	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
19	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,110,000
20	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$56,871,000

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

23 (1) \$4,000,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
24 appropriation is provided solely to the commission to work with  
25 conservation districts to implement priority forest health and  
26 community wildfire resilience projects.

27 (2) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to connect scientists,  
30 practitioners, and researchers and coordinate efforts to monitor and  
31 quantify benefits of best management practices on agricultural lands,  
32 and better understand values and motivations of landowners to  
33 implement voluntary incentive programs.

34 (3) \$10,726,000 of the public works assistance account—state  
35 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of the voluntary  
36 stewardship program. This amount may not be used to fund agency  
37 indirect and administrative expenses.

1 (4) The commission must report to and coordinate with the  
2 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
3 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
4 173-446B WAC.

5 (5) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to fulfill the statutory  
8 requirement to provide grants, through a partnership with their local  
9 conservation district, to eligible farmers and ranchers who suffer  
10 losses from natural disasters.

11 (6) \$1,400,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
12 appropriation are provided solely to increase native tree and shrub  
13 availability for riparian restoration projects under the governor's  
14 salmon strategy.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 308. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

16	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$194,240,000
17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$184,883,000
18	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$173,010,000
19	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$77,079,000
20	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,565,000
21	Natural Climate Solutions Account—State	
22	Appropriation. . . . .	\$7,304,000
23	ORV and Nonhighway Vehicle Account—State	
24	Appropriation. . . . .	\$558,000
25	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	
26	Appropriation. . . . .	\$14,737,000
27	Recreational Fisheries Enhancement Account—State	
28	Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,885,000
29	Warm Water Game Fish Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,116,000
30	Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Account—	
31	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$396,000
32	Limited Fish and Wildlife Account—State	
33	Appropriation. . . . .	\$38,451,000
34	Special Wildlife Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,945,000
35	Special Wildlife Account—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$532,000
36	Special Wildlife Account—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,864,000
37	Wildlife Rehabilitation Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$361,000
38	Ballast Water and Biofouling Management Account—	

1	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$10,000
2	Regional Fisheries Enhancement Salmonid Recovery	
3	Account—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,001,000
4	Oil Spill Prevention Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,345,000
5	Aquatic Invasive Species Management Account—State	
6	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,038,000
7	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
8	Appropriation. . . . .	\$9,831,000
9	Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account—State	
10	Appropriation. . . . .	\$91,777,000
11	Oyster Reserve Land Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$524,000
12	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$818,452,000

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

15 (1) \$1,777,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$1,777,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to grant to the northwest Indian  
18 fisheries commission for hatchery operations that are prioritized to  
19 increase prey abundance for southern resident orcas, including  
20 \$200,000 per fiscal year for tagging and marking costs, and the  
21 remainder to grant to tribes in the following amounts per fiscal  
22 year: \$150,000 for the Quinault Indian Nation, \$199,000 for the  
23 Tulalip Tribes, \$268,000 for the Quileute Tribe, \$186,000 for the  
24 Puyallup Tribe, \$122,000 for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, \$25,000  
25 for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, \$207,000 for the Squaxin Island  
26 Tribe, \$142,000 for the Skokomish Indian Tribe, and \$278,000 for the  
27 Lummi Nation.

28 (2) \$330,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$330,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to provide to  
31 the Yakama Nation for hatchery operations that are prioritized to  
32 increase prey abundance for southern resident orcas.

33 (3) \$175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to grant to public utility  
36 districts for additional hatchery production that is prioritized to  
37 increase prey abundance for southern resident orcas.

38 (4) \$467,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026 and \$467,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to pay for emergency fire  
2 suppression costs. These amounts may not be used to fund agency  
3 indirect and administrative expenses.

4 (5) \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a state match to support the  
7 Puget Sound nearshore partnership between the department and the  
8 United States army corps of engineers.

9 (6) \$6,082,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 and \$6,082,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to implement  
12 eradication and control measures on European green crabs through  
13 coordination and grants with partner organizations. The department  
14 must provide annual progress reports on the success and challenges of  
15 the measures to the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
16 September 15th of each fiscal year.

17 (7) (a) \$390,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2026 and \$390,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
19 for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to develop conflict  
20 mitigation strategies for wolf recovery and staff resources statewide  
21 for response to wolf-livestock conflicts. The department shall not  
22 hire contract range riders in northeast Washington unless there is a  
23 gap in coverage from entities funded through the northeast Washington  
24 wolf-livestock management grant program as provided in RCW 16.76.020.  
25 The department must focus on facilitating coordination with other  
26 entities providing conflict deterrence, including range riding, and  
27 technical assistance to livestock producers in order to minimize  
28 wolf-livestock issues. The department is discouraged from the use of  
29 firearms from helicopters for removing wolves.

30 (b) Of the amounts provided in (a) of this subsection, \$200,000  
31 shall be used to implement a conflict mitigation pilot program in  
32 Southeast Washington in partnership with projects guarding the  
33 respective interests of predators and humans.

34 (8) \$639,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$639,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to provide  
37 additional capacity to the attorney general's office to prosecute  
38 environmental crimes. The department must provide an annual report by  
39 December 1st of each year, to the appropriate committees of the

1 legislature, on the progress made in prosecuting environmental  
2 crimes.

3 (9) \$810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for expanded management of  
6 pinniped populations on the lower Columbia river and its tributaries  
7 with the goal of increasing chinook salmon abundance and prey  
8 availability for southern resident orcas.

9 (10) \$6,042,000 of the model toxics control operating account—  
10 state appropriation is provided solely to continue and increase the  
11 capacity to analyze salmon contaminants of emerging concern (CEC),  
12 including substances such as 6PPD-quinone, per- and polyfluoroalkyl  
13 substances (PFAS), and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in already  
14 collected tissue samples. This research will accelerate recovery and  
15 protection by identifying the location and sources of CEC exposure.

16 (11) \$130,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$130,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for an external facilitator to  
19 seek solutions through a collaborative process using the department's  
20 wolf advisory group.

21 (12) \$822,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$822,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to monitor recreational  
24 steelhead spawning and harvest in freshwater streams and rivers in  
25 Puget Sound.

26 (13) \$825,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
27 year 2026 and \$825,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue the assessment of  
29 riparian ecosystems. The assessment must include identifying common  
30 statewide definitions of terms for riparian usage, recommendations to  
31 improve data sharing, and identifying any gaps in vegetated cover  
32 relative to a science-based standard for a fully functioning riparian  
33 ecosystem and comparing the status and gaps to water temperature  
34 impairments, known fish passage barriers, and status of salmonid  
35 stocks.

36 (14) \$285,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026 and \$285,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to manage electronic tracked



1 crab fishery gear to avoid whale entanglements during their migration  
2 in accordance with the endangered species act incidental take permit.

3 (15) \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue operations of the  
6 Toutle and Skamania hatcheries.

7 (16) \$492,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026, \$492,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027, and \$3,400,000 of the natural climate solutions  
10 account—state appropriation are provided solely to create a statewide  
11 data management system with the department of natural resources and  
12 the state parks and recreation commission to make informed management  
13 decisions that meet conservation goals for public lands. The agencies  
14 will also collaborate with tribal governments to ensure cultural  
15 resources and cultural practices are considered and incorporated into  
16 agency management plans. The natural climate solutions account—state  
17 appropriation is provided solely for tribal participation grants,  
18 which the agency must partner with the governor's office of Indian  
19 affairs to develop and administer. The governor's office of Indian  
20 affairs will select grantees and determine award amounts.

21 (17) \$1,200,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
22 appropriation is provided solely to reduce severe wildfire risk and  
23 increase forest resiliency through fuels reduction, thinning, fuel  
24 break creation, and prescribed burning on agency lands. The amounts  
25 provided in this subsection may not be used to fund agency indirect  
26 and administrative expenses.

27 (18) \$13,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2026 and \$13,000,000 of the general fund—state  
29 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
30 protection, recovery, and restoration of biodiversity, the recovery  
31 of threatened and endangered species, and a review of the department  
32 of fish and wildlife. Examples include habitat protection and  
33 restoration, technical assistance for growth management act planning,  
34 fish passage improvements, conservation education, scientific  
35 research for species and ecosystem protection, and similar  
36 activities. Funding in this subsection may include pass-throughs to  
37 public, nonprofit, academic, or tribal entities for the purposes of  
38 this subsection.

1 (19) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
2 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
3 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
4 173-446B WAC.

5 (20) \$1,175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,175,000 of the general fund—state  
7 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
8 department to continue to restore shrubsteppe habitat and associated  
9 wildlife on public lands as well as private lands by landowners who  
10 are willing to participate. The restoration effort must be  
11 coordinated with other natural resource agencies and interested  
12 stakeholders.

13 (21) \$3,750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2026 and \$3,750,000 of the general fund—state  
15 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue to  
16 address the maintenance backlog associated with providing recreation  
17 on lands managed by the department. Allowable uses include, but are  
18 not limited to, maintenance, repair, or replacement of trails, toilet  
19 facilities, roads, parking lots, campgrounds, picnic sites, water  
20 access areas, signs, kiosks, and gates. The department is encouraged  
21 to partner with nonprofit organizations in the maintenance of public  
22 lands.

23 (22) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to increase  
26 the work of regional fisheries enhancement groups.

27 (23) \$2,966,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for habitat recovery and  
29 restoration work on agency owned and managed lands damaged from  
30 wildfires.

31 (24) \$1,866,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2026, \$584,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
33 for fiscal year 2027, \$1,219,000 of the general fund—federal  
34 appropriation, \$513,000 of the general fund—private/local  
35 appropriation, \$5,000 of the ORV and nonhighway vehicle account—state  
36 appropriation, \$104,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement account—  
37 state appropriation, \$22,000 of the warm water game fish account—  
38 state appropriation, \$5,000 of the eastern Washington pheasant  
39 enhancement account—state appropriation, \$271,000 of the limited fish

1 and wildlife account—state appropriation, \$21,000 of the special  
2 wildlife account—state appropriation, \$9,000 of the oil spill  
3 prevention account—state appropriation, \$56,000 of the model toxics  
4 control operating account—state appropriation, and \$634,000 of the  
5 fish, wildlife, and conservation account—state appropriation, are  
6 provided solely to procure a human resource management system. The  
7 agency will evaluate and prioritize management systems that have the  
8 capability to track and manage volunteer safety training  
9 requirements. A letter must be sent to the director of the office of  
10 financial management explaining the rationale if the agency selects a  
11 technical solution that is not able to support management of  
12 volunteer training requirements. The project is subject to the  
13 conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701 of  
14 this act.

15 (25) \$1,810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2026, \$1,810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
17 for fiscal year 2027, and \$3,262,000 of the general fund—private/  
18 local appropriation are provided solely for monitoring and response  
19 efforts for invasive quagga mussels. Possible activities include  
20 coordination with tribal, federal, regional, state, and local  
21 entities, watercraft inspections and decontamination, equipment and  
22 training, monitoring of potential residential and commercial  
23 pathways, and public outreach.

24 (26) \$1,150,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
25 appropriation and \$530,000 of the natural climate solutions account—  
26 state appropriation are provided solely for increasing management  
27 planning capacity for habitat connectivity and to achieve meaningful  
28 greenhouse gas emissions reduction through energy efficiency  
29 projects.

30 (27) \$121,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$89,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a hatchery conservation  
33 program to address critical salmon recovery needs for west Kitsap  
34 summer chum salmon in the Hood Canal.

35 (28) \$113,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$113,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional microbiology  
38 laboratory capacity to support hatchery fish health services.

1 (29) \$318,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$318,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for regional staffing capacity  
4 to support the anticipated increase in permitting associated with  
5 implementing the new rules associated with the fishways, flow, and  
6 screening statutes.

7 (30) \$1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2026 and \$978,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
9 for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to implement response  
10 efforts to chronic wasting disease in accordance with the chronic  
11 wasting disease management plan.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 309. FOR THE PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP**

13	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$8,878,000
14	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$8,853,000
15	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$32,294,000
16	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	
17	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,522,000
18	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
19	Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,378,000
20	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$52,925,000

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

23 (1) By October 15, 2026, the Puget Sound partnership shall  
24 provide the governor and appropriate legislative fiscal committees a  
25 single, prioritized list of state agency 2027-2029 capital and  
26 operating budget requests related to Puget Sound recovery and  
27 restoration.

28 (2) \$350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the partnership to implement  
31 shipping noise reduction initiatives and monitoring programs in the  
32 Puget Sound, in coordination with Canadian and United States  
33 authorities. The partnership must contract with Washington maritime  
34 blue in order to establish and administer the quiet sound program to  
35 better understand and reduce the cumulative effects of acoustic and  
36 physical disturbance from large commercial vessels on southern  
37 resident orcas throughout their range in Washington state. Washington  
38 maritime blue will support a quiet sound leadership committee and

1 work groups that include relevant federal and state agencies, ports,  
2 industry, research institutions, and nongovernmental organizations  
3 and consult early and often with relevant federally recognized  
4 tribes.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 310. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$187,892,000
7	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$187,537,000
8	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$117,557,000
9	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,776,000
10	Access Road Revolving Nonappropriated Account—State	
11	Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,248,000
12	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$7,083,000
13	Derelict Structure Removal Account—State	
14	Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,605,000
15	Forest Development Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$59,255,000
16	Forest Fire Protection Assessment Nonappropriated	
17	Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$492,000
18	Forest Health Revolving Nonappropriated Account—	
19	State Appropriation . . . . .	\$578,000
20	Natural Climate Solutions Account—State	
21	Appropriation . . . . .	\$14,880,000
22	Natural Resources Federal Lands Revolving	
23	Nonappropriated Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$108,000
24	ORV and Nonhighway Vehicle Account—State	
25	Appropriation . . . . .	\$8,182,000
26	State Forest Nursery Revolving Nonappropriated	
27	Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$194,000
28	Surveys and Maps Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,406,000
29	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	
30	Appropriation . . . . .	\$23,409,000
31	Resource Management Cost Account—State Appropriation . .	\$126,129,000
32	Surface Mining Reclamation Account—State	
33	Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,696,000
34	Disaster Response Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$23,966,000
35	Forest and Fish Support Account—State Appropriation . . .	\$14,424,000
36	Aquatic Land Dredged Material Disposal Site Account—	
37	State Appropriation . . . . .	\$395,000
38	Natural Resources Conservation Areas Stewardship	

1	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$58,000
2	Forest Practices Application Account—State	
3	Appropriation. . . . .	\$2,166,000
4	Air Pollution Control Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$949,000
5	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
6	Appropriation. . . . .	\$966,000
7	Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community	
8	Resilience Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$124,629,000
9	Derelict Vessel Removal Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$10,646,000
10	Community Forest Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$52,000
11	Agricultural College Trust Management Account—State	
12	Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,615,000
13	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$931,893,000

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

16 (1) \$2,823,000 of the forest and fish support account—state  
17 appropriation is provided solely for the department to carry out the  
18 forest practices adaptive management program pursuant to RCW  
19 76.09.370 and the May 24, 2012, settlement agreement entered into by  
20 the department and the department of ecology. Scientific research  
21 must be carried out according to the master project schedule and work  
22 plan of cooperative monitoring, evaluation, and research priorities  
23 adopted by the forest practices board. This amount is dependent upon  
24 enactment of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0258.1/25) (surcharge on  
25 timber and wood products). If the bill is not enacted by June 30,  
26 2025, the amount provided in this subsection shall lapse.

27 (2) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the small forest landowner  
30 office, in order to restore staffing capacity reduced during the  
31 great recession and to support small forest landowners, including  
32 assistance related to forest and fish act regulations.

33 (3) \$1,583,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$1,515,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for deposit into the  
36 agricultural college trust management account and are provided solely  
37 to manage approximately 70,700 acres of Washington State University's  
38 agricultural college trust lands.

1 (4) \$85,320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026, \$85,320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
3 for fiscal year 2027, and \$16,050,000 of the disaster response  
4 account—state appropriation are provided solely for emergency  
5 response, including fire suppression. The department shall provide a  
6 monthly report to the office of financial management and the  
7 appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature with an  
8 update of fire suppression costs incurred and the number and type of  
9 wildfires suppressed.

10 (5) \$9,854,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026, \$9,854,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2027, and \$330,000 of the disaster response account—state  
13 appropriation are provided solely for indirect and administrative  
14 expenses related to fire suppression.

15 (6) \$5,500,000 of the forest and fish support account—state  
16 appropriation is provided solely for outcome-based performance  
17 contracts with tribes to participate in the implementation of the  
18 forest practices program. Contracts awarded may only contain indirect  
19 costs set at or below the rate in the contracting tribe's indirect  
20 cost agreement with the federal government. Of the amount provided in  
21 this subsection, \$500,000 is contingent upon receipts under RCW  
22 82.04.261 exceeding \$12,000,000 per biennium. If receipts under RCW  
23 82.04.261 are more than \$12,000,000 but less than \$12,500,000 for the  
24 biennium, an amount equivalent to the difference between actual  
25 receipts and \$12,500,000 shall lapse.

26 (7) Consistent with the recommendations of the *Wildfire*  
27 *Suppression Funding and Costs (18-02)* report of the joint legislative  
28 audit and review committee, the department shall submit a report to  
29 the governor and legislature by December 1, 2025, and December 1,  
30 2026, describing the previous fire season. At a minimum, the report  
31 shall provide information for each wildfire in the state, including  
32 its location, impact by type of land ownership, the extent it  
33 involved timber or range lands, cause, size, costs, and cost-share  
34 with federal agencies and nonstate partners. The report must also be  
35 posted on the agency's website.

36 (8) \$4,206,000 of the aquatic land enhancement account—state  
37 appropriation is provided solely for the removal of creosote pilings  
38 and debris from the marine environment and to continue monitoring  
39 zooplankton and eelgrass beds on state-owned aquatic lands managed by

1 the department. Actions will address recommendations to recover the  
2 southern resident orca population and to monitor ocean acidification  
3 as well as help implement the Puget Sound action agenda.

4 (9) \$286,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$286,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for compensation to the trust  
7 beneficiaries and department for lost revenue from leases to amateur  
8 radio operators who use space on the department managed radio towers  
9 for their equipment. The department is authorized to lease sites at  
10 the rate of up to \$100 per year, per site, per lessee. The  
11 legislature makes this appropriation to fulfill the remaining costs  
12 of the leases at market rate per RCW 79.13.510.

13 (10) \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state  
15 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
16 department to collect and refresh statewide lidar data.

17 (11) \$1,350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,350,000 of the general fund—state  
19 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for increased  
20 law enforcement capacity on agency managed lands, to develop a  
21 statewide recreation plan, and to jointly create a statewide data  
22 management system with the Washington department of fish and wildlife  
23 and the state parks and recreation commission to make informed  
24 management decisions that meet conservation goals for public lands.  
25 The agencies will also collaborate with tribal governments to ensure  
26 cultural resources and cultural practices are considered and  
27 incorporated into agency management plans.

28 (12) \$9,448,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
29 appropriation is provided solely for investment in urban forestry to  
30 support reduction of negative environmental conditions such as heat,  
31 flooding, and pollution and helping communities become greener,  
32 cleaner, healthier, and more resilient.

33 (13) \$1,830,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
34 appropriation is provided solely for the department to make  
35 investments in education and training to bolster a statewide natural  
36 resources workforce to support the health and resilience of  
37 Washington's forests. Of this amount, \$400,000 is provided solely to  
38 provide wildland fire management training to tribal communities and  
39 members.



1 (14) \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026, \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
3 for fiscal year 2027, and \$1,581,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement  
4 account—state appropriation are provided solely for full-time and  
5 seasonal crews from the Washington conservation corps and other corps  
6 programs to conduct work benefiting the management of state managed  
7 lands, including aquatic reserves management, natural areas  
8 restoration and conservation, trail work, and forest resiliency  
9 activities as well as other recreation and habitat projects with  
10 agency partners.

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

15 (16) \$458,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$458,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the department to coordinate  
18 with the Olympic natural resources center to study emerging ecosystem  
19 threats such as Swiss needlecast disease, fully implement the T3  
20 watershed experiments on state trust lands, continue field trials for  
21 long-term ecosystem productivity, and engage stakeholders through  
22 learning-based collaboration.

23 (17) \$3,750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
24 fiscal year 2026 and \$3,750,000 of the general fund—state  
25 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue to  
26 address the maintenance backlog associated with providing recreation  
27 on lands managed by the department. Allowable uses include, but are  
28 not limited to, maintenance, repair, or replacement of trails, toilet  
29 facilities, roads, parking lots, campgrounds, picnic sites, water  
30 access areas, signs, kiosks, and gates. The department is encouraged  
31 to partner with nonprofit organizations in the maintenance of public  
32 lands.

33 (18) \$2,543,000 of the aquatic lands enhancement account—state  
34 appropriation is provided solely for the department to implement  
35 eradication and control measures on European green crabs on state-  
36 owned aquatic lands and adjacent lands as appropriate. The department  
37 must report to and coordinate with the department of fish and  
38 wildlife to support the department of fish and wildlife's quarterly  
39 progress reports to the legislature.

1 (19) The department must enter into an interagency agreement with  
2 the department of fish and wildlife to complete biological survey  
3 work necessary to implement the wildstock geoduck commercial fishery.  
4 The department must compensate the department of fish and wildlife  
5 for direct costs, but not for agency overhead or indirect costs.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 311. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

7	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$102,029,000
8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$98,511,000
9	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$48,592,000
10	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation . . . . .	\$193,000
11	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
12	(FY 2026) . . . . .	\$1,484,000
13	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
14	(FY 2027) . . . . .	\$1,484,000
15	Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account—State	
16	Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,000,000
17	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	
18	Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,943,000
19	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,759,000
20	Water Quality Permit Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$73,000
21	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
22	Appropriation . . . . .	\$14,743,000
23	Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Management	
24	Nonappropriated Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$912,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$278,723,000

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

28 (1) \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for local food system  
31 infrastructure and market access grants.

32 (2) \$4,761,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$4,761,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementing a *Popillia*  
35 *japonica* monitoring and eradication program in central Washington.

36 (3) \$46,625,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2026 and \$46,625,000 of the general fund—state

1 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
2 implementing the emergency food assistance program as defined in RCW  
3 43.23.290.

4 (4) \$912,000 of the northeast Washington wolf-livestock  
5 management nonappropriated account—state appropriation is provided  
6 solely for the department to conduct the following:

7 (a) Offer grants for the northeast Washington wolf-livestock  
8 management program as provided in RCW 16.76.020. Funds from the grant  
9 program must be used only for the deployment of nonlethal deterrence,  
10 specifically with the goal to reduce the likelihood of cattle being  
11 injured or killed by wolves by deploying proactive, preventative  
12 methods that have a high probability of producing effective results.  
13 Grant proposals will be assessed partially on this intent. Grantees  
14 who use funds for range riders or herd monitoring must deploy this  
15 tool in a manner so that targeted areas with cattle are visited daily  
16 or near daily. Grantees must collaborate with other grantees of the  
17 program and other entities providing prevention efforts resulting in  
18 coordinated wolf-livestock conflict deterrence efforts, both  
19 temporally and spatially, therefore providing well timed and placed  
20 preventative coverage on the landscape. Additionally, range riders  
21 must document their activities with GPS track logs and provide  
22 written description of their efforts to the department of fish and  
23 wildlife on a monthly basis. The department shall incorporate the  
24 requirements of this subsection into contract language with the  
25 grantees.

26 (b) Within the amounts provided in this subsection, the  
27 department may provide up to \$100,000 each fiscal year to the  
28 sheriffs offices of Ferry and Stevens counties for providing a local  
29 wildlife specialist to aid the department of fish and wildlife in the  
30 management of wolves in northeast Washington.

31 (5) \$849,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state  
32 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$849,000 of the dedicated  
33 cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are  
34 provided solely for implementation of chapter 135, Laws of 2022,  
35 which requires the department to establish and maintain cannabis  
36 testing lab quality standards by rule.

37 (6) \$2,038,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
38 appropriation is provided solely for organic materials management.

1 (7) \$1,492,000 of the model toxics control operating account—  
2 state appropriation is provided solely to increase capacity and  
3 support work to reduce nitrate pollution in groundwater from  
4 irrigated agriculture in the lower Yakima valley.

5 (8) \$924,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026, \$924,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027, and \$1,400,000 of the general fund—federal  
8 appropriation are provided solely to match federal funding for  
9 eradication treatments and follow-up monitoring of invasive moths.

10 (9) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue the early detection  
13 program for the spotted lanternfly and the associated invasive  
14 *Ailanthus altissima*, known colloquially as tree-of-heaven, survey and  
15 control programs.

16 (10) The department must report to and coordinate with the  
17 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
18 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
19 173-446B WAC.

20 (11) \$170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$170,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue a shellfish  
23 coordinator position.

24 (12) \$635,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—state  
25 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$635,000 of the dedicated  
26 cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are  
27 provided solely for compliance-based laboratory analysis of  
28 pesticides in cannabis.

29 (13) \$692,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
30 appropriation is provided solely for capacity to address core needs  
31 of provisions of the healthy environment for all act.

32 (14) \$553,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$158,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to ensure compliance with the  
35 federal food and drug administration's food safety modernization act  
36 as the agency adjusts fee schedules to accommodate the increased  
37 inspection workload.

38 (15) \$1,786,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
39 appropriation is provided solely to support planning and development

1 of statewide livestock composting infrastructure to protect human  
2 health and reduce greenhouse gas emission.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 312. FOR THE ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION**  
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5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$1,825,000
6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$1,779,000
7	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$6,236,000
8	Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Account—	
9	Private/Local Appropriation . . . . .	\$28,264,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$38,104,000

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

13 (1) \$1,068,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
14 appropriation is provided solely to support agency operations and to  
15 hire additional environmental siting and compliance positions needed  
16 to support an anticipated workload increase from new clean energy  
17 projects.

18 (2) \$1,034,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
19 appropriation is provided solely for preapplication development and  
20 clean energy manufacturing review, reimbursement to tribes for costs  
21 associated with clean energy project application reviews, and  
22 contracted services for green hydrogen and clean energy manufacturing  
23 programs.

24 (3) The council must report to and coordinate with the department  
25 of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment act  
26 accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
27 173-446B WAC.

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**PART IV**  
**TRANSPORTATION**

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 401. 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
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$63,723,000</b>

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. 402. 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

1	Disaster Response Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$8,000,000
2	Fire Service Training Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$13,987,000
3	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
4	Appropriation. . . . .	\$596,000
5	Fingerprint Identification Account—State	
6	Appropriation. . . . .	\$15,553,000
7	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$250,325,000

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

10       (1)   \$7,500,000 of the disaster response account—state  
11 appropriation is provided solely for Washington state fire service  
12 resource mobilization costs incurred in response to an emergency or  
13 disaster authorized under RCW 43.43.960 through 43.43.964. The state  
14 patrol shall submit a report quarterly to the office of financial  
15 management and the legislative fiscal committees detailing  
16 information on current and planned expenditures from this account.  
17 This work shall be done in coordination with the military department.

18       (2)   \$500,000 of the disaster response account—state  
19 appropriation, is provided solely to continue a pilot project for the  
20 early deployment or repositioning of Washington state fire service  
21 resources in advance of an expected mobilization event. Any  
22 authorization for the deployment of resources under this section must  
23 be authorized in accordance with section 6 of the Washington state  
24 fire services resource mobilization plan.

25       (3)   \$1,000,000 of the fire service training account—state  
26 appropriation is provided solely for the firefighter apprenticeship  
27 training program.

28       (4)   \$1,809,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$51,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for procurement of a Pilatus  
31 PC-12 aircraft and an infrared camera.

32       (5)   Any funds provided to the missing and exploited children task  
33 force shall ensure operations are adherent to federally established  
34 internet crimes against children standards.

35       (6) (a) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
37 for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state  
38 patrol to provide assistance to the forensic investigation council  
39 for the following:

1 (i) Compliance with chapter 42.56 RCW (public records act),  
2 chapter 42.30 RCW (open public meetings act), records management  
3 requirements, general administrative support, and payment processing;  
4 (ii) In coordination with Washington technology solutions, the  
5 creation and maintenance of a website for the forensic investigation  
6 council; and  
7 (iii) In coordination with Washington technology solutions, state  
8 email addresses for the forensic investigation council.  
9 (b) To provide this assistance, the Washington state patrol may  
10 assist directly or may enter into interagency agreements as it deems  
11 appropriate.

(End of part)



**PART V**  
**EDUCATION**

NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 501.**      **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.

1 (ii) Districts shall annually report to the office of the  
2 superintendent of public instruction on: (A) The annual number of  
3 graduating high school seniors within the district earning the  
4 Washington state seal of biliteracy provided in RCW 28A.300.575; and  
5 (B) the number of high school students earning competency-based high  
6 school credits for world languages by demonstrating proficiency in a  
7 language other than English. The office of the superintendent of  
8 public instruction shall provide a summary report to the office of  
9 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
10 December 1st of each year.

11 (iii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction  
12 shall perform ongoing program reviews of alternative learning  
13 experience programs, dropout reengagement programs, and other high  
14 risk programs. Findings from the program reviews will be used to  
15 support and prioritize the office of the superintendent of public  
16 instruction outreach and education efforts that assist school  
17 districts in implementing the programs in accordance with statute and  
18 legislative intent, as well as to support financial and performance  
19 audit work conducted by the office of the state auditor.

20 (b) \$826,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$804,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of  
23 chapter 240, Laws of 2010, including staffing the office of equity  
24 and civil rights.

25 (c) \$61,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$61,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the ongoing work of the  
28 education opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.

29 (d) \$293,000 of the Washington opportunity pathways account—state  
30 appropriation is provided solely for activities related to public  
31 schools other than common schools authorized under chapter 28A.710  
32 RCW.

33 (e) \$385,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$385,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of native  
36 education to increase services to tribes, including but not limited  
37 to, providing assistance to tribes and school districts to implement  
38 Since Time Immemorial, applying to become tribal compact schools,  
39 convening the Washington state native American education advisory

1 committee, and extending professional learning opportunities to  
2 provide instruction in tribal history, culture, and government. The  
3 professional development must be done in collaboration with school  
4 district administrators and school directors. Funding in this  
5 subsection is sufficient for the office, the Washington state school  
6 directors' association government-to-government task force, and the  
7 association of educational service districts to collaborate with the  
8 tribal leaders congress on education to develop a tribal consultation  
9 training and schedule.

10 (f) Districts shall report to the office the results of each  
11 collective bargaining agreement for certificated staff within their  
12 district using a uniform template as required by the superintendent,  
13 within thirty days of finalizing contracts. The data must include but  
14 is not limited to: Minimum and maximum base salaries, supplemental  
15 salary information, and average percent increase for all certificated  
16 instructional staff. Within existing resources by December 1st of  
17 each year, the office shall produce a report for the legislative  
18 evaluation and accountability program committee summarizing the  
19 district level collective bargaining agreement data.

20 (g) \$1,172,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$1,164,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for providing proactive and  
23 solutions-oriented regional and local technical and financial  
24 assistance to districts.

25 (2) DATA SYSTEMS

26 (a) \$1,802,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
27 year 2026 and \$1,802,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementing a comprehensive  
29 data system to include financial, student, and educator data,  
30 including development and maintenance of the comprehensive education  
31 data and research system (CEDARS).

32 (b) \$281,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$281,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for K-20 telecommunications  
35 network technical support in the K-12 sector to prevent system  
36 failures and avoid interruptions in school utilization of the data  
37 processing and video-conferencing capabilities of the network. These  
38 funds may be used to purchase engineering and advanced technical  
39 support for the network.

1 (c) \$450,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$450,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the superintendent of public  
4 instruction to develop and implement a statewide accountability  
5 system to address absenteeism and to improve student graduation  
6 rates. The system must use data to engage schools and districts in  
7 identifying successful strategies and systems that are based on  
8 federal and state accountability measures. Funding may also support  
9 the effort to provide assistance about successful strategies and  
10 systems to districts and schools that are underperforming in the  
11 targeted student subgroups.

12 (3) WORK GROUPS

13 (a) \$68,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026 and \$68,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
16 128, Laws of 2023 (regional apprenticeship prgs).

17 (b) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
18 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
19 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
20 superintendent of public instruction to meet statutory obligations  
21 related to the provision of medically and scientifically accurate,  
22 age-appropriate, and inclusive sexual health education as authorized  
23 by chapter 206, Laws of 1988 (AIDS omnibus act) and chapter 265, Laws  
24 of 2007 (healthy youth act).

25 (c) \$118,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$118,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
28 75, Laws of 2018 (dyslexia).

29 (d) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
32 386, Laws of 2019 (social emotional learning).

33 (e) \$107,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$107,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to support the  
36 children and youth behavioral health work group created in chapter  
37 130, Laws of 2020 (child. mental health wk. grp).

38 (4) STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

1 (a) \$2,836,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$2,836,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington kindergarten  
4 inventory of developing skills. State funding shall support statewide  
5 administration and district implementation of the inventory under RCW  
6 28A.655.080.

7 (b) \$703,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$703,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
10 72, Laws of 2016 (educational opportunity gap).

11 (c) \$950,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$950,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington reading  
14 corps. The superintendent shall allocate reading corps members to  
15 schools identified for comprehensive or targeted support and school  
16 districts that are implementing comprehensive, proven, research-based  
17 reading programs. Two or more schools may combine their Washington  
18 reading corps programs.

19 (d) \$260,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026 and \$260,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for chapter 102, Laws of 2014  
22 (biliteracy seal) and chapter 202, Laws of 2024 (dual and tribal  
23 language edu.). Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$250,000  
24 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and  
25 \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027  
26 are provided solely for the office to provide students with access to  
27 methods for students to demonstrate proficiency in less commonly  
28 taught or assessed languages.

29 (e) (i) \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for school bullying and  
32 harassment prevention activities.

33 (ii) \$570,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$570,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
36 superintendent of public instruction to provide statewide support and  
37 coordination for the regional network of behavioral health, school  
38 safety, and threat assessment established in chapter 333, Laws of  
39 2019 (school safety and well-being).

1 (iii) \$196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the school safety center  
4 within the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

5 (f) \$162,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$162,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for youth suicide prevention  
8 activities.

9 (g)(i) \$530,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2026, \$530,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
11 for fiscal year 2027, \$639,000 of the dedicated cannabis account—  
12 state appropriation for fiscal year 2026, and \$654,000 of the  
13 dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027  
14 are provided solely for dropout prevention, intervention, and  
15 reengagement programs, dropout prevention programs that provide  
16 student mentoring, and the building bridges statewide program. The  
17 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall convene  
18 staff representatives from high schools to meet and share best  
19 practices for dropout prevention. Of these amounts, the entire  
20 dedicated cannabis account—state appropriation is provided solely for  
21 the building bridges statewide program and for grants to districts  
22 for life skills training for children and youth in K-12.

23 (ii) \$293,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026 and \$293,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
26 superintendent of public instruction to support district  
27 implementation of comprehensive guidance and planning programs in  
28 support of high-quality high school and beyond plans consistent with  
29 RCW 28A.230.090.

30 (h) \$269,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$142,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
33 353, Laws of 2020 (innovative learning pilot).

34 (i) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
37 superintendent of public instruction to provide statewide  
38 coordination towards multicultural, culturally responsive, and anti-  
39 racist education to support academically, socially, and culturally

1 literate learners. The office must engage community members and key  
2 interested parties to:

3 (i) Develop a clear definition and framework for African American  
4 studies to guide instruction in grades seven through twelve;

5 (ii) Develop a plan for aligning African American studies across  
6 all content areas; and

7 (iii) Identify professional development opportunities for  
8 educators and administrators to build capacity in creating high-  
9 quality learning environments centered in belonging and racial  
10 equity, anti-racist approaches, and asset-based methodologies that  
11 pull from all students' cultural funds of knowledge.

12 (j) \$1,226,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$1,226,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
15 164, Laws of 2021 (institutional ed./release).

16 (k) \$553,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$553,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
19 superintendent of public instruction to develop and implement a  
20 mathematics pathways pilot to modernize algebra II. The office should  
21 use research and engage stakeholders to develop a revised and  
22 expanded course.

23 (l) \$3,348,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026 and \$3,348,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the language access  
26 technical assistance program established in chapter 107, Laws of 2022  
27 (language access in schools).

28 (m) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the superintendent to  
31 establish a media literacy and digital citizenship ambassador program  
32 to promote the integration of media literacy and digital citizenship  
33 instruction.

34 (n) \$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to contract with  
37 a nongovernmental agency to coordinate and serve as a fiscal agent  
38 and to cover direct costs of the project education impact workgroup  
39 to achieve educational parity for students experiencing foster care

1 and/or homelessness, consistent with chapter 233, Laws of 2020. The  
2 office must contract with a nongovernmental agency with experience  
3 coordinating administrative and fiscal support for project education  
4 impact.

5 (5) CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING

6 (a) \$919,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
7 appropriation is provided solely for expanding career connected  
8 learning as provided in RCW 28C.30.020.

9 (b) \$960,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
10 appropriation is provided solely for increasing the funding per full-  
11 time equivalent for career launch programs as described in RCW  
12 28A.700.130. In the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, for career launch  
13 enrollment exceeding the funding provided in this subsection, funding  
14 is provided in section 504 of this act.

15 (c) \$1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
18 superintendent of public instruction to administer grants to skill  
19 centers for nursing programs to purchase or upgrade simulation  
20 laboratory equipment.

21 (d) \$2,000,000 fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and  
22 \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
23 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 128, Laws of  
24 2023 (regional apprenticeship prgs). Of the amount provided in this  
25 subsection, \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation is  
26 provided solely for the Marysville school district to collaborate  
27 with Arlington school district, Everett Community College, other  
28 local school districts, local labor unions, local Washington state  
29 apprenticeship and training council registered apprenticeship  
30 programs, and local industry groups to continue the regional  
31 apprenticeship pathways program.

32 (e) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
35 234, Laws of 2024 (tech. ed. core plus programs).

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 502. FOR THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

37	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$3,396,000
38	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$3,326,000



1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$6,722,000

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

4 (1) \$2,194,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$2,209,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are for the operation and expenses of the state  
7 board of education.

8 (2) \$23,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2026 and \$23,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the state board of education  
11 to be a member in the education commission of the states.

12 (3) \$179,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$94,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of House/  
15 Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0042.3/25) (graduation requirements update).  
16 If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amounts provided in  
17 this subsection shall lapse.

18 (4) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to the state board of education  
21 for implementation of mastery-based learning in school district  
22 demonstration sites. The state board of education shall require grant  
23 recipients to report on impacts and participate in a collaborative to  
24 share best practices. The funds must be used for grants to school  
25 districts, charter schools, or state-tribal education compact schools  
26 established under chapter 28A.715 RCW; professional development of  
27 educators; development of a resource suite for school districts  
28 statewide; evaluation of the demonstration project; and  
29 implementation and policy support provided by the state board of  
30 education and other partners. Grants for mastery-based learning may  
31 be made in partnership with private matching funds.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 503. FOR THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS**  
33 **BOARD**

34 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$19,959,000  
35 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$19,970,000  
36 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$39,929,000

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

3 (1) \$2,823,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$2,838,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are for the operation and expenses of the Washington  
6 professional educator standards board including implementation of  
7 chapter 172, Laws of 2017 (educator prep. data/PESB).

8 (2)(a) \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2026 and \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
10 for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to improve  
11 preservice teacher training and funding of alternate routes to  
12 certification programs administered by the professional educator  
13 standards board.

14 (b) Within the amounts provided in this subsection (2), up to  
15 \$496,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026  
16 and up to \$496,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2027 are provided solely for grants to public or private  
18 colleges of education in Washington state to develop models and share  
19 best practices for increasing the classroom teaching experience of  
20 preservice training programs.

21 (3) \$1,001,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$997,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the recruiting Washington  
24 teachers program with priority given to programs that support  
25 bilingual teachers, teachers from populations that are  
26 underrepresented, and English language learners. Of the amounts  
27 provided in this subsection (3), \$500,000 of the general fund—state  
28 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—  
29 state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
30 implementation and expansion of the bilingual educator initiative  
31 pilot project established under RCW 28A.180.120.

32 (4) \$15,535,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2026 and \$15,535,000 of the general fund—state  
34 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
35 implementation of chapter 237, Laws of 2017 (paraeducators). Of the  
36 amounts provided in this subsection: \$14,750,000 of the general fund—  
37 state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$14,873,000 of the  
38 general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided  
39 solely for grants to districts to provide two days of training per

1 school year in the paraeducator certificate program to all  
2 paraeducators. Funds in this subsection are provided solely for  
3 reimbursement to school districts that provide paraeducators with two  
4 days of training in the paraeducator certificate program in each of  
5 the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. Funding provided in this  
6 subsection is sufficient for new paraeducators to receive four days  
7 of training in the paraeducator certificate program during their  
8 first year. School districts receiving grants under this subsection  
9 must prioritize funding toward compensation for paraeducators who  
10 complete the required hours of instruction per school year.

11 NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 504.      FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
12 **INSTRUCTION—FOR GENERAL APPORTIONMENT**

13	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$10,265,087,000
14	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$10,649,661,000
15	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,814,780,000
16	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$22,729,528,000

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

19        (1)(a) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such  
20 funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the  
21 fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

22        (b) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the superintendent  
23 shall allocate general apportionment funding to school districts as  
24 provided in the funding formulas and salary allocations in sections  
25 504 and 505 of this act, excluding (c) of this subsection.

26        (c) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent  
27 shall allocate general apportionment funding to school districts  
28 programs as provided in sections 504 and 505, chapter 297, Laws of  
29 2022, as amended.

30        (d) The enrollment of any district shall be the annual average  
31 number of full-time equivalent students and part-time students as  
32 provided in RCW 28A.150.350, enrolled on the fourth day of school in  
33 September and on the first school day of each month October through  
34 June, including students who are in attendance pursuant to RCW  
35 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 who do not reside within the servicing  
36 school district. Any school district concluding its basic education  
37 program in May must report the enrollment of the last school day held  
38 in May in lieu of a June enrollment.

1 (e) Funding provided in part V of this act is sufficient to  
2 provide each full-time equivalent student with the minimum hours of  
3 instruction required under RCW 28A.150.220.

4 (f) The superintendent shall adopt rules requiring school  
5 districts to report full-time equivalent student enrollment as  
6 provided in RCW 28A.655.210.

7 (2) CERTIFICATED INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF ALLOCATIONS

8 Allocations for certificated instructional staff salaries for the  
9 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years are determined using formula-  
10 generated staff units calculated pursuant to this subsection.

11 (a) Certificated instructional staff units, as defined in RCW  
12 28A.150.410, shall be allocated to reflect the minimum class size  
13 allocations, requirements, and school prototypes assumptions as  
14 provided in RCW 28A.150.260. The superintendent shall make  
15 allocations to school districts based on the district's annual  
16 average full-time equivalent student enrollment in each grade.

17 (b) Additional certificated instructional staff units provided in  
18 this subsection (2) that exceed the minimum requirements in RCW  
19 28A.150.260 are enhancements outside the program of basic education,  
20 except as otherwise provided in this section.

21 (c) (i) The superintendent shall base allocations for each level  
22 of prototypical school, including those at which more than 50 percent  
23 of the students were eligible for free and reduced-price meals in the  
24 prior school year, on the following regular education average class  
25 size of full-time equivalent students per teacher, except as provided  
26 in (c) (ii) of this subsection:

27 General education class size:

28 Grade	RCW 28A.150.260	2025-26	2026-27
		School Year	School Year
29			
30 Grade K		17.00	17.00
31 Grade 1		17.00	17.00
32 Grade 2		17.00	17.00
33 Grade 3		17.00	17.00
34 Grade 4		27.00	27.00
35 Grades 5-6		27.00	27.00
36 Grades 7-8		28.53	28.53
37 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	2026-27
	School Year	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:

1	Prototypical School Building:	
2	Elementary School	1.253
3	Middle School	1.353
4	High School	1.880

5 (b) Students in approved career and technical education and skill  
6 center programs generate certificated school building-level  
7 administrator staff units at per student rates that are a multiple of  
8 the general education rate in (a) of this subsection by the following  
9 factors:

10	Career and Technical Education students. . . . .	1.025
11	Skill Center students. . . . .	1.198

12 (4) CLASSIFIED STAFF ALLOCATIONS

13 Allocations for classified staff units providing school building-  
14 level and district-wide support services for the 2025-26 and 2026-27  
15 school years are determined using the formula-generated staff units  
16 provided in RCW 28A.150.260 and pursuant to this subsection, and  
17 adjusted based on each district's annual average full-time equivalent  
18 student enrollment in each grade.

19 (5) CENTRAL OFFICE ALLOCATIONS

20 In addition to classified and administrative staff units  
21 allocated in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, classified and  
22 administrative staff units are provided for the 2025-26 and 2026-27  
23 school years for the central office administrative costs of operating  
24 a school district, at the following rates:

25 (a) The total central office staff units provided in this  
26 subsection (5) are calculated by first multiplying the total number  
27 of eligible certificated instructional, certificated administrative,  
28 and classified staff units providing school-based or district-wide  
29 support services, as identified in RCW 28A.150.260(6)(b) and the  
30 increased allocations provided pursuant to subsections (2) and (4) of  
31 this section, by 5.3 percent.

32 (b) Of the central office staff units calculated in (a) of this  
33 subsection, 74.53 percent are allocated as classified staff units, as  
34 generated in subsection (4) of this section, and 25.48 percent shall  
35 be allocated as administrative staff units, as generated in  
36 subsection (3) of this section.

1 (c) Staff units generated as enhancements outside the program of  
2 basic education to the minimum requirements of RCW 28A.150.260, and  
3 staff units generated by skill center and career-technical students,  
4 are excluded from the total central office staff units calculation in  
5 (a) of this subsection.

6 (d) For students in approved career-technical and skill center  
7 programs, central office classified units are allocated at the same  
8 staff unit per student rate as those generated for general education  
9 students of the same grade in this subsection (5), and central office  
10 administrative staff units are allocated at staff unit per student  
11 rates that exceed the general education rate established for students  
12 in the same grade in this subsection (5) by 12.41 percent in the  
13 2025-26 school year and 12.42 percent in the 2026-27 school year for  
14 career and technical education students, and 17.74 percent in the  
15 2025-26 school year and 17.75 percent in the 2026-27 school year for  
16 skill center students.

17 (6) FRINGE BENEFIT ALLOCATIONS

18 Fringe benefit allocations shall be calculated at a rate of 17.10  
19 percent in the 2025-26 school year and 17.10 percent in the 2026-27  
20 school year for certificated salary allocations provided under  
21 subsections (2), (3), and (5) of this section, and a rate of 19.30  
22 percent in the 2025-26 school year and 18.30 percent in the 2026-27  
23 school year for classified salary allocations provided under  
24 subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

25 (7) INSURANCE BENEFIT ALLOCATIONS

26 Insurance benefit allocations shall be calculated at the rates  
27 specified in section 506 of this act, based on the number of benefit  
28 units determined as follows: Except for nonrepresented employees of  
29 educational service districts, the number of calculated benefit units  
30 determined below. Calculated benefit units are staff units multiplied  
31 by the benefit allocation factors established in the collective  
32 bargaining agreement referenced in section 910 of this act. These  
33 factors are intended to adjust allocations so that, for the purpose  
34 of distributing insurance benefits, full-time equivalent employees  
35 may be calculated on the basis of 630 hours of work per year, with no  
36 individual employee counted as more than one full-time equivalent.  
37 The number of benefit units is determined as follows:

38 (a) The number of certificated staff units determined in  
39 subsections (2), (3), and (5) of this section multiplied by 1.02; and

1 (b) The number of classified staff units determined in  
2 subsections (4) and (5) of this section multiplied by 1.43.

3 (8) MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND OPERATING COSTS (MSOC) ALLOCATIONS  
4 Funding is allocated per annual average full-time equivalent  
5 student for the materials, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC)  
6 incurred by school districts, consistent with the requirements of RCW  
7 28A.150.260.

8 (a)(i) MSOC funding for general education students are allocated  
9 at the following per student rates:

10 MSOC RATES/STUDENT FTE

12 MSOC Component	2025-26	2026-27
13	School Year	School Year
15 Technology	\$217.63	\$190.50
16 Utilities and Insurance	\$438.43	\$457.93
17 Curriculum and Textbooks	\$167.61	\$175.06
18 Other Supplies	\$332.74	\$347.54
19 Library Materials	\$23.09	\$24.11
20 Instructional Professional Development for Certificated 21 and Classified Staff	\$29.50	\$30.81
22 Facilities Maintenance	\$210.13	\$219.48
23 Security and Central Office	\$149.15	\$155.78
24 TOTAL MSOC/STUDENT FTE	\$1,568.28	\$1,601.21

25 (ii) For the 2025-26 school year and 2026-27 school year, as part  
26 of the budget development, hearing, and review process required by  
27 chapter 28A.505 RCW, each school district must disclose: (A) The  
28 amount of state funding to be received by the district under (a) and  
29 (d) of this subsection (8); (B) the amount the district proposes to  
30 spend for materials, supplies, and operating costs; (C) the  
31 difference between these two amounts; and (D) if (a)(ii)(A) of this  
32 subsection (8) exceeds (a)(ii)(B) of this subsection (8), any  
33 proposed use of this difference and how this use will improve student  
34 achievement.



1 (b) Students in approved skill center programs generate per  
2 student FTE MSOC allocations of \$1,797.81 for the 2025-26 school year  
3 and \$1,835.56 for the 2026-27 school year.

4 (c) Students in approved exploratory and preparatory career and  
5 technical education programs generate per student FTE MSOC  
6 allocations of \$1,797.81 for the 2025-26 school year and \$1,835.56  
7 for the 2026-27 school year.

8 (d) Students in grades 9-12 generate per student FTE MSOC  
9 allocations in addition to the allocations provided in (a) through  
10 (c) of this subsection at the following rate:

11 MSOC Component	2025-26	2026-27
12	School Year	School Year
13 Technology	\$45.90	\$46.87
14 Curriculum and Textbooks	\$50.10	\$51.15
15 Other Supplies	\$98.06	\$100.12
16 Library Materials	\$6.31	\$6.44
17 Instructional Professional Development for Certified 18 and Classified Staff	\$8.35	\$8.52
19 TOTAL GRADE 9-12 BASIC EDUCATION MSOC/STUDENT FTE	\$208.72	\$213.10

20 (9) SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ALLOCATIONS

21 For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, funding for substitute  
22 costs for classroom teachers is based on four (4) funded substitute  
23 days per classroom teacher unit generated under subsection (2) of  
24 this section, at a daily substitute rate of \$151.86.

25 (10) ALTERNATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAM FUNDING

26 (a) Amounts provided in this section from July 1, 2025, to August  
27 31, 2025, are adjusted to reflect provisions of chapter 297, Laws of  
28 2022, as amended (allocation of funding for students enrolled in  
29 alternative learning experiences).

30 (b) The superintendent of public instruction shall require all  
31 districts receiving general apportionment funding for alternative  
32 learning experience (ALE) programs as defined in WAC 392-121-182 to  
33 provide separate financial accounting of expenditures for the ALE  
34 programs offered in district or with a provider, including but not  
35 limited to private companies and multidistrict cooperatives, as well  
36 as accurate, monthly headcount and FTE enrollment claimed for basic

1 education, including separate counts of resident and nonresident  
2 students.

3 (11) DROPOUT REENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

4 The superintendent shall adopt rules to require students claimed  
5 for general apportionment funding based on enrollment in dropout  
6 reengagement programs authorized under RCW 28A.175.100 through  
7 28A.175.115 to meet requirements for at least weekly minimum  
8 instructional contact, academic counseling, career counseling, or  
9 case management contact. Districts must also provide separate  
10 financial accounting of expenditures for the programs offered by the  
11 district or under contract with a provider, as well as accurate  
12 monthly headcount and full-time equivalent enrollment claimed for  
13 basic education, including separate enrollment counts of resident and  
14 nonresident students.

15 (12) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND REMOTE AND  
16 NECESSARY PLANTS

17 For small school districts and remote and necessary school plants  
18 within any district which have been judged to be remote and necessary  
19 by the superintendent of public instruction, additional staff units  
20 are provided to ensure a minimum level of staffing support.  
21 Additional administrative and certificated instructional staff units  
22 provided to districts in this subsection shall be reduced by the  
23 general education staff units, excluding career and technical  
24 education and skills center enhancement units, otherwise provided in  
25 subsections (2) through (5) of this section on a per district basis.

26 (a) For districts enrolling not more than twenty-five average  
27 annual full-time equivalent students in grades K-8, and for small  
28 school plants within any school district which have been judged to be  
29 remote and necessary by the superintendent of public instruction and  
30 enroll not more than twenty-five average annual full-time equivalent  
31 students in grades K-8:

32 (i) For those enrolling no students in grades 7 and 8, 1.76  
33 certificated instructional staff units and 0.24 certificated  
34 administrative staff units for enrollment of not more than five  
35 students, plus one-twentieth of a certificated instructional staff  
36 unit for each additional student enrolled; and

37 (ii) For those enrolling students in grades 7 or 8, 1.68  
38 certificated instructional staff units and 0.32 certificated  
39 administrative staff units for enrollment of not more than five

1 students, plus one-tenth of a certificated instructional staff unit  
2 for each additional student enrolled;

3 (b) For specified enrollments in districts enrolling more than  
4 twenty-five but not more than one hundred average annual full-time  
5 equivalent students in grades K-8, and for small school plants within  
6 any school district which enroll more than twenty-five average annual  
7 full-time equivalent students in grades K-8 and have been judged to  
8 be remote and necessary by the superintendent of public instruction:

9 (i) For enrollment of up to sixty annual average full-time  
10 equivalent students in grades K-6, 2.76 certificated instructional  
11 staff units and 0.24 certificated administrative staff units; and

12 (ii) For enrollment of up to twenty annual average full-time  
13 equivalent students in grades 7 and 8, 0.92 certificated  
14 instructional staff units and 0.08 certificated administrative staff  
15 units;

16 (c) For districts operating no more than two high schools with  
17 enrollments of less than three hundred average annual full-time  
18 equivalent students, for enrollment in grades 9-12 in each such  
19 school, other than alternative schools, except as noted in this  
20 subsection:

21 (i) For remote and necessary schools enrolling students in any  
22 grades 9-12 but no more than twenty-five average annual full-time  
23 equivalent students in grades K-12, four and one-half certificated  
24 instructional staff units and one-quarter of a certificated  
25 administrative staff unit;

26 (ii) For all other small high schools under this subsection, nine  
27 certificated instructional staff units and one-half of a certificated  
28 administrative staff unit for the first sixty average annual full-  
29 time equivalent students, and additional staff units based on a ratio  
30 of 0.8732 certificated instructional staff units and 0.1268  
31 certificated administrative staff units per each additional forty-  
32 three and one-half average annual full-time equivalent students;

33 (iii) Districts receiving staff units under this subsection shall  
34 add students enrolled in a district alternative high school and any  
35 grades nine through twelve alternative learning experience programs  
36 with the small high school enrollment for calculations under this  
37 subsection;

38 (d) For each nonhigh school district having an enrollment of more  
39 than seventy annual average full-time equivalent students and less  
40 than one hundred eighty students, operating a grades K-8 program or a

1 grades 1-8 program, an additional one-half of a certificated  
2 instructional staff unit;

3 (e) For each nonhigh school district having an enrollment of more  
4 than fifty annual average full-time equivalent students and less than  
5 one hundred eighty students, operating a grades K-6 program or a  
6 grades 1-6 program, an additional one-half of a certificated  
7 instructional staff unit;

8 (f)(i) For enrollments generating certificated staff unit  
9 allocations under (a) through (e) of this subsection, one classified  
10 staff unit for each 2.94 certificated staff units allocated under  
11 such subsections;

12 (ii) For each nonhigh school district with an enrollment of more  
13 than fifty annual average full-time equivalent students and less than  
14 one hundred eighty students, an additional one-half of a classified  
15 staff unit; and

16 (g) School districts receiving additional staff units to support  
17 small student enrollments and remote and necessary plants under this  
18 subsection (12) shall generate additional MSOC allocations consistent  
19 with the nonemployee related costs (NERC) allocation formula in place  
20 for the 2010-11 school year as provided section 502, chapter 37, Laws  
21 of 2010 1st sp. sess. (2010 supplemental budget), adjusted annually  
22 for inflation.

23 (13) Any school district board of directors may petition the  
24 superintendent of public instruction by submission of a resolution  
25 adopted in a public meeting to reduce or delay any portion of its  
26 basic education allocation for any school year. The superintendent of  
27 public instruction shall approve such reduction or delay if it does  
28 not impair the district's financial condition. Any delay shall not be  
29 for more than two school years. Any reduction or delay shall have no  
30 impact on levy authority pursuant to RCW 84.52.0531 and local effort  
31 assistance pursuant to chapter 28A.500 RCW.

32 (14) The superintendent may distribute funding for the following  
33 programs outside the basic education formula during fiscal years 2026  
34 and 2027 as follows:

35 (a) \$650,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$650,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for fire protection for school  
38 districts located in a fire protection district as now or hereafter  
39 established pursuant to chapter 52.04 RCW.

1 (b) \$436,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$436,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for programs providing skills  
4 training for secondary students who are enrolled in extended day  
5 school-to-work programs, as approved by the superintendent of public  
6 instruction. The funds shall be allocated at a rate not to exceed  
7 \$500 per full-time equivalent student enrolled in those programs.

8 (15) Funding in this section is sufficient to fund a maximum of  
9 1.6 FTE enrollment for skills center students pursuant to chapter  
10 463, Laws of 2007.

11 (16) Funding in this section is sufficient to fund a maximum of  
12 1.2 FTE enrollment for career launch students pursuant to RCW  
13 28A.700.130. Expenditures for this purpose must come first from the  
14 appropriations provided in section 501(5) of this act; funding for  
15 career launch enrollment exceeding those appropriations is provided  
16 in this section. The office of the superintendent of public  
17 instruction shall provide a summary report to the office of the  
18 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by January  
19 1, 2026. The report must include the total FTE enrollment for career  
20 launch students, the FTE enrollment for career launch students that  
21 exceeded the appropriations provided in section 501(5) of this act,  
22 and the amount expended from this section for those students.

23 (17)(a) Students participating in running start programs may be  
24 funded up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.4 FTE including  
25 school district and institution of higher education enrollment  
26 consistent with the running start course requirements provided in  
27 chapter 202, Laws of 2015 (dual credit education opportunities). In  
28 calculating the combined 1.4 FTE, the office of the superintendent of  
29 public instruction:

30 (i) Must adopt rules to fund the participating student's  
31 enrollment in running start courses provided by the institution of  
32 higher education during the summer academic term; and

33 (ii) May average the participating student's September through  
34 June enrollment to account for differences in the start and end dates  
35 for courses provided by the high school and the institution of higher  
36 education.

37 (b) In consultation with the state board for community and  
38 technical colleges, the participating institutions of higher  
39 education, the student achievement council, and the education data  
40 center, must annually track and report to the fiscal committees of

1 the legislature on the combined FTE experience of students  
2 participating in the running start program, including course load  
3 analyses at both the high school and community and technical college  
4 system.

5 (18) If two or more school districts consolidate and each  
6 district was receiving additional basic education formula staff units  
7 pursuant to subsection (12) of this section, the following apply:

8 (a) For three school years following consolidation, the number of  
9 basic education formula staff units shall not be less than the number  
10 of basic education formula staff units received by the districts in  
11 the school year prior to the consolidation; and

12 (b) For the fourth through eighth school years following  
13 consolidation, the difference between the basic education formula  
14 staff units received by the districts for the school year prior to  
15 consolidation and the basic education formula staff units after  
16 consolidation pursuant to subsection (12) of this section shall be  
17 reduced in increments of twenty percent per year.

18 (19)(a) Indirect cost charges by a school district to approved  
19 career and technical education middle and secondary programs shall  
20 not exceed the lesser of five percent or the cap established in  
21 federal law of the combined basic education and career and technical  
22 education program enhancement allocations of state funds. Middle and  
23 secondary career and technical education programs are considered  
24 separate programs for funding and financial reporting purposes under  
25 this section.

26 (b) Career and technical education program full-time equivalent  
27 enrollment shall be reported on the same monthly basis as the  
28 enrollment for students eligible for basic support, and payments  
29 shall be adjusted for reported career and technical education program  
30 enrollments on the same monthly basis as those adjustments for  
31 enrollment for students eligible for basic support.

32 (20) Funding in this section is sufficient to provide full  
33 general apportionment payments to school districts eligible for  
34 federal forest revenues as provided in RCW 28A.520.020. For the  
35 2025-2027 biennium, general apportionment payments are not reduced  
36 for school districts receiving federal forest revenues.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 505. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
38 **INSTRUCTION—BASIC EDUCATION EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION**

1 (1) The following calculations determine the salaries used in the  
2 state allocations for certificated instructional, certificated  
3 administrative, and classified staff units as provided in RCW  
4 28A.150.260, and under section 504 of this act: For the 2025-26  
5 school year and the 2026-27 school year salary allocations for  
6 certificated instructional staff, certificated administrative staff,  
7 and classified staff units are determined for each school district by  
8 multiplying the statewide minimum salary allocation for each staff  
9 type by the school district's regionalization factor shown in LEAP  
10 Document 3.

11 Statewide Minimum Salary Allocation

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13 Staff Type	2025-26	2026-27
14	School Year	School Year
15		
16 Certificated Instructional	\$80,086	\$81,688
17 Certificated Administrative	\$118,878	\$121,255
18 Classified	\$57,451	\$58,600

19 (2) For the purposes of this section, "LEAP Document 3" means the  
20 school district regionalization factors for certificated  
21 instructional, certificated administrative, and classified staff, as  
22 developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program  
23 committee on March 3, 2024, at 11:16 hours.

24 (3) Incremental fringe benefit factors are applied to salary  
25 adjustments at a rate of 16.47 percent for school year 2025-26 and  
26 16.47 percent for school year 2026-27 for certificated instructional  
27 and certificated administrative staff and 16.93 percent for school  
28 year 2025-26 and 15.93 percent for the 2026-27 school year for  
29 classified staff.

30 (4) The salary allocations established in this section are for  
31 allocation purposes only except as provided in this subsection, and  
32 do not entitle an individual staff position to a particular paid  
33 salary except as provided in RCW 28A.400.200, as amended by chapter  
34 13, Laws of 2017 3rd sp. sess. (fully funding the program of basic  
35 education).

1            NEW SECTION.            **Sec. 506.            FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
2 **INSTRUCTION—FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS**

3	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$527,364,000
4	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$712,482,000
5	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,239,846,000

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

8            (1) The salary increases provided in this section are 2.4 percent  
9 for the 2025-26 school year, and 2.0 percent for the 2026-27 school  
10 year, the annual inflationary adjustments pursuant to RCW  
11 28A.400.205.

12            (2)(a) In addition to salary allocations, the appropriations in  
13 this section include funding for professional learning as defined in  
14 RCW 28A.415.430, 28A.415.432, and 28A.415.434. Funding for this  
15 purpose is calculated as the equivalent of three days of salary and  
16 benefits for each of the funded full-time equivalent certificated  
17 instructional staff units. Nothing in this section entitles an  
18 individual certificated instructional staff to any particular number  
19 of professional learning days.

20            (b) Of the funding provided for professional learning in this  
21 section, the equivalent of one day of salary and benefits for each of  
22 the funded full-time equivalent certificated instructional staff  
23 units in the 2025-26 school year must be used to train school  
24 district staff on cultural competency, diversity, equity, or  
25 inclusion, as required in chapter 197, Laws of 2021.

26            (3)(a) The appropriations in this section include associated  
27 incremental fringe benefit allocations at 16.47 percent for the  
28 2025-26 school year and 16.47 percent for the 2026-27 school year for  
29 certificated instructional and certificated administrative staff and  
30 16.93 percent for the 2025-26 school year and 15.93 percent for the  
31 2026-27 school year for classified staff.

32            (b) The appropriations in this section include the increased or  
33 decreased portion of salaries and incremental fringe benefits for all  
34 relevant state-funded school programs in part V of this act. Changes  
35 for general apportionment (basic education) are based on the salary  
36 allocations and methodology in sections 504 and 505 of this act.  
37 Changes for special education result from changes in each district's  
38 basic education allocation per student. Changes for educational  
39 service districts and institutional education programs are determined



1 by the superintendent of public instruction using the methodology for  
2 general apportionment salaries and benefits in sections 504 and 505  
3 of this act. Changes for pupil transportation are determined by the  
4 superintendent of public instruction pursuant to RCW 28A.160.192, and  
5 impact compensation factors in sections 504, 505, and 506 of this  
6 act.

7 (c) The appropriations in this section include no salary  
8 adjustments for substitute teachers.

9 (4) The appropriations in this section are sufficient to fund the  
10 collective bargaining agreement referenced in part IX of this act and  
11 reflect the incremental change in cost of allocating rates as  
12 follows: For the 2025-26 school year, \$1,324 per month and for the  
13 2026-27 school year, \$1,374 per month.

14 (5) The rates specified in this section are subject to revision  
15 each year by the legislature.

16 NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 507.      FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
17 **INSTRUCTION—FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

18	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$821,769,000
19	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$815,124,000
20	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,636,893,000

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

23 (1) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such  
24 funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the  
25 fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

26 (2) (a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the  
27 superintendent shall allocate funding to school district programs for  
28 the transportation of eligible students as provided in RCW  
29 28A.160.192. Funding in this section constitutes full implementation  
30 of RCW 28A.160.192, which enhancement is within the program of basic  
31 education. Students are considered eligible only if meeting the  
32 definitions provided in RCW 28A.160.160.

33 (b) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent  
34 shall allocate funding to school districts programs for the  
35 transportation of students as provided in section 507, chapter 297,  
36 Laws of 2022, as amended.

37 (3) Within amounts appropriated in this section, up to  
38 \$10,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year

1 2026 and up to \$10,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
2 for fiscal year 2027 are for a transportation alternate funding grant  
3 program based on the alternate funding process established in RCW  
4 28A.160.191. The superintendent of public instruction must include a  
5 review of school district efficiency rating, key performance  
6 indicators and local school district characteristics such as unique  
7 geographic constraints in the grant award process.

8 (4) A maximum of \$939,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
9 for fiscal year 2026 and a maximum of \$939,000 of the general fund—  
10 state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 may be expended for regional  
11 transportation coordinators and related activities. The  
12 transportation coordinators shall ensure that data submitted by  
13 school districts for state transportation funding shall, to the  
14 greatest extent practical, reflect the actual transportation activity  
15 of each district.

16 (5) Subject to available funds under this section, school  
17 districts may provide student transportation for summer skills center  
18 programs.

19 (6) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
20 provide reimbursement funding to a school district for school bus  
21 purchases only after the superintendent of public instruction  
22 determines that the school bus was purchased from the list  
23 established pursuant to RCW 28A.160.195(2) or a comparable  
24 competitive bid process based on the lowest price quote based on  
25 similar bus categories to those used to establish the list pursuant  
26 to RCW 28A.160.195.

27 (7) The superintendent of public instruction shall base  
28 depreciation payments for school district buses on the presales tax  
29 five-year average of lowest bids in the appropriate category of bus.  
30 In the final year on the depreciation schedule, the depreciation  
31 payment shall be based on the lowest bid in the appropriate bus  
32 category for that school year.

33 (8) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
34 annually disburse payments for bus depreciation in August.

35	<u>NEW SECTION.</u>	<b>Sec. 508.</b>	<b>FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC</b>
36			<b>INSTRUCTION—SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES</b>
37	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026).	. . . . .	\$120,073,000
38	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027).	. . . . .	\$120,062,000

1	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$891,599,000
2	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,131,734,000

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

5 (1) \$11,667,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2026 and \$11,667,000 of the general fund—state  
7 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for state  
8 matching money for federal child nutrition programs, and may support  
9 the meals for kids program through the following allowable uses:

10 (a) Elimination of breakfast copays for eligible public school  
11 students and lunch copays for eligible public school students in  
12 grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth grades who are eligible for  
13 reduced-price lunch as required in chapter 74, Laws of 2021 (reduced-  
14 price lunch copays);

15 (b) Assistance to school districts and authorized public and  
16 private nonprofit organizations for supporting summer food service  
17 programs, and initiating new summer food service programs in low-  
18 income areas;

19 (c) Reimbursements to school districts for school breakfasts  
20 served to students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch,  
21 pursuant to chapter 287, Laws of 2005; and

22 (d) Assistance to school districts in initiating and expanding  
23 school breakfast programs.

24 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
25 report annually to the fiscal committees of the legislature on annual  
26 expenditures in subsection (1)(a) through (c) of this section.

27 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall provide the  
28 department of health with the following data, where available, for  
29 all nutrition assistance programs that are funded by the United  
30 States department of agriculture and administered by the office of  
31 the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent must  
32 provide the report for the preceding federal fiscal year by February  
33 1, 2026, and February 1, 2027. The report must provide:

34 (a) The number of people in Washington who are eligible for the  
35 program;

36 (b) The number of people in Washington who participated in the  
37 program;

38 (c) The average annual participation rate in the program;

39 (d) Participation rates by geographic distribution; and

1 (e) The annual federal funding of the program in Washington.

2 (4) \$92,383,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2026 and \$92,372,000 of the general fund—state  
4 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
5 reimbursements to school districts for schools and groups of schools  
6 required to participate in the federal community eligibility program  
7 under section 1, chapter 7, Laws of 2022 (schools/comm. eligibility)  
8 for meals not reimbursed at the federal free meal rate.

9 (5) \$16,023,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2026 and \$16,023,000 of the general fund—state  
11 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
12 implementation of chapter 379, Laws of 2023 (free school meals).

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 509. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
14 **INSTRUCTION—FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

15	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$2,133,053,000
16	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$2,193,645,000
17	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$646,520,000
18	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation . . . .	\$54,694,000
19	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$5,027,912,000

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

22 (1)(a) Funding for special education programs is provided on an  
23 excess cost basis, pursuant to RCW 28A.150.390. School districts  
24 shall ensure that special education students as a class receive their  
25 full share of the general apportionment allocation accruing through  
26 sections 504 and 506 of this act. To the extent a school district  
27 cannot provide an appropriate education for special education  
28 students under chapter 28A.155 RCW through the general apportionment  
29 allocation, it shall provide services through the special education  
30 excess cost allocation funded in this section.

31 (b) Funding provided within this section is sufficient for  
32 districts to provide school principals and lead special education  
33 teachers annual professional development on the best-practices for  
34 special education instruction and strategies for implementation.  
35 Districts shall annually provide a summary of professional  
36 development activities to the office of the superintendent of public  
37 instruction.

1 (2) (a) The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure  
2 that:

3 (i) Special education students are basic education students  
4 first;

5 (ii) As a class, special education students are entitled to the  
6 full basic education allocation; and

7 (iii) Special education students are basic education students for  
8 the entire school day.

9 (b) (i) The superintendent of public instruction shall continue to  
10 implement the full cost method of excess cost accounting, as designed  
11 by the committee and recommended by the superintendent, pursuant to  
12 section 501(1)(k), chapter 372, Laws of 2006, except as provided in  
13 (b) (ii) of this subsection.

14 (ii) The superintendent of public instruction shall implement any  
15 changes to excess cost accounting methods required under chapter 417,  
16 Laws of 2023 (special education funding).

17 (3) Each fiscal year appropriation includes such funds as are  
18 necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year and  
19 for prior fiscal year adjustments.

20 (4) (a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the  
21 superintendent shall allocate funding to school district programs for  
22 special education students as provided in RCW 28A.150.390, except  
23 that the calculation of the base allocation also includes allocations  
24 provided under section 504 (2) and (4) of this act and RCW  
25 28A.150.415, which enhancement is within the program of basic  
26 education.

27 (b) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent  
28 shall allocate funding to school district programs for special  
29 education students as provided in section 509, chapter 297, Laws of  
30 2022, as amended.

31 (5) The following applies throughout this section: The  
32 definitions for enrollment and enrollment percent are as specified in  
33 RCW 28A.150.390(3). Each district's general fund—state funded special  
34 education enrollment shall be the lesser of the district's actual  
35 enrollment percent or 16 percent.

36 (6) At the request of any interdistrict cooperative of at least  
37 15 districts in which all excess cost services for special education  
38 students of the districts are provided by the cooperative, the  
39 maximum enrollment percent shall be calculated in accordance with RCW  
40 28A.150.390(3) (c) and (d), and shall be calculated in the aggregate

1 rather than individual district units. For purposes of this  
2 subsection, the average basic education allocation per full-time  
3 equivalent student shall be calculated in the aggregate rather than  
4 individual district units.

5 (7) \$206,037,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2026, \$206,037,000 of the general fund—state  
7 appropriation for fiscal year 2027, and \$29,574,000 of the general  
8 fund—federal appropriation are provided solely for safety net awards  
9 for districts with demonstrated needs for special education funding  
10 beyond the amounts provided in subsection (4) of this section. If the  
11 federal safety net awards based on the federal eligibility threshold  
12 exceed the federal appropriation in this subsection (7) in any fiscal  
13 year, the superintendent shall expend all available federal  
14 discretionary funds necessary to meet this need. At the conclusion of  
15 each school year, the superintendent shall recover safety net funds  
16 that were distributed prospectively but for which districts were not  
17 subsequently eligible.

18 (a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, safety net funds  
19 shall be awarded by the state safety net oversight committee as  
20 provided in section 109(1) chapter 548, Laws of 2009 (education).

21 (b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
22 make award determinations for state safety net funding in August of  
23 each school year, except that the superintendent of public  
24 instruction shall make award determinations for state safety net  
25 funding in July of each school year for the Washington state school  
26 for the blind and for the center for childhood deafness and hearing  
27 loss. Determinations on school district eligibility for state safety  
28 net awards shall be based on analysis of actual expenditure data from  
29 the current school year.

30 (8) A maximum of \$1,250,000 may be expended from the general fund  
31 —state appropriations to fund teachers and aides at Seattle  
32 children's hospital. This amount is in lieu of money provided through  
33 the home and hospital allocation and the special education program.

34 (9) The superintendent shall maintain the percentage of federal  
35 flow-through to school districts at 85 percent. In addition to other  
36 purposes, school districts may use increased federal funds for high-  
37 cost students, for purchasing regional special education services  
38 from educational service districts, and for staff development  
39 activities particularly relating to inclusion issues.

1 (10) A school district may carry over from one year to the next  
2 year up to 10 percent of the general fund—state funds allocated under  
3 this program; however, carryover funds shall be expended in the  
4 special education program.

5 (11) \$87,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026, \$87,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
7 year 2027, and \$214,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation are  
8 provided solely for a special education family liaison position  
9 within the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

10 (12) \$3,100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2026 and \$900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
12 for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for litigation costs for  
13 *N.D. v. Reykdal*, United States District Court for the Western  
14 District of Washington.

15 NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 510.      FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
16 **INSTRUCTION—FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICTS**

17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$41,313,000
18	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$41,271,000
19	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
20	Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,700,000
21	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$85,284,000

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

24 (1) The educational service districts shall continue to furnish  
25 financial services required by the superintendent of public  
26 instruction and RCW 28A.310.190 (3) and (4).

27 (2) Funding within this section is provided for regional  
28 professional development related to mathematics and science  
29 curriculum and instructional strategies aligned with common core  
30 state standards and next generation science standards. Funding shall  
31 be distributed among the educational service districts in the same  
32 proportion as distributions in the 2007-2009 biennium. Each  
33 educational service district shall use this funding solely for salary  
34 and benefits for a certificated instructional staff with expertise in  
35 the appropriate subject matter and in professional development  
36 delivery, and for travel, materials, and other expenditures related  
37 to providing regional professional development support.

1 (3) Funding in this section is provided for regional professional  
2 development related to English language arts curriculum and  
3 instructional strategies aligned with common core state standards.  
4 Each educational service district shall use this funding solely for  
5 salary and benefits for certificated instructional staff with  
6 expertise in the appropriate subject matter and in professional  
7 development delivery, and for travel, materials, and other  
8 expenditures related to providing regional professional development  
9 support.

10 (4) Funding in this section is provided for regional technical  
11 support for the K-20 telecommunications network to prevent system  
12 failures and avoid interruptions in school utilization of the data  
13 processing and video-conferencing capabilities of the network. These  
14 funds may be used to purchase engineering and advanced technical  
15 support for the network.

16 (5) Funding in this section is provided for a corps of nurses  
17 located at the educational service districts, to be dispatched in  
18 coordination with the office of the superintendent of public  
19 instruction, to provide direct care to students, health education,  
20 and training for school staff. In fiscal years 2026 and 2027,  
21 allocations for the corps of nurses is sufficient to provide one day  
22 per week of nursing services for all second-class school districts.

23 (6) Funding in this section is provided for staff and support at  
24 the nine educational service districts to provide a network of  
25 support for school districts to develop and implement comprehensive  
26 suicide prevention and behavioral health supports for students.

27 (7) Funding in this section is provided for staff and support at  
28 the nine educational service districts to provide assistance to  
29 school districts with comprehensive safe schools planning, conducting  
30 needs assessments, school safety and security trainings, coordinating  
31 appropriate crisis and emergency response and recovery, and  
32 developing threat assessment and crisis intervention teams. In fiscal  
33 years 2026 and 2027, allocations for staff and support for regional  
34 safety centers are increased to 3 full-time equivalent certificated  
35 instructional staff for each regional safety center.

36 (8) Funding in this section is provided for regional English  
37 language arts coordinators to provide professional development of  
38 teachers and principals around the new early screening for dyslexia  
39 requirements.



1 (9) The educational service districts, at the request of the  
2 state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.310.010 and 28A.305.130,  
3 may receive and screen applications for school accreditation, conduct  
4 school accreditation site visits pursuant to state board of education  
5 rules, and submit to the state board of education post-site visit  
6 recommendations for school accreditation. The educational service  
7 districts may assess a cooperative service fee to recover actual plus  
8 reasonable indirect costs for the purposes of this subsection.

9 (10) \$2,169,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,169,000 of the general fund—state  
11 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for each  
12 educational service district to provide technology consultation,  
13 procurement, and training required under chapter 301, Laws of 2021  
14 (schools/computers & devices).

15 (11) \$1,930,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,930,000 of the general fund—state  
17 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
18 implementation of chapter 87, Laws of 2022 (ed. service district  
19 funding).

20 (12) \$2,700,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
21 state appropriation is provided solely for the cost of employing one  
22 full-time equivalent employee at each of the nine education service  
23 districts to support the expansion of career connected learning.

24 (13) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for educational service  
27 districts to provide students attending school in rural areas with  
28 access to a mental health professional using telemedicine. Funding  
29 must be prioritized to districts where mental health services are  
30 inadequate or nonexistent due to geographic constraints. Funding may  
31 be used for schools or school districts for technology upgrades to  
32 provide secure access for students, for contracted services, or to  
33 pay applicable copays or fees for telemedicine visits if not covered  
34 by a student's public or private insurance.

35 (14) \$5,900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2026 and \$5,900,000 of the general fund—state  
37 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to continue  
38 behavioral health regional services grants to support school  
39 districts with the least access to behavioral health services.

1 (15) \$643,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$643,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for educational service  
4 districts 121 and 101 to coordinate with local mental health agencies  
5 and local school districts to arrange for in-school placements of  
6 social worker associates licensed under RCW 18.225.145 and masters in  
7 social work candidates enrolled in an accredited university program  
8 who commit to working as school social workers, and to coordinate  
9 clinical supervision for approved supervisors that meet the  
10 requirements as defined in rule by the department of health to  
11 provide the necessary supervision to the social worker associates and  
12 masters in social work candidates.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 511. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
14 **INSTRUCTION—FOR LOCAL EFFORT ASSISTANCE**

15	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$207,369,000
16	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$207,369,000
17	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$414,738,000

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 512. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
19 **INSTRUCTION—FOR INSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

20	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$18,769,000
21	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$19,769,000
22	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$38,538,000

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

25 (1) Each general fund—state fiscal year appropriation includes  
26 such funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the  
27 fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

28 (2) State funding provided under this section is based on  
29 salaries and other expenditures for a 220-day school year. The  
30 superintendent of public instruction shall monitor school district  
31 expenditure plans for institutional education programs to ensure that  
32 districts plan for a full-time summer program.

33 (3) State funding for each institutional education program shall  
34 be based on the institution's annual average full-time equivalent  
35 student enrollment. Staffing ratios for each category of institution  
36 shall remain the same as those funded in the 1995-97 biennium.

1 (4) The funded staffing ratios for education programs for  
2 juveniles age 18 or less in department of corrections facilities  
3 shall be the same as those provided in the 1997-99 biennium.

4 (5) \$710,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$710,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain at least one  
7 certificated instructional staff and related support services at an  
8 institution whenever the K-12 enrollment is not sufficient to support  
9 one full-time equivalent certificated instructional staff to furnish  
10 the educational program. The following types of institutions are  
11 included: Residential programs under the department of social and  
12 health services for developmentally disabled juveniles, programs for  
13 juveniles under the department of corrections, programs for juveniles  
14 under the juvenile rehabilitation administration, and programs for  
15 juveniles operated by city and county jails.

16 (6) Within the amounts provided in this section, funding is  
17 provided to increase the capacity of institutional education programs  
18 to differentiate instruction to meet students' unique educational  
19 needs, including students with individualized educational plans.  
20 Those needs may include but are not limited to one-on-one  
21 instruction, enhanced access to counseling for social emotional needs  
22 of the student, and services to identify the proper level of  
23 instruction at the time of student entry into the facility.  
24 Allocations of amounts for this purpose in a school year must be  
25 based on 45 percent of full-time enrollment in institutional  
26 education receiving a differentiated instruction amount per pupil  
27 equal to the total statewide allocation generated by the distribution  
28 formula under RCW 28A.150.260 (4)(a), (5), (6), and (8) and the  
29 allocation under RCW 28A.150.415, per the statewide full-time  
30 equivalent enrollment in common schools.

31 (7) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support two student records  
34 coordinators to manage the transmission of academic records for each  
35 of the long-term juvenile institutions. One coordinator is provided  
36 for each of the following: The Issaquah school district for the Echo  
37 Glen children's center and for the Chehalis school district for Green  
38 Hill academic school.

1 (8) Ten percent of the funds allocated for the institution may be  
2 carried over from one year to the next.

3 (9) \$588,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$897,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one educational advocate to  
6 each institution with enrollments above 40 full-time equivalent  
7 students in addition to any educational advocates supported by  
8 federal funding. Educational advocates will provide the following  
9 supports to students enrolled in or just released from institutional  
10 education programs:

11 (a) Advocacy for institutional education students to eliminate  
12 barriers to educational access and success;

13 (b) Consultation with juvenile rehabilitation staff to develop  
14 educational plans for and with participating youth;

15 (c) Monitoring educational progress of participating students;

16 (d) Providing participating students with school and local  
17 resources that may assist in educational access and success upon  
18 release from institutional education facilities; and

19 (e) Coaching students and caregivers to advocate for educational  
20 needs to be addressed at the school district upon return to the  
21 community.

22 (10) Within the amounts provided in this section, funding is  
23 provided to increase materials, supplies, and operating costs by \$85  
24 per pupil for technology supports for institutional education  
25 programs. This funding is in addition to general education materials,  
26 supplies, and operating costs provided to institutional education  
27 programs, which exclude formula costs supported by the institutional  
28 facilities.

29 (11) \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support instruction in  
32 cohorts of students grouped by similar age and academic levels.

33 NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 513. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
34 **INSTRUCTION—FOR PROGRAMS FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENTS**

35	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$35,117,000
36	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$35,246,000
37	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$70,363,000

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

3 (1) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such  
4 funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the  
5 fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

6 (2) (a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the  
7 superintendent shall allocate funding to school district programs for  
8 highly capable students as provided in RCW 28A.150.260(10)(c) except  
9 that allocations must be based on 5.0 percent of each school  
10 district's full-time equivalent enrollment. In calculating the  
11 allocations, the superintendent shall assume the following: (i)  
12 Additional instruction of 2.1590 hours per week per funded highly  
13 capable program student; (ii) fifteen highly capable program students  
14 per teacher; (iii) 36 instructional weeks per year; (iv) 900  
15 instructional hours per teacher; and (v) the compensation rates as  
16 provided in sections 505 and 506 of this act.

17 (b) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent  
18 shall allocate funding to school districts programs for highly  
19 capable students as provided in section 513, chapter 297, Laws of  
20 2022, as amended.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 514. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
22 **INSTRUCTION—FOR MISCELLANEOUS—EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT**

23	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$11,416,000
24	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$11,416,000

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 515. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
26 **INSTRUCTION—EDUCATION REFORM PROGRAMS**

27	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$65,292,000
28	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$64,888,000
29	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$97,785,000
30	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,454,000
31	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,676,000
32	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$231,095,000

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

35 (1) ACCOUNTABILITY

1 (a) \$26,975,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026, \$26,975,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
3 for fiscal year 2027, \$1,350,000 of the education legacy trust  
4 account—state appropriation, and \$15,868,000 of the general fund—  
5 federal appropriation are provided solely for development and  
6 implementation of the Washington state assessment system.

7 (b) \$14,352,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2026 and \$14,352,000 of the general fund—state  
9 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
10 implementation of chapter 159, Laws of 2013 (K-12 education - failing  
11 schools).

12 (2) EDUCATOR CONTINUUM

13 (a) During the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, and within  
14 available funds, certificated instructional staff who have met the  
15 eligibility requirements and have applied for certification from the  
16 national board for professional teaching standards may receive a  
17 conditional loan of two thousand dollars or the amount set by the  
18 office of the superintendent of public instruction to contribute  
19 toward the current assessment fee, not including the initial up-front  
20 candidacy payment. The conditional loan is provided in addition to  
21 compensation received under a district's salary allocation and shall  
22 not be included in calculations of a district's average salary and  
23 associated salary limitation under RCW 28A.400.200. Recipients who  
24 fail to receive certification after fully exhausting all years of  
25 candidacy as set by the national board for professional teaching  
26 standards are required to repay the conditional loan. The office of  
27 the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to define  
28 the terms for initial grant of the assessment fee and repayment,  
29 including applicable fees. To the extent necessary, the  
30 superintendent may use revenues from the repayment of conditional  
31 loan scholarships to ensure payment of all national board bonus  
32 payments required by this section in each school year.

33 (b) \$3,418,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$3,418,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of a new  
36 performance-based evaluation for certificated educators and other  
37 activities as provided in chapter 235, Laws of 2010 (education  
38 reform) and chapter 35, Laws of 2012 (certificated employee  
39 evaluations).

1 (c) \$477,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$477,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the leadership internship  
4 program for superintendents, principals, and program administrators.

5 (d) \$810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$810,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the development of a  
8 leadership academy for school principals and administrators. The  
9 superintendent of public instruction shall contract with an  
10 independent organization to operate a state-of-the-art education  
11 leadership academy that will be accessible throughout the state.  
12 Semiannually the independent organization shall report on amounts  
13 committed by foundations and others to support the development and  
14 implementation of this program. Leadership academy partners shall  
15 include the state level organizations for school administrators and  
16 principals, the superintendent of public instruction, the  
17 professional educator standards board, and others as the independent  
18 organization shall identify.

19 (e) \$11,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2026 and \$11,500,000 of the general fund—state  
21 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a  
22 beginning educator support program (BEST). The program shall  
23 prioritize first year educators in the mentoring program. School  
24 districts and/or regional consortia may apply for grant funding. The  
25 program provided by a district and/or regional consortia shall  
26 include: A paid orientation; assignment of a qualified mentor;  
27 development of a professional growth plan for each beginning educator  
28 aligned with professional certification; release time for mentors and  
29 new educators to work together; and educator observation time with  
30 accomplished peers. Funding may be used to provide statewide  
31 professional development opportunities for mentors and beginning  
32 educators. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$1,000,000 of  
33 the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and  
34 \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
35 2027 are provided solely to support first year educators in the  
36 mentoring program.

37 (f) \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2026 and \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the provision of training

1 for teachers, principals, and principal evaluators in the  
2 performance-based teacher principal evaluation program.

3 (g) \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 is provided solely for a special education teacher  
5 residency program.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 516. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
7 **INSTRUCTION—FOR TRANSITIONAL BILINGUAL PROGRAMS**

8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$291,932,000
9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$304,039,000
10	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$137,159,000
11	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$733,130,000

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

14 (1) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such  
15 funds as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the  
16 fiscal year and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

17 (2) (a) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the  
18 superintendent shall allocate funding to school districts for  
19 transitional bilingual programs under RCW 28A.180.010 through  
20 28A.180.080, including programs for exited students, as provided in  
21 RCW 28A.150.260(10)(b) and the provisions of this section. In  
22 calculating the allocations, the superintendent shall assume the  
23 following averages: (i) Additional instruction of 4.7780 hours per  
24 week per transitional bilingual program student in grades  
25 kindergarten through six and 6.7780 hours per week per transitional  
26 bilingual program student in grades seven through twelve in school  
27 years 2025-26 and 2026-27; (ii) additional instruction of 3.0000  
28 hours per week in school years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the head count  
29 number of students who have exited the transitional bilingual  
30 instruction program within the previous two years based on their  
31 performance on the English proficiency assessment; (iii) fifteen  
32 transitional bilingual program students per teacher; (iv) 36  
33 instructional weeks per year; (v) 900 instructional hours per  
34 teacher; and (vi) the compensation rates as provided in sections 505  
35 and 506 of this act. Pursuant to RCW 28A.180.040(1)(g), the  
36 instructional hours specified in (a)(ii) of this subsection (2) are  
37 within the program of basic education.



1 (b) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent  
2 shall allocate funding to school districts for transitional bilingual  
3 instruction programs as provided in section 516, chapter 297, Laws of  
4 2022, as amended.

5 (3) The superintendent may withhold allocations to school  
6 districts in subsection (2) of this section solely for the central  
7 provision of assessments as provided in RCW 28A.180.090 (1) and (2)  
8 up to the following amounts: 2.03 percent for school year 2025-26 and  
9 2.00 percent for school year 2026-27.

10 (4) The general fund—federal appropriation in this section is for  
11 migrant education under Title I Part C and English language  
12 acquisition, and language enhancement grants under Title III of the  
13 elementary and secondary education act.

14 (5) \$35,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$35,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to track current and former  
17 transitional bilingual program students.

18 (6) \$1,916,000 of the general fund—state appropriation in fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$1,916,000 of the general fund—state appropriation in  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the central provision of  
21 assessments as provided in RCW 28A.180.090, and is in addition to the  
22 withholding amounts specified in subsection (3) of this section.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 517. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
24 **INSTRUCTION—FOR THE LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

25	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$521,295,000
26	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$528,285,000
27	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$636,542,000
28	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$1,686,122,000

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

31 (1) The general fund—state appropriations in this section are  
32 subject to the following conditions and limitations:

33 (a) The appropriations include such funds as are necessary to  
34 complete the school year ending in the fiscal year and for prior  
35 fiscal year adjustments.

36 (b) (i) For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, the  
37 superintendent shall allocate funding to school districts for  
38 learning assistance programs as provided in RCW 28A.150.260(10)(a).

1 In calculating the allocations, the superintendent shall assume the  
2 following averages: (A) Additional instruction of 2.3975 hours per  
3 week per funded learning assistance program student for the 2025-26  
4 and 2026-27 school years; (B) additional instruction of 1.1 hours per  
5 week per funded learning assistance program student for the 2025-26  
6 and 2026-27 school years in qualifying high-poverty school building;  
7 (C) 15 learning assistance program students per teacher; (D) 36  
8 instructional weeks per year; (E) 900 instructional hours per  
9 teacher; and (F) the compensation rates as provided in sections 505  
10 and 506 of this act.

11 (ii) From July 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025, the superintendent  
12 shall allocate funding to school districts for learning assistance  
13 programs as provided in section 517, chapter 297, Laws of 2022, as  
14 amended.

15 (c) A school district's funded students for the learning  
16 assistance program shall be the sum of the district's full-time  
17 equivalent enrollment in grades K-12 multiplied by the district's  
18 percentage of October headcount enrollment in grades K-12 eligible  
19 for free or reduced-price lunch in the school year period defined  
20 under RCW 28A.150.260(10)(a). A school year's October headcount  
21 enrollment for free and reduced-price lunch shall be as reported in  
22 the comprehensive education data and research system.

23 (2) Allocations made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section  
24 shall be adjusted to reflect ineligible applications identified  
25 through the annual income verification process required by the  
26 national school lunch program, as recommended in the report of the  
27 state auditor on the learning assistance program dated February,  
28 2010.

29 (3) The general fund—federal appropriation in this section is  
30 provided for Title I Part A allocations of the every student succeeds  
31 act of 2016.

32 (4) A school district may carry over from one year to the next up  
33 to 10 percent of the general fund—state funds allocated under this  
34 program; however, carryover funds shall be expended for the learning  
35 assistance program.

36 (5) Within existing resources, during the 2025-26 and 2026-27  
37 school years, school districts are authorized to use funds allocated  
38 for the learning assistance program to also provide assistance to  
39 high school students who have not passed the state assessment in  
40 science.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 518. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
2 **INSTRUCTION—PER PUPIL ALLOCATIONS**

3 Statewide Average Allocations  
4 Per Annual Average Full-Time Equivalent Student

5 Basic Education Program	2025-26	2026-27
	School Year	School Year
6 General Apportionment	\$11,153	\$11,383
7 Pupil Transportation	\$795	\$813
8 Special Education Programs	\$13,375	\$13,598
9 Institutional Education Programs	\$27,588	\$28,136
10 Programs for Highly Capable Students	\$694	\$710
11 Transitional Bilingual Programs	\$1,660	\$1,697
12 Learning Assistance Program	\$1,085	\$1,107

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14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 519. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
15 **INSTRUCTION**

16 (1) Amounts distributed to districts by the superintendent  
17 through part V of this act are for allocation purposes only, unless  
18 specified by part V of this act, and do not entitle a particular  
19 district, district employee, or student to a specific service, beyond  
20 what has been expressly provided in statute. Part V of this act  
21 restates the requirements of various sections of Title 28A RCW. If  
22 any conflict exists, the provisions of Title 28A RCW control unless  
23 this act explicitly states that it is providing an enhancement. Any  
24 amounts provided in part V of this act in excess of the amounts  
25 required by Title 28A RCW provided in statute, are not within the  
26 program of basic education unless clearly stated by this act.

27 (2) When adopting new or revised rules or policies relating to  
28 the administration of allocations in part V of this act that result  
29 in fiscal impact, the office of the superintendent of public  
30 instruction shall seek legislative approval through the budget  
31 request process.

32 (3) Appropriations made in this act to the office of the  
33 superintendent of public instruction shall initially be allotted as  
34 required by this act. Subsequent allotment modifications shall not  
35 include transfers of moneys between sections of this act, except as  
36 provided in subsections (6) and (7) of this section.

1 (4) Appropriations in sections 504 and 506 of this act for  
2 insurance benefits under chapter 41.05 RCW are provided solely for  
3 the superintendent to allocate to districts for employee health  
4 benefits as provided in section 910 of this act. The superintendent  
5 may not allocate, and districts may not expend, these amounts for any  
6 other purpose beyond those authorized in section 910 of this act.

7 (5) As required by RCW 28A.710.110, the office of the  
8 superintendent of public instruction shall transmit the charter  
9 school authorizer oversight fee for the charter school commission to  
10 the charter school oversight account.

11 (6) The appropriations to the office of the superintendent of  
12 public instruction in this act shall be expended for the programs and  
13 amounts specified in this act. However, after May 1, 2026, unless  
14 specifically prohibited by this act and after approval by the  
15 director of financial management, the superintendent of public  
16 instruction may transfer state general fund appropriations for fiscal  
17 year 2026 among the following programs to meet the apportionment  
18 schedule for a specified formula in another of these programs:  
19 General apportionment; employee compensation adjustments; pupil  
20 transportation; special education programs; institutional education  
21 programs; transitional bilingual programs; highly capable programs;  
22 and learning assistance programs.

23 (7) The director of financial management shall notify the  
24 appropriate legislative fiscal committees in writing prior to  
25 approving any allotment modifications or transfers under this  
26 section.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 520. FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF**  
28 **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS**

29 Washington Opportunity Pathways Account—State

30	Appropriation. . . . .	\$189,266,000
31	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$189,266,000

32 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
33 conditions and limitations: The superintendent shall distribute  
34 funding appropriated in this section to charter schools under chapter  
35 28A.710 RCW. Within amounts provided in this section the  
36 superintendent may distribute funding for safety net awards for  
37 charter schools with demonstrated needs for special education funding  
38 beyond the amounts provided under chapter 28A.710 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 521. FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF**  
2 **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION**

3 Washington Opportunity Pathways Account—State  
4 Appropriation. . . . . \$663,000  
5 Charter Schools Oversight Account—State  
6 Appropriation. . . . . \$4,785,000  
7 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$5,448,000

8 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
9 conditions and limitations: The entire Washington opportunity  
10 pathways account—state appropriation in this section is provided to  
11 the superintendent of public instruction solely for the operations of  
12 the Washington state charter school commission under chapter 28A.710  
13 RCW.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 522. FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF**  
15 **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR GRANTS AND PASS THROUGH FUNDING**

16 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$65,664,000  
17 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$65,913,000  
18 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$131,577,000

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

21 (1) \$269,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$518,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for global compensation changes.

24 (2) GRADUATION SUCCESS AND PREPARATION FOR POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

25 (a) \$4,894,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$4,894,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
28 superintendent of public instruction to administer programs and  
29 grants which increase equitable access to dual credit programs,  
30 including subsidizing or eliminating student costs for dual credit  
31 courses or exams.

32 (b) \$3,152,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$3,152,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for secondary career and  
35 technical education grants pursuant to chapter 170, Laws of 2008,  
36 including parts of programs receiving grants that serve students in  
37 grades four through six. If equally matched by private donations,

1 \$1,475,000 of the 2026 appropriation and \$1,475,000 of the 2027  
2 appropriation shall be used to support FIRST robotics programs in  
3 grades four through twelve. Of the amounts provided in this  
4 subsection (2)(b), \$800,000 of the fiscal year 2026 appropriation and  
5 \$800,000 of the fiscal year 2027 appropriation are provided solely  
6 for the purpose of statewide supervision activities for career and  
7 technical education student leadership organizations.

8 (c) \$135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2026 and \$135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for science, technology,  
11 engineering and mathematics lighthouse projects, consistent with  
12 chapter 238, Laws of 2010.

13 (d) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for advanced project lead the  
16 way courses at ten high schools. To be eligible for funding in 2026,  
17 a high school must have offered a foundational project lead the way  
18 course during the 2022-23 school year. The 2026 funding must be used  
19 for one-time start-up course costs for an advanced project lead the  
20 way course, to be offered to students beginning in the 2025-26 school  
21 year. To be eligible for funding in 2025, a high school must have  
22 offered a foundational project lead the way course during the 2024-25  
23 school year. The 2027 funding must be used for one-time start-up  
24 course costs for an advanced project lead the way course, to be  
25 offered to students beginning in the 2026-27 school year. The office  
26 of the superintendent of public instruction and the education  
27 research and data center at the office of financial management shall  
28 track student participation and long-term outcome data. The office  
29 may require the recipient of these funds to report the impacts of the  
30 recipient's efforts in alignment with the measures of the Washington  
31 school improvement framework.

32 (e) \$2,527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$2,527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for annual startup, expansion,  
35 or maintenance of core plus programs in maritime, construction, and  
36 aerospace and advanced manufacturing programs. To be eligible for  
37 funding to start up, maintain, or expand programs under (e)(i)  
38 through (iii) of this subsection (2), the skills center, high school,  
39 or middle school must be selected through a grant process

1 administered by the office of the superintendent of public  
2 instruction in consultation with the advisory committee established  
3 in (e)(vi) of this subsection (2). The office and the education  
4 research and data center shall report annually student participation  
5 and long-term outcome data. Within the amounts provided in this  
6 subsection (2)(e):

7 (i) \$900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants for the annual  
10 startup, expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in aerospace  
11 and advanced manufacturing programs.

12 (ii) \$550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants for the annual  
15 startup, expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in  
16 construction programs.

17 (iii) \$550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
18 year 2026 and \$550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
19 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants for the annual  
20 startup, expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in maritime  
21 programs.

22 (iv) For (e)(i) through (iii) of this subsection (2), when the  
23 grant demand does not align with the specified allocation, the  
24 superintendent may allocate funding toward sector areas that meet  
25 criteria based on agreement from industry sector representatives.

26 (v) \$527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
27 year 2026 and \$527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to administer,  
29 evaluate, and promote programs under (e)(i) through (iii) of this  
30 subsection (2) based on industry sector recommendations, including  
31 contracts with sector-specific entities to expand sector-specific  
32 employer engagement programs, increase work placement opportunities,  
33 validate credentials necessary for direct employment, and provide  
34 professional development to support schools, teachers, and students.  
35 Professional development must include pedagogy-based learning to  
36 increase English language arts, mathematics, and science outcomes  
37 through core plus programming.

38 (vi) The office shall collaborate with industry sector leadership  
39 from the core plus program areas and a representative from a

1 statewide business and manufacturing association to inform the  
2 administration and continual improvement of core plus programs,  
3 review data and outcomes, recommend program improvements, ensure core  
4 plus programs reflect current industry competencies, and identify  
5 appropriate program credentials.

6 (f) \$4,940,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
7 year 2026 and \$4,940,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state  
9 achievers scholarship and Washington higher education readiness  
10 program. The funds shall be used to: Support community involvement  
11 officers that recruit, train, and match community volunteer mentors  
12 with students selected as achievers scholars; and to identify and  
13 reduce barriers to college for low-income and underserved middle and  
14 high school students. The office may require the recipient of these  
15 funds to report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment  
16 with the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

17 (g) \$3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
18 year 2026 and \$3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
19 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to distribute  
20 after-exit running start grants for:

21 (i) School districts that identify running start students that  
22 have exceeded maximum enrollment under running start formulas;

23 (ii) High school graduates who have 15 or fewer college credits  
24 to earn before meeting associate degree requirements for instruction  
25 not funded under section 504(17) of this act. High school graduates  
26 who meet these requirements are eligible to receive funds from these  
27 grants for fees to the community and technical college to earn up to  
28 15 college credits during the summer academic term following their  
29 high school graduation; and

30 (iii) School districts to apply an enhanced factor of 130 percent  
31 to the running start rate under RCW 28A.600.310 for students included  
32 in July and August enrollment counts in school year 2025-26. Of the  
33 amounts provided in this subsection, \$347,000 of the general fund—  
34 state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided for the office  
35 to enhance the running start rate as described in this subsection  
36 (2)(g)(iii). The office must apply the enhanced summer running start  
37 rate in this subsection for students eligible to take summer running  
38 start courses under this subsection and under section 504(17) of this



1 act, and grant school districts seven percent thereof to offset  
2 program related costs.

3 (3) CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, DISSEMINATION, AND SUPPORTS

4 (a) \$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for project citizen and we the  
7 people: The citizen and the constitution programs sponsored by the  
8 national conference of state legislatures and the center for civic  
9 education to promote participation in government by middle and high  
10 school students. Of the amounts provided, \$15,000 of the general fund  
11 —state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$15,000 of the general  
12 fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
13 awarding a travel grant to the winner of the we the people: The  
14 citizen and the constitution state competition.

15 (b) \$373,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$373,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
18 127, Laws of 2018 (civics education). Of the amounts provided in this  
19 subsection (3)(b), \$10,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
20 for fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000 of the general fund—state  
21 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grant  
22 programs to school districts to help cover travel costs associated  
23 with civics education competitions.

24 (c) Within the amounts appropriated in this section the office of  
25 the superintendent of public instruction shall ensure career and  
26 technical education courses are aligned with high-demand, high-wage  
27 jobs. The superintendent shall verify that the current list of career  
28 and technical education courses meets the criteria established in RCW  
29 28A.700.020(2). The superintendent shall remove from the list any  
30 career and technical education course that no longer meets such  
31 criteria.

32 (d) \$3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
35 superintendent of public instruction to provide grants to school  
36 districts and educational service districts for science teacher  
37 training in the next generation science standards including training  
38 in the climate science standards. At a minimum, school districts  
39 shall ensure that teachers in one grade level in each elementary,

1 middle, and high school participate in this science training. Of the  
2 amount appropriated \$1,000,000 is provided solely for community-based  
3 nonprofits including tribal education organizations to partner with  
4 public schools for next generation science standards.

5 (e) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Kip Tokuda memorial  
8 Washington civil liberties public education program. The  
9 superintendent of public instruction shall award grants consistent  
10 with RCW 28A.300.410.

11 (f) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state  
14 leadership and assistance for science education reform (LASER)  
15 regional partnership activities, including instructional material  
16 purchases, teacher and principal professional development, and school  
17 and community engagement events. The office may require the recipient  
18 of these funds to report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in  
19 alignment with the measures of the Washington school improvement  
20 framework.

21 (g) \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants of \$2,500 to provide  
24 twenty middle and high school teachers each year with professional  
25 development training for implementing integrated math, science,  
26 technology, and engineering programs in their schools.

27 (h) \$62,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$62,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for competitive grants to school  
30 districts to increase the capacity of high schools to offer AP  
31 computer science courses. In making grant allocations, the office of  
32 the superintendent of public instruction must give priority to  
33 schools and districts in rural areas, with substantial enrollment of  
34 low-income students, and that do not offer AP computer science.  
35 School districts may apply to receive either or both of the following  
36 grants:

37 (i) A grant to establish partnerships to support computer science  
38 professionals from private industry serving on a voluntary basis as

1 coinstructors along with a certificated teacher, including via  
2 synchronous video, for AP computer science courses; or

3 (ii) A grant to purchase or upgrade technology and curriculum  
4 needed for AP computer science, as well as provide opportunities for  
5 professional development for classroom teachers to have the requisite  
6 knowledge and skills to teach AP computer science.

7 (i) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Mobius science center to  
10 expand mobile outreach of science, technology, engineering, and  
11 mathematics (STEM) education to students in rural, tribal, and low-  
12 income communities.

13 (j) \$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026 and \$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the centrum program at Fort  
16 Worden state park.

17 (k) \$20,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2026 and \$20,000,000 of the general fund—state  
19 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office  
20 to administer an outdoor learning grant program to develop and  
21 support outdoor educational experiences for students in Washington  
22 public schools. A portion of the amount provided must be used to  
23 provide outdoor educational opportunities for people with  
24 disabilities. The office may consult with the Washington recreation  
25 and conservation office on outdoor learning program grants. Of the  
26 amounts provided in this subsection (3)(l):

27 (i) \$195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to implement  
30 chapter 112, Laws of 2022 (outdoor learning grant prg.).

31 (ii) \$3,903,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2026 and \$3,903,000 of the general fund—state  
33 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
34 outdoor learning grant program, which consists of two types of  
35 grants:

36 (A) Allocation-based grants for school districts to develop or  
37 support outdoor educational experiences; and

1 (B) Competitive grants for outdoor education providers that are  
2 designed to support existing capacity and to increase future capacity  
3 for outdoor learning experiences.

4 (iii) \$15,902,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2026 and \$15,902,000 of the general fund—state  
6 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
7 outdoor education experiences program. The office must prioritize  
8 providing the program to fifth and sixth grade students in high  
9 poverty schools, expanding to other fifth and sixth grade students  
10 subject to available funds.

11 (l) \$3,205,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$3,205,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
14 238, Laws of 2022 (student financial literacy) which provides grants  
15 to school districts for integrating financial literacy education into  
16 professional development for certificated staff.

17 (m) (i) \$4,725,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2026 and \$4,725,000 of the general fund—state  
19 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for dual  
20 language grants to grow capacity for high quality dual language  
21 learning. Grant funding may be used for new and existing dual  
22 language programs, heritage language programs for immigrant and  
23 refugee students, and indigenous language programs for native  
24 students. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$1,000,000 of  
25 the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided  
26 solely for tribal language grants.

27 (ii) Each grant recipient must convene an advisory board to guide  
28 the development and continuous improvement of its dual language  
29 program, including but not limited to: Determining which schools and  
30 languages will be prioritized; conducting outreach to the community;  
31 and addressing enrollment considerations and the hiring of staff. At  
32 least half the members of the board must be parents of English  
33 learner students or current or former English learner students. The  
34 other members of the board must represent teachers, students, school  
35 leaders, governing board members, youth, and community-based  
36 organizations that support English learners.

37 (n) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2026 and \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to contract with

1 a statewide nonprofit organization representing school principals to  
2 expand a student program that since 1956 has offered leadership  
3 education for all ages with proven programs, custom curriculum, and  
4 experiential opportunities that promote school-wide social and  
5 emotional growth.

6 (4) ELIMINATING INEQUITABLE STUDENT OUTCOMES

7 (a) \$7,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$7,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a contract with a  
10 nongovernmental entity or entities for demonstration sites to improve  
11 the educational outcomes of students who are dependent pursuant to  
12 chapter 13.34 RCW pursuant to chapter 71, Laws of 2016 (foster youth  
13 edu. outcomes). The office may require the recipient of these funds  
14 to report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment with  
15 the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

16 (i) Of the amount provided in this subsection (4)(a), \$446,000 of  
17 the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and  
18 \$446,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027  
19 are provided solely for the demonstration site established pursuant  
20 to the 2013-2015 omnibus appropriations act, section 202(10), chapter  
21 4, Laws of 2013, 2nd sp. sess.

22 (ii) Of the amount provided in this subsection (4)(a), \$1,015,000  
23 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and  
24 \$1,015,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
25 2027 are provided solely for the demonstration site established  
26 pursuant to the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act, section  
27 501(43)(b), chapter 4, Laws of 2015, 3rd sp. sess., as amended.

28 (iii) Of the amounts provided in this subsection (4)(a), \$684,000  
29 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and  
30 \$684,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027  
31 are provided solely for the demonstration site established with  
32 funding provided in the 2017-2019 omnibus appropriations act, chapter  
33 1, Laws of 2017, 3rd sp. sess., as amended.

34 (iv) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 of the general fund—state  
36 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
37 demonstration site established with funding provided in this act.

38 (v) \$55,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026 and \$55,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for maintaining and implementing  
2 the data sharing agreement between the office, the department of  
3 children, youth, and families, and the contractors to support  
4 targeted service delivery, program evaluation, and statewide  
5 education outcomes measurement for students served under this  
6 section.

7 (b) \$1,200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$1,200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
10 157, Laws of 2016 (homeless students).

11 (c) \$36,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$36,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for chapter 212, Laws of 2014  
14 (homeless student educational outcomes).

15 (d) \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for contracts with Washington  
18 state based nonprofit organizations that provide a career-integrated  
19 one-to-one mentoring program for disadvantaged students facing  
20 academic and personal challenges with the goal of keeping them on  
21 track for graduation and post-high school success. An applicant  
22 requesting funding under this subsection must successfully  
23 demonstrate to the office that it currently provides a career-  
24 integrated one-to-one volunteer mentoring program and has been  
25 mentoring school youth for at least 20 years in the state prior to  
26 application.

27 (e) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to contract with  
30 an organization to create an after-school and summer learning program  
31 in the city of Federal Way. The program shall provide comprehensive,  
32 culturally competent academic support and cultural enrichment for  
33 primarily latinx, spanish-speaking, low-income sixth, seventh, and  
34 eighth grade students. The department must contract with an  
35 organization with over forty years of experience that serves the  
36 latino community in Seattle and King county and has previously  
37 established an after-school and summer learning program.

38 (f) \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026 and \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
2 superintendent of public instruction to create and administer a grant  
3 program for districts to reduce associated student body fees or  
4 participation fees for students who are eligible to participate in  
5 the federal free and reduced-price meals program. The office must  
6 distribute grants for the 2025-26 school year to school districts by  
7 August 10, 2025, and grants for the 2026-27 school year by August 1,  
8 2026.

9 (i) Grant awards must be prioritized in the following order:

10 (A) High schools implementing the United States department of  
11 agriculture community eligibility provision;

12 (B) High schools with the highest percentage of students in  
13 grades nine through twelve eligible to participate in the federal  
14 free and reduced-price meals program; and

15 (C) High schools located in school districts enrolling 5,000 or  
16 fewer students.

17 (ii) High schools that do not comply with the data collection and  
18 reporting requirements in RCW 28A.320.540 are not eligible for grant  
19 funding.

20 (iii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction  
21 shall award grants that are the lesser of the cost of the high  
22 school's associated student body card multiplied by the number of  
23 students eligible for the free or reduced-price meals program that  
24 purchased a student body card in either 2022-23 or 2023-24 school  
25 year, whichever is higher, or \$10,000.

26 (iv) The office may award additional funding if:

27 (A) The appropriations provided are greater than the total amount  
28 of funding requested at the end of the application cycle; and

29 (B) The applicant shows a demonstrated need for additional  
30 support.

31 (g) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office of the  
34 superintendent of public instruction to contract with a Washington-  
35 based nonprofit organization to promote equitable access in science,  
36 technology, engineering, and math education for historically  
37 underserved students and communities. The nonprofit shall provide a  
38 system of science educational programming specifically for migrant  
39 and bilingual students, including teacher professional development,  
40 culturally responsive classroom resources that are aligned with

1 Washington state science and environmental and sustainability  
2 learning standards, and implementation support. At least 50 percent  
3 of the funding provided in this subsection must serve schools and  
4 school districts in eastern Washington. The nonprofit organization  
5 must have experience developing and implementing science and  
6 environmental science programming and resources for migrant and  
7 bilingual students.

8 (h) \$1,399,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2026 and \$1,399,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for school districts to support  
11 youth who are truant under chapter 28A.225 RCW or at risk of becoming  
12 truant, and for costs associated with filing or serving petitions  
13 under RCW 28A.225.030.

14 (i) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to school districts  
17 and educational service districts operating institutional education  
18 programs for youth in state long-term juvenile institutions to  
19 provide access to computer science elective courses created in  
20 chapter 234, Laws of 2022 (computer science instruction).

21 (j) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to school districts,  
24 charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools to  
25 establish K-12 intensive tutoring programs. Grants shall be used to  
26 recruit, train, and hire tutors to provide one-on-one tutoring  
27 services to K-12 students experiencing learning loss as a result of  
28 the COVID-19 pandemic. The tutors must receive training in proven  
29 tutoring models to ensure their effectiveness in addressing learning  
30 loss.

31 (k) \$362,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026 and \$362,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
34 180, Laws of 2017 (Washington Aim program).

35 (5) EDUCATOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

36 \$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
37 2026 and \$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2027 are provided solely for a nonviolence and ethical



1 leadership training and professional development program provided by  
2 the institute for community leadership.

3 NEW SECTION.      **Sec. 523. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**  
4 **INSTRUCTION—FOR TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**

5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$101,426,000
6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$142,087,000
7	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$243,513,000

8        The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
9 conditions and limitations: \$1,000,000 of general fund—state  
10 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of general fund—  
11 state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
12 office of the superintendent of public instruction to distribute  
13 grants, in collaboration with the department of children, youth, and  
14 families, to support school districts in implementing blended early  
15 childhood education and assistance program and transition to  
16 kindergarten classrooms. Grant awards must be prioritized to school  
17 districts that the office deems closest to implementing a blended  
18 classroom model and classrooms must be blended by the conclusion of  
19 the 2026-27 school year. Of the amounts in this subsection, up to  
20 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2027 may be  
21 used for administrative expenses. The office of the superintendent of  
22 public instruction is responsible for:

23        (1) Monitoring the grant program, in collaboration with the  
24 department of children, youth, and families, including working with  
25 school districts to blend classrooms with both early childhood  
26 education and assistance program and transition to kindergarten  
27 students, collecting and analyzing data, and collaborating with the  
28 department of children, youth, and families, to identify best  
29 practices and challenges associated with operating blended  
30 classrooms;

31        (2) Ensuring that grantees submit regular progress reports  
32 detailing their progress toward implementing blended classrooms and  
33 that the blending of classrooms is complete by the 2026-27 school  
34 year; and

35        (3) Submitting a comprehensive report by December 1, 2026, to the  
36 governor and legislature that includes identification of best  
37 practices, challenges, and policy recommendations that support future  
38 implementation of blended classrooms.

(End of part)

**PART VI**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION**

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 601. 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. 602. 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

1 funds for training and related support services, including financial  
2 aid, as specified in RCW 28C.04.390. Funding is provided to support  
3 at least 7,170 full-time equivalent students in fiscal year 2026 and  
4 at least 7,170 full-time equivalent students in fiscal year 2027.

5 (2) \$5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026, \$5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027, and \$5,450,000 of the education legacy trust  
8 account—state appropriation are provided solely for administration  
9 and customized training contracts through the job skills program. The  
10 state board shall make an annual report by January 1st of each year  
11 to the governor and to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees  
12 of the legislature under RCW 43.01.036 regarding implementation of  
13 this section, listing the scope of grant awards, the distribution of  
14 funds by educational sector and region of the state, and the results  
15 of the partnerships supported by these funds.

16 (3) \$425,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$425,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for Seattle Central College's  
19 expansion of allied health programs.

20 (4) \$5,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
21 year 2026 and \$5,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
22 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the student achievement  
23 initiative.

24 (5) \$1,610,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026, \$1,610,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027, and \$904,000 of the workforce education investment  
27 account—state appropriation are provided solely for the mathematics,  
28 engineering, and science achievement program.

29 (6) \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for operating a fabrication  
32 composite wing incumbent worker training program to be housed at the  
33 Washington aerospace training and research center.

34 (7) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the aerospace center of  
37 excellence currently hosted by Everett community college to:

1 (a) Increase statewide communications and outreach between  
2 industry sectors, industry organizations, businesses, K-12 schools,  
3 colleges, and universities;

4 (b) Enhance information technology to increase business and  
5 student accessibility and use of the center's web site; and

6 (c) Act as the information entry point for prospective students  
7 and job seekers regarding education, training, and employment in the  
8 industry.

9 (8) \$25,970,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2026 and \$27,530,000 of the general fund—state  
11 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
12 implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in  
13 RCW 28B.15.066.

14 (9) Community and technical colleges are not required to send  
15 mass mailings of course catalogs to residents of their districts.  
16 Community and technical colleges shall consider lower cost  
17 alternatives, such as mailing postcards or brochures that direct  
18 individuals to online information and other ways of acquiring print  
19 catalogs.

20 (10) The state board for community and technical colleges shall  
21 not use funds appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate  
22 athletics programs.

23 (11) \$157,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026 and \$157,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Wenatchee Valley college  
26 wildfire prevention program.

27 (12) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Puget Sound welcome back  
30 center at Highline College to create a grant program for  
31 internationally trained individuals seeking employment in the  
32 behavioral health field in Washington state.

33 (13) \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for increased enrollments in the  
36 integrated basic education and skills training program. Funding will  
37 support approximately 120 additional full-time equivalent enrollments  
38 annually.

1 (14) \$216,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$216,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the opportunity center for  
4 employment and education at North Seattle College.

5 (15) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for Highline College to  
8 implement the Federal Way higher education initiative in partnership  
9 with the city of Federal Way and the University of Washington Tacoma  
10 campus.

11 (16) \$350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$350,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for Peninsula College to  
14 maintain the annual cohorts of the specified programs as follows:

- 15 (a) Medical assisting, 40 students;
- 16 (b) Nursing assistant, 60 students; and
- 17 (c) Registered nursing, 32 students.

18 (17) \$338,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$338,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington state labor  
21 education and research center at South Seattle College.

22 (18) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
23 year 2026 and \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
24 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the aerospace and advanced  
25 manufacturing center of excellence hosted by Everett Community  
26 College to develop a semiconductor and electronics manufacturing  
27 branch in Vancouver.

28 (19) \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2026, \$11,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
30 for fiscal year 2027, and \$65,847,000 of the workforce education  
31 investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for  
32 statewide implementation of guided pathways at each of the state's  
33 community and technical colleges or similar programs designed to  
34 improve student success, including, but not limited to, academic  
35 program redesign, student advising, and other student supports.

36 (20) \$15,220,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
37 state appropriation is provided solely for college operating costs,  
38 including compensation and central services, in recognition that

1 these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate operating fee  
2 revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

3 (21) \$15,220,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
4 state appropriation is provided solely for employee compensation,  
5 academic program enhancements, student support services, and other  
6 institutional priorities that maintain a quality academic experience  
7 for Washington students.

8 (22) \$40,800,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
9 state appropriation is provided solely to continue to fund nurse  
10 educator salaries.

11 (23) \$40,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
12 state appropriation is provided to continue to fund high-demand  
13 program faculty salaries, including but not limited to nurse  
14 educators, other health-related professions, information technology,  
15 computer science, and trades.

16 (24) \$8,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
17 state appropriation is provided solely for the state board for  
18 community and technical colleges to maintain high-demand and career  
19 launch enrollments, as provided under RCW 28C.30.020. Within the  
20 amounts provided in this subsection (24):

21 (a) \$6,000,000 of the amounts in this subsection (24) are  
22 provided to maintain and grow career launch enrollments, as provided  
23 under RCW 28C.30.020. Up to three percent of this amount may be used  
24 for administration, technical assistance, and support for career  
25 launch programs within the community and technical colleges.

26 (b) \$2,000,000 of the amounts in this subsection (24) are  
27 provided to maintain enrollments in high demand programs. These  
28 programs include, but are not limited to, allied health, computer and  
29 information science, manufacturing, and other fields identified by  
30 the state board for community and technical colleges.

31 (c) The state board for community and technical colleges may  
32 transfer amounts between (a) and (b) of this subsection if either  
33 program does not have sufficient demand to spend the allocated  
34 funding. Any transfer must be approved by the state board for  
35 community and technical colleges and the office of financial  
36 management.

37 (25) \$4,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
38 state appropriation and \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state

1 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
2 emergency assistance grant program in RCW 28B.50.295.

3 (26) \$1,119,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
4 fiscal year 2026, \$1,119,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
5 for fiscal year 2027, and \$4,221,000 of the workforce education  
6 investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for  
7 implementation of diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism  
8 provisions in chapter 28B.10 RCW.

9 (27) \$20,473,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
10 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of equity  
11 and access provisions in chapter 28B.50 RCW.

12 (28)(a) \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state  
14 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to  
15 promote workforce development in trucking and trucking-related supply  
16 chain industries and the school bus driving industry by expanding the  
17 number of registered apprenticeships, preapprenticeships, and  
18 trucking related training programs; and providing support for  
19 registered apprenticeships or programs in trucking and trucking-  
20 related supply chain industries and the school bus driving industry.

21 (b) Grants awarded under this subsection may be used for:

22 (i) Equipment upgrades or new equipment purchases for training  
23 purposes;

24 (ii) New training spaces and locations to support capacity needs  
25 and expansion of training to veterans and veteran spouses, and  
26 underserved populations to include foster care and homeless  
27 transition populations and previously incarcerated persons;

28 (iii) Faculty curriculum development and instructor training for  
29 driving, repair, and service of technological advancements facing the  
30 industries;

31 (iv) Tuition assistance for commercial vehicle driver and related  
32 supply chain industry training, fees associated with driver testing,  
33 and other reasonable and necessary student support services,  
34 including child care costs; and

35 (v) Fees and other reasonable costs associated with commercial  
36 truck driving examiner training and certification.

37 (c) An entity is eligible to receive a grant if it is a  
38 nonprofit, nongovernmental, or institution of primary or higher  
39 education that provides training opportunities, including



1 apprenticeships, preapprenticeships, preemployment training,  
2 commercial vehicle driver training and testing, or vocational  
3 training related to mechanical and support functions that support the  
4 trucking industry or the school bus driving industry; or incumbent  
5 worker training to prepare workers for the trucking and trucking-  
6 related supply chain industries or the school bus driving industry.  
7 Preference will be given to entities in compliance with government  
8 approved or accredited programs. Reporting requirements, as  
9 determined by the board, shall be required.

10 (d) The board may use up to five percent of funds for  
11 administration of grants.

12 (29) \$3,200,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
13 state appropriation is provided solely for costs associated with  
14 grants awarded in fiscal year 2023 for nursing programs to purchase  
15 or upgrade simulation laboratory equipment.

16 (30) (a) \$9,336,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
17 state appropriation is provided solely to expand cybersecurity  
18 academic enrollments by 500 FTE students.

19 (b) The state board for community and technical colleges must  
20 coordinate with the student achievement council as provided in  
21 section 608(10) of this act to submit a progress report on the new or  
22 expanded cybersecurity academic programs, including the number of  
23 students enrolled.

24 (31) \$410,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
25 appropriation is provided solely to establish a center for excellence  
26 in cybersecurity.

27 (32) \$1,648,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,648,000 of the general fund—state  
29 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for legal  
30 services related to litigation by employees within the community and  
31 technical college system challenging the denial of retirement and  
32 sick leave benefits. The cases include *Wolf v. State and SBCTC*, *Rush*  
33 *v. State and SBCTC* (retirement), and *Rush v. State and SBCTC* (sick  
34 leave).

35 (33) \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2026 and \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state  
37 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
38 opportunity grant program to provide health care workforce grants for  
39 students.

1 (34) \$2,720,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,720,000 of the general fund—state  
3 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for each  
4 community and technical college to contract with a community-based  
5 organization to assist with financial aid access and support in  
6 communities.

7 (35) \$7,456,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
8 state appropriation is provided solely for the expansion of existing  
9 programming to accommodate refugees and immigrants who have arrived  
10 in Washington state on or after July 1, 2021, including those from  
11 Afghanistan and Ukraine.

12 (36)(a) \$2,160,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2026, \$2,160,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
14 for fiscal year 2027, and \$3,600,000 of the workforce education  
15 investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for  
16 nursing education, to increase the number of nursing slots by at  
17 least 400 new slots in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

18 (b) The state board for community and technical colleges must  
19 coordinate with the student achievement council as provided in  
20 section 608(10) of this act to submit a progress report on the new or  
21 expanded nursing academic programs, including the number of students  
22 enrolled per program.

23 (37) \$200,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
24 appropriation is provided solely for the Bellingham Technical College  
25 maritime apprenticeship program.

26 (38) \$2,100,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
27 state appropriation is provided solely for the Skagit Valley College  
28 dental therapy education program.

29 (39)(a) \$855,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
30 state appropriation is provided solely for the Seattle Central  
31 College for partnership with the Seattle maritime academy. Seattle  
32 Central College must enter into a memorandum of agreement with  
33 Washington state ferries. Funding may not be expended until Seattle  
34 Central College certifies to the office of financial management that  
35 a memorandum of agreement with Washington state ferries has been  
36 executed. The memorandum of agreement must address:

37 (i) The shared use of training and other facilities and  
38 implementation of joint training opportunities where practicable;

1 (ii) Development of a joint recruitment plan aimed at increasing  
2 enrollment of women and people of color, with specific strategies to  
3 recruit existing community and technical college students, maritime  
4 skills center students, high school students from maritime programs,  
5 foster care graduates, and former juvenile rehabilitation and adult  
6 incarcerated individuals; and

7 (iii) Development of a training program and recruitment plan and  
8 a five-year operational plan.

9 (b) The joint training program and recruitment plan and the five-  
10 year operational plan must be submitted to the appropriate policy and  
11 fiscal committees of the legislature by December 1, 2023.

12 (40) \$200,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
13 appropriation is provided solely for the state board for community  
14 and technical colleges to work with interested parties, such as local  
15 law enforcement agencies, the department of corrections,  
16 representatives of county or city jail facilities, the Washington  
17 state patrol, Washington community and technical colleges, and other  
18 organizations and entities as appropriate to assess the recruitment  
19 and retention challenges for their agencies and develop  
20 recommendations to meet the workforce needs. These recommendations  
21 should focus on education and training programs that meet the needs  
22 of law enforcement and corrections agencies and must include an  
23 outreach strategy designed to inform and attract students in non-  
24 traditional program pathways. The assessment and recommendations  
25 shall be provided in a report to the governor and the appropriate  
26 committees of the legislature, pursuant to RCW 43.01.036, by October  
27 1, 2025.

28 (41) \$331,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026, \$331,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027, and \$1,360,000 of the workforce education  
31 investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for  
32 implementation of state registered apprenticeship provisions in  
33 chapter 28B.124 RCW.

34 (42) \$1,262,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
35 state appropriation is provided solely for the centers of excellence.

36 (43) \$5,789,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
37 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
38 421, Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

1 (44) \$3,718,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
2 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
3 339, Laws of 2023 (student homelessness pilot).

4 (45) \$5,308,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
5 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
6 314, Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

7 (46) \$882,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
8 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 126,  
9 Laws of 2023 (nurse supply).

10 (47) \$475,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
11 appropriation is provided solely for the continuation of curriculum  
12 development and program redesign to integrate climate justice and  
13 solutions-focused assignments and professional technical green  
14 workforce modules into community college curriculum across the state.

15 (48) \$1,602,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
16 state appropriation is provided solely for community college staff to  
17 recruit, advise, and support early achievers scholars completing  
18 their early childhood qualifications. The state board shall  
19 prioritize colleges with longer wait lists for early achievers  
20 scholars. The state board for community and technical colleges shall  
21 collaborate with the department of children, youth, and families to  
22 submit a report, pursuant to RCW 43.01.036, by September 30, 2025, to  
23 the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on early  
24 achievers grant participation data, including data on enrollment and  
25 waitlists for the grant program.

26 (49) \$408,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
27 appropriation is provided solely for Olympic College to hire program  
28 directors for new health care pathways.

29 (50) \$2,280,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
30 state appropriation is provided solely for the increase in bachelor  
31 of science computer science programs.

32 (51) \$257,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$257,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the creation of a  
35 hospitality center of excellence hosted at Columbia basin college.

36 (52) \$850,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
37 appropriation is provided solely to expand the student aid outreach  
38 and completion initiative pilot program in RCW 28B.50.940 to

1 participating community and technical colleges located within capital  
2 region educational service district 113.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 603. FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

4	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$495,998,000
5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$507,889,000
6	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
7	(FY 2026) . . . . .	\$379,000
8	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
9	(FY 2027) . . . . .	\$388,000
10	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account—State	
11	Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,670,000
12	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$526,000
13	Natural Climate Solutions Account—State	
14	Appropriation . . . . .	\$840,000
15	University of Washington Building Account—State	
16	Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,546,000
17	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$40,630,000
18	Economic Development Strategic Reserve Account—State	
19	Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,150,000
20	Biotoxin Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$635,000
21	Accident Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$9,037,000
22	Medical Aid Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$8,400,000
23	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
24	Appropriation . . . . .	\$80,761,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$1,151,849,000

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

28 (1) \$53,902,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2026 and \$57,140,000 of the general fund—state  
30 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
31 implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in  
32 RCW 28B.15.066.

33 (2) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one head archivist for the  
36 labor archives of Washington and reserved solely for labor archives  
37 activities, staffing, supplies, and equipment. The head will

1 determine budget priorities and oversee expenditures on the budget.  
2 Budget funds will be reserved solely for the labor archives and shall  
3 not be used to supplant or supplement other activities of the  
4 University of Washington libraries unrelated to the collections and  
5 activities of the labor archives. The university and the head shall  
6 work in collaboration with the friends of the labor archives  
7 community advisory board.

8 (3) \$10,000,000 of the education legacy trust account—state  
9 appropriation is provided solely for the family medicine residency  
10 network at the university to maintain and expand the number of  
11 residency slots available in Washington.

12 (4) The university must continue work with the education research  
13 and data center to demonstrate progress in computer science and  
14 engineering enrollments. By September 1st of each year, the  
15 university shall provide a report including but not limited to the  
16 cost per student, student completion rates, and the number of low-  
17 income students enrolled in each program, any process changes or  
18 best-practices implemented by the university, and how many students  
19 are enrolled in computer science and engineering programs above the  
20 prior academic year.

21 (5) \$14,000,000 of the education legacy trust account—state  
22 appropriation is provided solely for the expansion of degrees in the  
23 department of computer science and engineering at the Seattle campus.

24 (6) \$3,062,000 of the economic development strategic reserve  
25 account—state appropriation is provided solely to support the joint  
26 center for aerospace innovation technology.

27 (7) The University of Washington shall not use funds appropriated  
28 in this section to support intercollegiate athletics programs.

29 (8) \$7,345,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$7,345,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continued operations and  
32 expansion of the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho medical  
33 school program.

34 (9) \$2,625,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$2,625,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the institute for stem cell  
37 and regenerative medicine. Funds appropriated in this subsection must  
38 be dedicated to research utilizing pluripotent stem cells and related  
39 research methods.

1 (10) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided to the University of Washington to  
4 support youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in the  
5 university district of Seattle. Funding is provided for the  
6 university to work with community service providers and university  
7 colleges and departments to plan for and implement a comprehensive  
8 one-stop center with navigation services for homeless youth; the  
9 university may contract with the department of commerce to expand  
10 services that serve homeless youth in the university district.

11 (11) \$1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2026, \$1,800,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
13 for fiscal year 2027, and \$1,200,000 of the workforce education  
14 investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for the  
15 adult psychiatry residency program at the University of Washington to  
16 offer additional residency positions that are approved by the  
17 accreditation council for graduate medical education.

18 (12) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
19 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state  
20 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
21 University of Washington's psychiatry integrated care training  
22 program.

23 (13) \$640,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026, \$640,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027, and \$426,000 of the workforce education investment  
26 account—state appropriation are provided solely for child and  
27 adolescent psychiatry residency positions that are approved by the  
28 accreditation council for graduate medical education, as provided in  
29 RCW 28B.20.445.

30 (14) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state  
32 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
33 University of Washington School of Dentistry to support its role as a  
34 major oral health provider to individuals covered by medicaid and the  
35 uninsured.

36 (15) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the pre-law pipeline and  
39 social justice program at the University of Washington-Tacoma.

1 (16) \$226,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$226,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the university's neurology  
4 department to create a telemedicine program to disseminate dementia  
5 care best practices to primary care practitioners using the project  
6 ECHO model. The program shall provide a virtual connection for  
7 providers and content experts and include didactics, case  
8 conferences, and an emphasis on practice transformation and systems-  
9 level issues that affect care delivery. The initial users of this  
10 program shall include referral sources in health care systems and  
11 clinics, such as the university's neighborhood clinics and Virginia  
12 Mason Memorial in Yakima with a goal of adding 15 to 20 providers  
13 from smaller clinics and practices per year.

14 (17) \$102,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026, \$102,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027, and \$350,000 of the workforce education investment  
17 account—state appropriation are provided solely for the university's  
18 center for international trade in forest products.

19 (18) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026, \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027, and \$500,000 of the workforce education investment  
22 account—state appropriation are provided solely for the Latino center  
23 for health.

24 (19) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a firearm policy research  
27 program. The program will:

28 (a) Support investigations of firearm death and injury risk  
29 factors;

30 (b) Evaluate the effectiveness of state firearm laws and  
31 policies;

32 (c) Assess the consequences of firearm violence; and

33 (d) Develop strategies to reduce the toll of firearm violence to  
34 citizens of the state.

35 (20) \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the climate impacts group in  
38 the college of the environment.



1 (21) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the college of education to  
4 collaborate with teacher preparation programs and the office of the  
5 superintendent of public instruction to develop open access climate  
6 science educational curriculum for use in teacher preparation  
7 programs.

8 (22) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2026, \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2027, and \$300,000 of the workforce education investment  
11 account—state appropriation are provided solely for the Harry Bridges  
12 center for labor studies. The center shall work in collaboration with  
13 the state board for community and technical colleges.

14 (23) \$4,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
15 state appropriation and \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state  
16 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for employee  
17 compensation, academic program enhancements, student support  
18 services, and other institutional priorities that maintain a quality  
19 academic experience for Washington students.

20 (24) \$8,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
21 state appropriation is provided solely to maintain degree production  
22 in the college of engineering at the Seattle campus.

23 (25) \$2,724,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
24 state appropriation is provided solely to maintain the Washington  
25 state academic redshirt program on the Seattle campus and establish a  
26 program on the Bothell campus.

27 (26) \$2,700,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
28 state appropriation is provided solely to maintain degree capacity  
29 and undergraduate enrollments in engineering, mathematics, and  
30 science programs to support the biomedical innovation partnership  
31 zone at the Bothell campus.

32 (27) \$3,268,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
33 state appropriation is provided solely to maintain bachelor of  
34 science programs in mechanical and civil engineering to support  
35 increased student and local employer demand for graduates in these  
36 fields at the Tacoma campus.

37 (28) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2026, \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
39 fiscal year 2027, and \$700,000 of the workforce education investment

1 account—state appropriation are provided solely for Washington  
2 mathematics, engineering, science achievement programs to provide  
3 enrichment opportunities in mathematics, engineering, science, and  
4 technology to students who are traditionally underrepresented in  
5 these programs. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$500,000  
6 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is  
7 for Washington State University to plan and implement expansion of  
8 MESA activities at the Everett campus to facilitate increased  
9 attendance and degree completion by students who are underrepresented  
10 in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics degrees.

11 (29) \$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a community care coordinator  
14 for transitional-age youth for the doorway project in partnership  
15 with the Seattle campus.

16 (30) \$14,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
17 state appropriation is provided solely for the expansion of the Paul  
18 G. Allen school of computer science and engineering in order to award  
19 an additional 200 degrees per year focusing on traditionally  
20 underrepresented students. A report on the program graduation rates,  
21 waitlist for entry into the program, time to degree completion, and  
22 degrees awarded must be submitted to the appropriate committees of  
23 the legislature, pursuant to RCW 43.01.036, by June 30, 2026, and  
24 June 30, 2027.

25 (31) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to expand a series of online  
28 courses related to behavioral health and student well-being that are  
29 currently offered at the Bothell campus for school district staff.  
30 The standards for the courses must be consistent with knowledge,  
31 skill, and performance standards related to mental health and well-  
32 being of public school students. The online courses must provide:

33 (a) Foundational knowledge in behavioral health, mental health,  
34 and mental illness;

35 (b) Information on how to assess, intervene upon, and refer  
36 behavioral health and intersection of behavioral health and substance  
37 use issues; and

38 (c) Approaches to promote health and positively influence student  
39 health behaviors.

1 (32) To ensure transparency and accountability, in the 2025-2027  
2 fiscal biennium the University of Washington shall comply with any  
3 and all financial and accountability audits by the Washington state  
4 auditor including any and all audits of university services offered  
5 to the general public, including those offered through any public-  
6 private partnership, business venture, affiliation, or joint venture  
7 with a public or private entity, except the government of the United  
8 States. The university shall comply with all state auditor requests  
9 for the university's financial and business information including the  
10 university's governance and financial participation in these public-  
11 private partnerships, business ventures, affiliations, or joint  
12 ventures with a public or private entity. In any instance in which  
13 the university declines to produce the information to the state  
14 auditor, the university will provide the state auditor a brief  
15 summary of the documents withheld and a citation of the legal or  
16 contractual provision that prevents disclosure. The summaries must be  
17 compiled into a report by the state auditor and provided on a  
18 quarterly basis to the legislature.

19 (33) \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026 and \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Burke museum of natural  
22 history and culture to make education programs offered by the museum  
23 accessible to more students across Washington, especially students in  
24 underserved schools and locations. The funding shall be used for:

25 (a) Increasing the number of students who participate in Burke  
26 education programs at reduced or no cost, including virtual programs;

27 (b) Providing bus reimbursement for students visiting the museum  
28 on field trips and to support travel to bring museum programs across  
29 the state;

30 (c) Staff who will form partnerships with school districts to  
31 serve statewide communities more efficiently and equitably, including  
32 through the Burkemobile program; and

33 (d) Support of tribal consultation work, including expanding  
34 Native programming, and digitization of Native collections.

35 (34) \$410,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$410,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the university's center for  
38 human rights. The appropriation must be used to supplement, not  
39 supplant, other funding sources for the center for human rights.

1 (35) \$143,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$143,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to the University of Washington  
4 for the establishment and operation of the state forensic  
5 anthropologist. The university shall work in conjunction with and  
6 provide the full funding directly to the King county medical  
7 examiner's office to support the statewide work of the state forensic  
8 anthropologist.

9 (36) \$64,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 and \$64,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health  
12 counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and  
13 training specifically related to working with active members of the  
14 military or military veterans.

15 (37) \$443,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the operation of the center  
18 for environmental forensic science.

19 (38) \$1,250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 of the general fund—state  
21 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
22 community-engagement test to facilitate clean energy transitions by  
23 partnering with communities, utilities, and project developers.

24 (39) \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state  
26 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for staffing  
27 and operational expenditures related to the battery fabrication  
28 testbed.

29 (40) \$505,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$505,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for pharmacy behavioral health.  
32 The University of Washington school of pharmacy/medicine pharmacy  
33 services will hire two residency training positions and one  
34 behavioral health faculty to create a residency program focused on  
35 behavioral health.

36 (41) \$1,242,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2026, \$1,242,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
38 for fiscal year 2027, and \$742,000 of the workforce education  
39 investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for an

1 increase in the number of nursing slots and graduates in the already  
2 established accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program. Of  
3 the amounts provided in this subsection, \$273,000 of the general fund  
4 —state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$273,000 of the general  
5 fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for  
6 the Tacoma school of nursing and healthcare leadership.

7 (42) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the memory and brain  
10 wellness center to support the statewide expansion of the dementia  
11 friends program.

12 (43) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain a data repository to  
15 assist the state and all political subdivisions with evaluating  
16 whether and to what extent existing laws and practices with respect  
17 to voting and elections are consistent with public policy,  
18 implementing best practices in voting and elections, and to  
19 investigate potential infringements upon the right to vote.

20 (a) The operation of the database shall be the responsibility of  
21 the director of the database, who shall be employed by the University  
22 of Washington with training and experience in demography, statistical  
23 analysis, and electoral systems. The director shall appoint necessary  
24 staff to implement and maintain the database.

25 (b) The database shall maintain in electronic format at least the  
26 following data and records, where available, for at least the  
27 previous 12-year period:

28 (i) Estimates of the total population, voting age population, and  
29 citizen voting age population by race, ethnicity, and language-  
30 minority groups, broken down to the election district and precinct  
31 level on a year-by-year basis for every political subdivision in the  
32 state, based on data from the United States census bureau, American  
33 community survey, or data of comparable quality collected by a public  
34 office;

35 (ii) Election results at the precinct level for every statewide  
36 election and every election in every political subdivision;

37 (iii) Regularly updated voter registration lists, voter history  
38 files, voting center locations, ballot drop box locations, and

1 student engagement hub locations for every election in every  
2 political subdivision;

3 (iv) Contemporaneous maps, descriptions of boundaries, and  
4 shapefiles for election districts and precincts;

5 (v) The following records for every election in every political  
6 subdivision:

7 (A) Records of all voters issued a ballot and all voters who  
8 returned a ballot; and

9 (B) Records of all ballots with missing and mismatched  
10 signatures, including the date on which the voter was contacted or  
11 the notice was mailed, as well as the date on which the voter  
12 submitted updated information;

13 (vi) Apportionment plans for every election in every political  
14 subdivision; and

15 (vii) Any other data that the director deems advisable.

16 (c) Upon the certification of election results and the completion  
17 of the voter history file after each general election, the secretary  
18 of state shall transmit copies of the following to the director of  
19 the database:

20 (i) Election results at the precinct level, including information  
21 about rejected and cured ballots;

22 (ii) Voter history files;

23 (iii) Shapefiles for election districts; and

24 (iv) Lists of voting centers, ballot drop boxes, and student  
25 engagement hubs.

26 (d) The director and staff shall update election data in the  
27 database as soon as it is available from the office of the secretary  
28 of state, following certification of each election as required by RCW  
29 29A.60.190 or 29A.60.250.

30 (e) Except for any data, information, or estimates that identify  
31 individual voters, the data, information, and estimates maintained by  
32 the database shall be posted online and made available to the public  
33 at no cost.

34 (f) The database shall prepare any estimates made pursuant to  
35 this section by applying scientifically rigorous and validated  
36 methodologies.

37 (g) On or before January 1, 2025, the database shall publish on  
38 its website and transmit to the state for dissemination to county  
39 auditors and the secretary of state a list of political subdivisions  
40 required, pursuant to section 203 of the federal voting rights act,

1 52 U.S.C. Sec. 10503, to provide assistance to members of language-  
2 minority groups and each language in which those political  
3 subdivisions are required to provide assistance. Each county auditor  
4 shall transmit the list described in this subsection to all political  
5 subdivisions within their jurisdiction.

6 (h) The database will complete regular analysis of ballot  
7 rejections and cures, identifying population subgroups with higher  
8 than average ballot rejection rates. An annual report of ballot  
9 rejections will be posted online and made available to the public at  
10 no cost. Database staff may work with the secretary of state and  
11 county auditors to examine new practices and solutions for reducing  
12 ballot rejections and increasing ballot cure rates.

13 (i) Staff at the database may provide nonpartisan technical  
14 assistance to political subdivisions, scholars, and the general  
15 public seeking to use the resources of the database.

16 (44) \$122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for sexual assault nurse  
19 examiner training.

20 (45) \$2,505,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
21 state appropriation is provided solely for the expansion of the  
22 University of Washington school of dentistry regional initiatives in  
23 dental education (RIDE) program.

24 (46) Within existing resources, the institution must resume a  
25 mentoring, organization, and social support for autism inclusion on  
26 campus program. The program must focus on academic coaching, peer-  
27 mentoring, support for social interactions, and career preparation.

28 (47) \$1,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
29 state appropriation is provided solely for the center for indigenous  
30 health to increase the number of American Indian and Alaska Native  
31 physicians practicing in the state of Washington.

32 (48) \$484,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
33 appropriation is provided solely to the university for Friday harbor  
34 labs in the amount of \$125,000 each fiscal year and the school of  
35 aquatic and fishery sciences in the amount of \$117,000 each fiscal  
36 year to perform coordinating, monitoring, and research related to  
37 Puget Sound kelp conservation and recovery.

1 (49) \$2,854,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
2 state appropriation is provided solely for increasing enrollments in  
3 computing and engineering programs at the Tacoma campus.

4 (50) \$520,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely for the biological response to ocean  
6 acidification to advance high-priority biological experiments to  
7 better understand the relationship between marine organisms and ocean  
8 acidification.

9 (51) \$300,000 of the natural climate solutions account—state  
10 appropriation is provided solely for monitoring assistance at the  
11 Washington ocean acidification center.

12 (52) \$104,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$104,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continued implementation  
15 of chapter 191, Laws of 2022 (veterans & military suicide).

16 (53) \$426,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
17 appropriation is provided solely for the continued implementation of  
18 RCW 49.60.525 (racial restrictions/review).

19 (54) \$800,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
20 appropriation is provided solely for the development and  
21 implementation of a program to support pathways from prison to the  
22 university's Tacoma campus. The university shall collaborate with  
23 formerly incarcerated women, Tacoma Community College, the freedom  
24 education project Puget Sound, the women's village, the state board  
25 for community and technical colleges, and the department of  
26 corrections, in development and implementation of the pathways  
27 program.

28 (55) \$660,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
29 appropriation is provided solely for the Allen school scholars  
30 program.

31 (56) \$158,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026, \$158,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027, and \$798,000 of the workforce education investment  
34 account—state appropriation are provided solely for continued  
35 implementation of diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism  
36 professional development for faculty and staff, student training, and  
37 campus climate assessments in chapter 28B.10 RCW.

38 (57) The institution must report to and coordinate with the  
39 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment



1 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
2 173-446B WAC.

3 (58) \$513,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
4 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421,  
5 Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

6 (59) \$686,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
7 year 2026 and \$669,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
9 426, Laws of 2023 (diversity in clinical trials).

10 (60) \$208,000 of the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis  
11 response account—state appropriation is provided solely for  
12 implementation of chapter 454, Laws of 2023 (988 system).

13 (61) \$1,652,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
14 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
15 314, Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

16 (62) \$730,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
17 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 364,  
18 Laws of 2023 (psilocybin).

19 (63) \$288,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
20 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 232,  
21 Laws of 2023 (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5447) (alternative  
22 jet fuel).

23 (64) \$526,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
24 appropriation is provided solely for two grant writers to support the  
25 ongoing need for tribal and overburdened communities to access state  
26 and federal funding opportunities that advance environmental justice  
27 through the thriving communities technical assistance program.

28 (65) \$20,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2026 and \$20,000,000 of the general fund—state  
30 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to support  
31 behavioral health care and training at the University of Washington  
32 medical center. A report detailing how these funds and any federal  
33 funds are expended for the medical center shall be submitted to the  
34 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature, pursuant  
35 to RCW 43.01.036, by June 30, 2026.

36 (66) \$615,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026 and \$615,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for legal services related to  
39 the behavioral health teaching facility.

1 (67) \$412,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 is provided solely to develop and implement the Washington  
3 reproductive access alliance. The alliance shall provide a service  
4 coordination website and phone line, administrative support and  
5 coordination of the alliance, patient care coordination, and social  
6 support for patient travel.

7 (68) \$232,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$232,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of  
10 chapter 211, Laws of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

11 (69) \$214,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$214,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the implementation of  
14 chapter 366, Laws of 2024 (substance use treatment).

15 (70) \$10,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 269, Laws  
17 of 2024 (ballot rejection).

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 604. FOR WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

19	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$302,380,000
20	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$309,080,000
21	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
22	(FY 2026) . . . . .	\$204,000
23	Dedicated Cannabis Account—State Appropriation	
24	(FY 2027) . . . . .	\$208,000
25	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$7,722,000
26	Washington State University Building Account—State	
27	Appropriation . . . . .	\$792,000
28	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation . . . .	\$33,995,000
29	Model Toxics Control Operating Account—State	
30	Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,772,000
31	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
32	Appropriation . . . . .	\$48,646,000
33	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$705,799,000

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

36 (1) \$90,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026 and \$90,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a rural economic development  
2 and outreach coordinator.

3 (2) The university must continue work with the education research  
4 and data center to demonstrate progress in computer science and  
5 engineering enrollments. By September 1st of each year, the  
6 university shall provide a report including but not limited to the  
7 cost per student, student completion rates, and the number of low-  
8 income students enrolled in each program, any process changes or  
9 best-practices implemented by the university, and how many students  
10 are enrolled in computer science and engineering programs above the  
11 prior academic year.

12 (3) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for state match requirements  
15 related to the federal aviation administration grant.

16 (4) Washington State University shall not use funds appropriated  
17 in this section to support intercollegiate athletic programs.

18 (5) \$7,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026, \$7,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027, and \$22,800,000 of the workforce education  
21 investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for the  
22 continued development and operations of a medical school program in  
23 Spokane.

24 (6) \$135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 and \$135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a honey bee biology research  
27 position.

28 (7) \$38,316,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2026 and \$40,618,000 of the general fund—state  
30 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
31 implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in  
32 RCW 28B.15.066.

33 (8) \$580,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$580,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the development of an  
36 organic agriculture systems degree program located at the university  
37 center in Everett.

38 (9) \$630,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
39 year 2026 and \$630,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the creation of an  
2 electrical engineering program located in Bremerton. At full  
3 implementation, the university is expected to increase degree  
4 production by 25 new bachelor's degrees per year. The university must  
5 identify these students separately when providing data to the  
6 education research data center as required in subsection (2) of this  
7 section.

8 (10) \$1,370,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,370,000 of the general fund—state  
10 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
11 creation of software engineering and data analytic programs at the  
12 university center in Everett. At full implementation, the university  
13 is expected to enroll 50 students per academic year. The university  
14 must identify these students separately when providing data to the  
15 education research data center as required in subsection (2) of this  
16 section.

17 (11) General fund—state appropriations in this section are  
18 reduced to reflect a reduction in state-supported tuition waivers for  
19 graduate students. When reducing tuition waivers, the university will  
20 not change its practices and procedures for providing eligible  
21 veterans with tuition waivers.

22 (12) \$1,154,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
23 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,154,000 of the general fund—state  
24 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for RCW  
25 82.16.120 and 82.16.165 (renewable energy, tax incentives).

26 (13) \$376,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
27 year 2026 and \$376,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for RCW 28B.30.357 (children's  
29 mental health).

30 (14) \$585,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$585,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for RCW 77.12.272 (elk hoof  
33 disease).

34 (15) \$2,076,000 of the model toxics control operating account—  
35 state appropriation is provided solely for the university's soil  
36 health initiative and its network of long-term agroecological  
37 research and extension (LTARE) sites. The network must include a  
38 Mount Vernon REC site.

1 (16) \$42,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$42,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health  
4 counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and  
5 training specifically related to working with active members of the  
6 military or military veterans.

7 (17) \$33,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$33,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for compensation funding for  
10 Western Washington University employees that work on the Washington  
11 State University Everett campus.

12 (18) \$327,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$327,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for pharmacy behavioral health.  
15 Washington State University college of pharmacy and pharmaceutical  
16 sciences will hire two residency training positions and one  
17 behavioral health faculty to create a residency program focused on  
18 behavioral health.

19 (19) \$608,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026 and \$608,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for the Washington state academy  
22 of sciences to provide support for core operations and to accomplish  
23 its mission of providing science in the service of Washington,  
24 pursuant to its memorandum of understanding with the university.

25 (20) \$188,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$188,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for stormwater research to study  
28 the long-term efficacy of green stormwater infrastructure that  
29 incorporates compost to remove pollutants.

30 (21) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the joint center for  
33 deployment and research in earth abundant materials.

34 (22) \$7,721,000 of the climate commitment account—state  
35 appropriation is provided solely for the creation of the institute  
36 for northwest energy futures.

37 (23) \$3,910,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
38 state appropriation is provided solely for increasing nursing  
39 salaries at the institution.

1 (24) \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for increasing the base funding  
4 for the William D. Ruckleshaus Center.

5 (25) \$695,000 of the model toxics control operating account—state  
6 appropriation is provided solely for turf grass resilience research  
7 in high traffic areas.

8 (26) The institution must report to and coordinate with the  
9 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
10 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
11 173-446B WAC.

12 (27) \$434,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
13 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421,  
14 Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

15 (28) \$190,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$190,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for continued funding of the  
18 statewide broadband coordinator within the Washington State  
19 University extension program. This funding will support the salary  
20 and benefits of this position.

21 (29) \$353,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
22 appropriation is provided solely for the complex social interactions  
23 lab.

24 (30) \$232,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2027 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 211, Laws  
26 of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

27 (31) \$2,200,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
28 state appropriation is provided solely for the native American  
29 scholarship to continue for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 605. FOR EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

31	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$72,502,000
32	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$74,074,000
33	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$16,838,000
34	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
35	Appropriation. . . . .	\$23,762,000
36	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$187,176,000

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

1 (1) At least \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
2 fiscal year 2026 and at least \$200,000 of the general fund—state  
3 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 must be expended on the Northwest  
4 autism center.

5 (2) The university must continue work with the education research  
6 and data center to demonstrate progress in computer science and  
7 engineering enrollments. By September 1st of each year, the  
8 university shall provide a report including but not limited to the  
9 cost per student, student completion rates, and the number of low-  
10 income students enrolled in each program, any process changes or  
11 best-practices implemented by the university, and how many students  
12 are enrolled in computer science and engineering programs above the  
13 prior academic year.

14 (3) Eastern Washington University shall not use funds  
15 appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate athletics  
16 programs.

17 (4) \$13,763,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2026 and \$14,590,000 of the general fund—state  
19 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
20 implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in  
21 RCW 28B.15.066.

22 (5) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the university  
23 is encouraged to increase the number of tenure-track positions  
24 created and hired.

25 (6) \$2,274,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
26 state appropriation is provided solely for institution operating  
27 costs, including compensation and central services, in recognition  
28 that these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate  
29 operating fee revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

30 (7) \$2,636,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
31 state appropriation is provided solely to maintain a computer  
32 engineering degree program in the college of science, technology,  
33 engineering, and math.

34 (8) \$45,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$45,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health  
37 counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and  
38 training specifically related to working with active members of the  
39 military or military veterans.

1 (9) \$300,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
2 appropriation is provided solely to establish a center for inclusive  
3 excellence for faculty and staff.

4 (10) \$536,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely for a professional masters of  
6 science cyber operations degree option.

7 (11) \$2,144,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
8 state appropriation is provided solely for the operation of a  
9 bachelor of science in cybersecurity degree option through the  
10 computer science program.

11 (12) \$4,598,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
12 state appropriation is provided solely to expand faculty and staff to  
13 create a cohort of 80 students in the bachelor of nursing program.

14 (13) \$476,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
15 appropriation is provided solely for the continued implementation of  
16 RCW 49.60.525.

17 (14) \$110,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
18 year 2026 and \$110,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
19 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a summer bridge program.

20 (15) \$1,040,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
21 state appropriation is provided solely for the establishment and  
22 operating support of a university mathematics, engineering, and  
23 science achievement program.

24 (16) \$138,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
25 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421,  
26 Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

27 (17) \$25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$10,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
30 197, Laws of 2023 (crime victims & witnesses).

31 (18) \$4,128,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
32 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
33 314, Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

34 (19) \$18,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$18,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
37 115, Laws of 2023 (academic employee bargaining).



1 (20) \$689,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2026 and \$689,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for dental therapy.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 606. FOR CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$75,388,000
6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$76,952,000
7	Accident Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$692,000
8	Central Washington University Capital Projects	
9	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$76,000
10	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$19,076,000
11	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
12	Appropriation. . . . .	\$15,332,000
13	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$187,516,000

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

16 (1) The university must continue work with the education research  
17 and data center to demonstrate progress in engineering enrollments.  
18 By September 1st of each year, the university shall provide a report  
19 including but not limited to the cost per student, student completion  
20 rates, and the number of low-income students enrolled in each  
21 program, any process changes or best-practices implemented by the  
22 university, and how many students are enrolled in engineering  
23 programs above the prior academic year.

24 (2) Central Washington University shall not use funds  
25 appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate athletics  
26 programs.

27 (3) \$15,514,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
28 fiscal year 2026 and \$16,446,000 of the general fund—state  
29 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
30 implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in  
31 RCW 28B.15.066.

32 (4) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the university  
33 is encouraged to increase the number of tenure-track positions  
34 created and hired.

35 (5) \$2,236,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
36 state appropriation is provided solely for institution operating  
37 costs, including compensation and central services, in recognition

1 that these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate  
2 operating fee revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

3 (6) \$1,050,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
4 state appropriation is provided solely to increase the number of  
5 certified K-12 teachers.

6 (7) \$736,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
7 appropriation is provided solely to maintain mental health counseling  
8 positions.

9 (8) \$240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
10 year 2026 and \$240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for two counselor positions to  
12 increase access to mental health counseling for traditionally  
13 underrepresented students.

14 (9) \$52,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$52,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health  
17 outreach and service coordination position who has knowledge of  
18 issues relevant to veterans.

19 (10) \$240,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
20 appropriation is provided solely for expanding cybersecurity capacity  
21 by adding additional faculty resources in the department of computer  
22 science.

23 (11) \$586,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
24 appropriation is provided solely for a peer mentoring program. The  
25 amount provided in this subsection must be used to supplement, not  
26 supplant, other funding sources for the program.

27 (12) \$286,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
28 appropriation is provided solely for the operation of an extended  
29 orientation program to help promote retention of underserved  
30 students. The amount provided in this subsection must be used to  
31 supplement, not supplant, other funding sources for the program.

32 (13) \$12,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$12,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the cost of the criminal  
35 justice training center's use of office and classroom space at the  
36 Lynnwood campus.

37 (14) \$1,406,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
38 state appropriation is provided solely for student success. Students

1 will receive discipline specific tutoring programs, peer assisted  
2 learning sessions, and academic success coaching.

3 (15) \$967,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
4 appropriation is provided solely for grow your own teacher residency  
5 programs in high need areas of elementary, bilingual, special  
6 education, and English language learners.

7 (16) \$844,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
8 appropriation is provided solely for dual language expansion programs  
9 in Yakima and Des Moines.

10 (17) \$147,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
11 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421,  
12 Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

13 (18) \$5,376,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
14 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
15 314, Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

16 (19) \$18,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 and \$18,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
19 115, Laws of 2023 (academic employee bargaining).

20 (20) \$766,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
21 appropriation is provided solely for student basic needs. This  
22 funding will support two financial aid coaching specialists, support  
23 a coordinator for the food pantry, support a director and advocate to  
24 assist students who have experienced sexual violence, and help with  
25 prevention initiatives.

26 (21) Appropriations in this section are sufficient to implement  
27 the collective bargaining agreement between Central Washington  
28 University and the campus police officers and sergeants negotiated  
29 under chapter 41.80 RCW and as set forth in part IX of this act.

30 (22) \$22,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2026 and \$22,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
33 211, Laws of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

34 (23) \$421,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
35 year 2026 and \$421,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
36 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the civil rights and risk  
37 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. 607. 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

1 continuing studies on the Washington state institute for public  
2 policy's work plan.

3 (c) Notwithstanding other provisions in this subsection, the  
4 board of directors for the Washington state institute for public  
5 policy may adjust due dates for projects included on the institute's  
6 2025-27 work plan as necessary to efficiently manage workload.

7 (5) \$213,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$213,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for additional faculty to  
10 support Native American and indigenous programs.

11 (6) \$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to the native pathways program  
14 for an assistant director.

15 (7) \$110,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
16 year 2026 and \$110,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
17 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a tribal liaison position.

18 (8) \$39,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$39,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health  
21 counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and  
22 training specifically related to working with active members of the  
23 military or military veterans.

24 (9) \$137,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
25 year 2026 and \$137,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
26 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for student mental health and  
27 wellness. The amount provided in this subsection must be used to  
28 supplement, not supplant, other funding sources for the program.

29 (10) \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to develop and expand current  
32 corrections education programs offered in department of corrections  
33 facilities. The college shall appoint a project implementation team,  
34 collaborate with stakeholders to plan student success programs and  
35 curriculum which lead to transferable credit, associate and  
36 bachelor's degrees, and other workforce credentials, and train  
37 faculty and staff on working with incarcerated populations.

38 (11) \$2,636,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
39 state appropriation is provided solely for institution operating

1 costs, including compensation and central services, in recognition  
2 that these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate  
3 operating fee revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

4 (12) \$670,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely to maintain enrollment capacity in  
6 psychology programs.

7 (13) \$600,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
8 appropriation is provided solely to increase student success by  
9 maintaining support for a student precollege immersion program and  
10 the Evergreen first-year experience.

11 (14) \$988,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
12 appropriation is provided solely for student enrollment and retention  
13 support. Funding is provided for hiring a student advisor and  
14 underserved student specialist to provide student support and  
15 administrative support for the native pathways program.

16 (15) \$124,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
17 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421,  
18 Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

19 (16) \$26,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026 and \$26,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
22 115, Laws of 2023 (academic employee bargaining).

23 (17) \$97,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
24 year 2026 and \$97,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
26 211, Laws of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

27 (18) \$318,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$583,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Shelton promise pilot  
30 program.

31 (19) \$42,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026 and \$42,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
34 272, Laws of 2024 (incarcerated student grants).

35 (20) \$25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for captioning, sign language  
38 interpreters, and other accessibility tools and services.

1           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 608.   FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

2	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$110,616,000
3	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$114,025,000
4	Western Washington University Capital Projects	
5	Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,790,000
6	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . .	\$13,831,000
7	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
8	Appropriation. . . . .	\$23,638,000
9	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$263,900,000

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

12           (1) The university must continue work with the education research  
13 and data center to demonstrate progress in computer science and  
14 engineering enrollments. By September 1st of each year, the  
15 university shall provide a report including but not limited to the  
16 cost per student, student completion rates, and the number of low-  
17 income students enrolled in each program, any process changes or  
18 best-practices implemented by the university, and how many students  
19 are enrolled in computer science and engineering programs above the  
20 prior academic year.

21           (2) Western Washington University shall not use funds  
22 appropriated in this section to support intercollegiate athletics  
23 programs.

24           (3) \$21,411,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
25 fiscal year 2026 and \$22,697,000 of the general fund—state  
26 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the  
27 implementation of the college affordability program as set forth in  
28 RCW 28B.15.066.

29           (4) \$700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$700,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the creation and  
32 implementation of an early childhood education degree program at the  
33 western on the peninsulas campus. The university must collaborate  
34 with Olympic college. At full implementation, the university is  
35 expected to grant approximately 75 bachelor's degrees in early  
36 childhood education per year at the western on the peninsulas campus.

37           (5) \$1,306,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
38 year 2026 and \$1,306,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for

1 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the university to develop a  
2 new program in marine, coastal, and watershed sciences.

3 (6) \$886,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$886,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the university to reduce  
6 tuition rates for four-year degree programs offered in partnership  
7 with Olympic college—Bremerton, Olympic college—Poulsbo, and  
8 Peninsula college—Port Angeles that are currently above state-funded  
9 resident undergraduate tuition rates.

10 (7) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 and \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to recruit and retain high  
13 quality and diverse graduate students.

14 (8) \$548,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
15 year 2026 and \$548,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for critical support services to  
17 ensure traditionally underrepresented students receive the same  
18 opportunities for academic success as their peers.

19 (9) \$48,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
20 year 2026 and \$48,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
21 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for one full-time mental health  
22 counselor licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and  
23 training specifically related to working with active members of the  
24 military or military veterans.

25 (10) \$530,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
26 year 2026 and \$530,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
27 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the operation of two  
28 bilingual educator programs in the south King county region,  
29 including a bilingual elementary education degree program and a  
30 secondary education degree program. At full implementation, each  
31 cohort shall support up to 25 students per year.

32 (11) \$361,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
33 year 2026 and \$361,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
34 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a master of science program  
35 in nursing.

36 (12) \$433,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
37 year 2026 and \$433,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
38 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the registered nurse to  
39 bachelors in nursing program.



1 (13) Within amounts appropriated in this section, the university  
2 is encouraged to increase the number of tenure-track positions  
3 created and hired.

4 (14) \$2,256,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
5 state appropriation is provided solely for institution operating  
6 costs, including compensation and central services, in recognition  
7 that these costs exceed estimated increases in undergraduate  
8 operating fee revenue as a result of RCW 28B.15.067.

9 (15) \$3,426,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
10 state appropriation is provided solely to maintain access to science,  
11 technology, engineering, and mathematics degrees.

12 (16) \$908,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
13 appropriation is provided solely to establish an academic curriculum  
14 in ethnic studies.

15 (17) \$400,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
16 appropriation is provided solely for upgrading cyber range equipment  
17 and software.

18 (18) \$2,520,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
19 state appropriation is provided solely for student support services  
20 that include resources for outreach and financial aid support,  
21 retention initiatives including targeted support for underserved  
22 student populations, mental health support, and initiatives aimed at  
23 addressing learning disruption due to the global pandemic. The amount  
24 provided in this subsection must be used to supplement, not supplant,  
25 other funding sources for student support services.

26 (19) \$3,186,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
27 state appropriation is provided solely for the western on the  
28 peninsulas expansion. This includes new two plus two degrees programs  
29 such as industrial engineering, data science, and sociology.

30 (20) \$100,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
31 appropriation is provided solely for mental health first aid training  
32 for faculty.

33 (21) \$150,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
34 appropriation is provided solely for the small business development  
35 center to increase technical assistance to black, indigenous, and  
36 other people of color small business owners in Whatcom county.

37 (22) \$2,412,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
38 state appropriation is provided solely for expansion of bilingual  
39 educators education.

1 (23) \$1,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
2 state appropriation is provided for additional student support and  
3 outreach at western on the peninsulas.

4 (24) \$580,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely to convert the human services  
6 program at western on the peninsulas from self-sustaining to state-  
7 supported to reduce tuition rates for students in the program.

8 (25) \$138,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
9 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 421,  
10 Laws of 2023 (postsecondary student needs).

11 (26) \$1,306,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
12 state appropriation is provided solely to establish and administer a  
13 teacher residency program focused on special education instruction  
14 beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Amounts provided in this  
15 subsection are sufficient to support one cohort of 17 residents per  
16 school year, and must be prioritized to communities that are  
17 anticipated to be most positively impacted by teacher residents who  
18 fill teacher vacancies upon completing the teacher residency program  
19 and who remain in the communities in which they are mentored. The  
20 teacher residency program must meet the following requirements:

21 (a) Residents receive compensation equivalent to first year  
22 paraeducators, as defined in RCW 28A.413.010;

23 (b) Each resident is assigned a preservice mentor;

24 (c) Preservice mentors receive a stipend of \$2,500 per year;

25 (d) Residents receive at least 900 hours of preservice clinical  
26 practice over the course of the school year;

27 (e) At least half of the residency hours specified in (d) of this  
28 subsection are in a coteaching setting with the resident's preservice  
29 mentor and the other half of the residency hours are in a coteaching  
30 setting with another teacher;

31 (f) Residents may not be assigned the lead or primary  
32 responsibility for student learning;

33 (g) Coursework taught during the residency is codesigned by the  
34 teacher preparation program and the school district, state-tribal  
35 education compact school, or consortium, tightly integrated with  
36 residents' preservice clinical practice, and focused on developing  
37 culturally responsive teachers; and

1 (h) The program must prepare residents to meet or exceed the  
2 knowledge, skills, performance, and competency standards described in  
3 RCW 28A.410.270(1).

4 (27) \$445,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely to continue the expansion of the  
6 undergraduate electrical and computer engineering program.

7 (28) \$122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
8 year 2026 and \$122,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of chapter  
10 211, Laws of 2024 (higher ed. opioid prevention).

11 (29) \$404,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$404,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the continuation of academic  
14 access outreach.

15 (30) \$32,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
16 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 314,  
17 Laws of 2023 (college in high school fees).

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 609. FOR THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL—**  
19 **POLICY COORDINATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

20	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$10,870,000
21	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$10,109,000
22	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$5,080,000
23	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
24	Appropriation. . . . .	\$8,631,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$34,690,000

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

28 (1) \$126,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2026 and \$126,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the consumer protection  
31 unit.

32 (2) The student achievement council must ensure that all  
33 institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030 and  
34 eligible for state financial aid programs under chapters 28B.92 and  
35 28B.118 RCW provide the data needed to analyze and evaluate the  
36 effectiveness of state financial aid programs. This data must be  
37 promptly transmitted to the education data center so that it is  
38 available and easily accessible.

1 (3) Community-based organizations that receive state funding  
2 under subsection (11) of this section and section 601(35) of this act  
3 are not eligible for Washington career and college pathways  
4 innovation challenge program grant funding for the same purpose.

5 (4) \$575,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
6 year 2026 and \$575,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
7 fiscal year 2027 are provided to increase the number of high school  
8 seniors and college bound scholars that complete the free application  
9 for federal student aid and the Washington application for state  
10 financial aid through digital engagement tools, expanded training,  
11 and increased events for high school students.

12 (5) \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
13 year 2026 and \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for administrative support  
15 services to carry out duties and responsibilities necessary for  
16 recipients of the Washington college grant who are enrolled in a  
17 state registered apprenticeship program.

18 (6) \$1,138,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
19 year 2026 and \$1,138,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
20 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Washington award for  
21 vocational excellence. Of the amount provided in this subsection,  
22 \$70,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026  
23 and \$70,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year  
24 2027 may be used for administration and that is the maximum amount  
25 that may be expended for this purpose.

26 (7) \$2,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
27 state appropriation is provided solely for the career launch grant  
28 pool for the public four-year institutions.

29 (8) \$179,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
30 year 2026 and \$179,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
31 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the complete Washington  
32 program.

33 (9) \$46,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2026 and \$46,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the state of Washington's  
36 annual dues to the education commission of the state.

37 (10) \$1,296,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
38 state appropriation is provided solely for distribution to four-year  
39 institutions of higher education participating in the students

1 experiencing homelessness program without reduction by the Washington  
2 student achievement council, pursuant to chapter 339, Laws of 2023  
3 (student homelessness pilot).

4 (11) \$92,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely for the administration of the  
6 students experiencing homelessness program pursuant to chapter 339,  
7 Laws of 2023 (student homelessness pilot).

8 (12) \$356,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
9 appropriation is provided solely for the Washington student  
10 achievement council to staff the workforce education investment  
11 accountability and oversight board as provided in chapter 282, Laws  
12 of 2023 (workforce investment board).

13 (13) \$191,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
14 year 2026 and \$191,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
15 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the agency to hire a full-  
16 time equivalent position to help with increased contracting demand.

17 (14) \$106,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
18 year 2026 is provided solely for lease costs and relocating to the  
19 1500 Jefferson building.

20 (15) \$204,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
21 appropriation is provided for students experiencing homelessness  
22 program. This funding will allow for the Northwest Indian College to  
23 be added to the program as provided in House/Senate Bill No. . . .  
24 (Z-0097.1/25) (tribal college eligibility for supporting students  
25 experiencing homelessness program).

26 (16) \$134,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
27 year 2026 is provided solely for the third-year completion of the  
28 apprenticeship and higher education project as part of chapter 166,  
29 Laws of 2022 (concerning apprenticeships and higher education).

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 610. FOR THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL—**  
31 **OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

32	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$302,500,000
33	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$302,073,000
34	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$12,380,000
35	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$300,000
36	Education Legacy Trust Account—State Appropriation. . . .	\$85,488,000
37	Washington Opportunity Pathways Account—State	
38	Appropriation. . . . .	\$93,536,000

1	Aerospace Training Student Loan Account—State	
2	Appropriation. . . . .	\$223,000
3	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
4	Appropriation. . . . .	\$470,195,000
5	Health Professionals Loan Repayment and Scholarship	
6	Program Account—State Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,727,000
7	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,268,422,000

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

10       (1) \$8,034,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
11 year 2026 and \$8,034,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for student financial aid  
13 payments under the state work study program, including up to four  
14 percent administrative allowance for the state work study program.

15       (2) \$276,416,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2026, \$276,416,000 of the general fund—state  
17 appropriation for fiscal year 2027, \$237,059,000 of the workforce  
18 education investment account—state appropriation, \$69,639,000 of the  
19 education legacy trust fund—state appropriation, and \$67,654,000 of  
20 the Washington opportunity pathways account—state appropriation are  
21 provided solely for the Washington college grant program as provided  
22 in RCW 28B.92.200.

23       (3) Changes made to the state work study program in the 2009-2011  
24 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia are continued in the 2025-2027 fiscal  
25 biennium including maintaining the increased required employer share  
26 of wages; adjusted employer match rates; discontinuation of  
27 nonresident student eligibility for the program; and revising  
28 distribution methods to institutions by taking into consideration  
29 other factors such as off-campus job development, historical  
30 utilization trends, and student need.

31       (4) \$1,165,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
32 year 2026, \$1,165,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
33 fiscal year 2027, \$15,849,000 of the education legacy trust account—  
34 state appropriation, and \$25,882,000 of the Washington opportunity  
35 pathways account—state appropriation are provided solely for the  
36 college bound scholarship program and may support scholarships for  
37 summer session. The office of student financial assistance and the  
38 institutions of higher education shall not consider awards made by  
39 the opportunity scholarship program to be state-funded for the

1 purpose of determining the value of an award amount under RCW  
2 28B.118.010.

3 (5) \$6,999,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2026 and \$6,999,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
5 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the passport to college  
6 program. The maximum scholarship award is up to \$5,000. The council  
7 shall contract with a nonprofit organization to provide support  
8 services to increase student completion in their postsecondary  
9 program and shall, under this contract, provide a minimum of \$500,000  
10 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for this purpose.

11 (6) \$55,254,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
12 state appropriation is provided solely for an annual bridge grant of  
13 \$500 to eligible students. A student is eligible for a grant if the  
14 student receives a maximum college grant award and does not receive  
15 the college bound scholarship program under chapter 28B.118 RCW.  
16 Bridge grant funding provides supplementary financial support to low-  
17 income students to cover higher education expenses.

18 (7) \$1,425,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
19 state appropriation is provided solely for the national guard grant  
20 program. Of the amount provided in this subsection, \$850,000 of the  
21 workforce education investment account—state appropriation is  
22 provided solely to increase national guard grant award amounts.

23 (8) \$1,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
24 state appropriation is provided solely for educator conditional  
25 scholarship and loan repayment programs established in chapter  
26 28B.102 RCW. Dual language educators must receive priority.

27 (9) \$1,156,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
28 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
29 174, Laws of 2023 (college bound scholarship).

30 (10) \$478,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
31 appropriation is provided solely for the Washington student  
32 achievement council to remove barriers to accessing state financial  
33 aid by informing people of their income-eligibility for the  
34 Washington college grant via the supplemental nutrition assistance  
35 program as provided in chapter 116, Laws of 2024 (college grant/  
36 public assist.).

37 (11) \$1,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
38 state appropriation is provided solely for the Washington award for

1 vocational excellence. This funding will support increasing the  
2 scholarship award for students.

3 (12) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
4 year 2027 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 182, Laws  
5 of 2024 (state work-study program).

6 (13) \$150,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
7 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 369,  
8 Laws of 2024 (behav. health scholarship).

9 (14) \$100,000 of the workforce education investment account—state  
10 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 240,  
11 Laws of 2024 (college in the HS fees).

12 (15) \$1,500,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
13 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter  
14 323, Laws of 2024 (financial aid terms).

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 611. FOR THE WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION**  
16 **COORDINATING BOARD**

17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$6,460,000
18	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$5,810,000
19	General Fund—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$56,476,000
20	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation . . . . .	\$212,000
21	Climate Commitment Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$761,000
22	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
23	Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,041,000
24	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$71,760,000

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

27 (1) \$240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
28 year 2026 and \$240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
29 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the health workforce council  
30 of the state workforce training and education coordinating board. In  
31 partnership with the office of the governor, the health workforce  
32 council shall continue to assess workforce shortages across  
33 behavioral health disciplines and incorporate the recommended action  
34 plan completed in 2020.

35 (2) \$573,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$573,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to conduct health workforce  
38 surveys, in collaboration with the nursing care quality assurance



1 commission, to collect and analyze data on the long-term care  
2 workforce, and to manage a stakeholder process to address retention  
3 and career pathways in long-term care facilities.

4 (3) \$109,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$109,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for administrative expenditures  
7 for the Washington award for vocational excellence.

8 (4) \$2,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—  
9 state appropriation is provided solely for the workforce board to  
10 award grants for the purposes of providing apprenticeship, industry  
11 certifications and wraparound student supports to workers pursuing  
12 job advancement and enhancement through college readiness,  
13 apprenticeship, degree, certification, or professional development  
14 opportunities in the health care field. Grant recipients must be  
15 labor-management partnerships established under section 302 of the  
16 labor-management relations act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 186 that demonstrate  
17 adequate funding match and competency in the provision of student  
18 supports, or employers who can demonstrate service serving greater  
19 than 50 percent medicaid populations who can demonstrate that they  
20 will use the grant to join or establish a labor-management  
21 partnership dedicated to the purposes of this section. Preference  
22 must be given to applications that demonstrate an ability to support  
23 students from racially diverse backgrounds, and that are focused on  
24 in-demand fields with career ladders to living wage jobs. Grant  
25 recipients must use the funds to provide services including, but not  
26 limited to, development and implementation of apprenticeship and  
27 industry certifications, benefits administration, tuition assistance,  
28 counseling and navigation, tutoring and test preparation, instructor/  
29 mentor training, materials and technology for students, childcare,  
30 and travel costs.

31 (5) The workforce board must report to and coordinate with the  
32 department of ecology to track expenditures from climate commitment  
33 act accounts, as defined and described in RCW 70A.65.300 and chapter  
34 173-446B WAC.

35 (6) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
36 year 2026 and \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
37 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely to maintain the two IT FTEs that  
38 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. 612. 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
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$23,935,000</b>

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. 613. 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
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$43,521,000</b>

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. 614. 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

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$16,730,000

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

4 (1) \$79,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$79,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the creative districts  
7 program.

8 (2) \$868,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2026 and \$867,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the establishment of a  
11 tribal cultural affairs program. Of the amounts provided in this  
12 subsection, \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation  
14 for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for grants to support tribal  
15 cultural, arts, and creative programs.

16 (3) \$708,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
17 year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 387, Laws  
18 of 2023 (Billy Frank Jr. statue).

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 615. FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL**  
20 **SOCIETY**

21	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$5,925,000
22	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$5,892,000
23	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$11,817,000

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 616. FOR THE EASTERN WASHINGTON STATE**  
25 **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

26	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$5,238,000
27	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$5,268,000
28	Local Museum Account—Eastern Washington State	
29	Historical Society—Private/Local Appropriation. . . . .	\$229,000
30	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$10,735,000

(End of part)

1 PART VII

2 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 701. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—  
4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT POOL

5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$25,777,000
6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$5,129,000
7	General Fund—Federal Appropriation. . . . .	\$18,203,000
8	Other Appropriated Funds. . . . .	\$20,007,000
9	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$69,116,000

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

12 (1) The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into  
13 the information technology investment revolving account created in  
14 RCW 43.41.433. Amounts in the account are provided solely for the  
15 information technology projects shown in OFM document 2025-1, dated  
16 December 17, 2024, which is hereby incorporated by reference. To  
17 facilitate the transfer of moneys from other funds and accounts that  
18 are associated with projects contained in OFM document 2025-1, dated  
19 December 17, 2024, the state treasurer is directed to transfer moneys  
20 from other funds and accounts to the information technology  
21 investment revolving account in accordance with schedules provided by  
22 the office of financial management. Restricted federal funds may be  
23 transferred only to the extent permitted by law, and will otherwise  
24 remain outside the information technology investment account. The  
25 projects affected remain subject to the other provisions of this  
26 section.

27 (2) Agencies must apply to Washington technology solutions for  
28 certification and release of funding for each gate of the project.  
29 When Washington technology solutions certifies the key deliverables  
30 of the gate have been met, a current technology budget is approved;  
31 and if applicable to the stage or gate of the project, that the  
32 project is putting functioning software into production that  
33 addresses user needs, is in compliance with the quality assurance  
34 plan, and meets a defined set of industry best practices for code  
35 quality that Washington technology solutions will post to their  
36 website by July 1, 2025, it must notify the office of financial  
37 management and the fiscal committees of the legislature. The office  
38 of financial management may not approve funding for the certified

1 project gate any earlier than ten business days from the date of  
2 notification to the fiscal committees of the legislature.

3 (3) (a) Allocations and allotments of information technology  
4 investment revolving account must be made for discrete stages of  
5 projects as determined by the technology budget approved by  
6 Washington technology solutions and the office of financial  
7 management.

8 (b) Fifteen percent of total funding allocated by the office of  
9 financial management, or another amount as defined jointly by the  
10 office of financial management and Washington technology solutions,  
11 will be retained in the account, but remain allocated to that  
12 project. The retained funding will be released to the agency only  
13 after successful completion of that stage of the project and only  
14 after Washington technology solutions certifies the stage as required  
15 in subsection (2) of this section. For the one Washington project,  
16 the amount retained is increased to at least 20 percent of total  
17 funding allocated for any stage of that project. If there is no  
18 significant risk to the project, the holdback does not apply to the  
19 final gate during a biennial close.

20 (4) (a) Each project must have a technology budget. The technology  
21 budget must have the detail by fiscal month for the 2025-2027 fiscal  
22 biennium. The technology budget must use a method similar to the  
23 state capital budget, identifying project costs, each fund source,  
24 and anticipated deliverables through each stage of the entire project  
25 investment and across fiscal periods and biennia from project onset  
26 through implementation and close out, as well as at least five years  
27 of maintenance and operations costs.

28 (b) As part of the development of a technology budget and at each  
29 request for funding, the agency shall submit an updated technology  
30 budget, if changes occurred, to include detailed financial  
31 information to the office of financial management and Washington  
32 technology solutions. The technology budget must describe the total  
33 cost of the project, as well as maintenance and operations costs, to  
34 include and identify at least:

35 (i) Fund sources:

36 (A) If the project is funded from the information technology  
37 revolving account, the technology budget must include a worksheet  
38 that provides the fund sources that were transferred into the account  
39 by fiscal year;

1 (B) If the project managed is by a central service agency, and  
2 funds are driven out by the central service model, the technology  
3 budget must provide a statewide impact by agency by fund as a  
4 worksheet in the technology budget file;

5 (ii) Full time equivalent staffing level to include job  
6 classification assumptions. This is to assure that the project has  
7 adequate state staffing and agency support to ensure success, ensure  
8 user acceptance, and adequately test the functionality being  
9 delivered in each sprint before it is accepted by the agency's  
10 contracting officer or their representative. Key project functions  
11 that are deemed "critical" must be retained by state personnel and  
12 not outsourced, to ensure that knowledge is retained within state  
13 government and that the state can self-sufficiently support the  
14 system and make improvements without long-term dependence on a  
15 vendor;

16 (iii) Discrete financial budget codes to include at least the  
17 appropriation index and program index;

18 (iv) Object and subobject codes of expenditures;

19 (v) Anticipated deliverables to include software demonstration  
20 dates;

21 (vi) Historical budget and expenditure detail by fiscal year; and

22 (vii) Maintenance and operations costs by fiscal year for at  
23 least five years as a separate worksheet.

24 (c) If a project technology budget changes and a revised  
25 technology budget is completed, a comparison of the revised  
26 technology budget to the last approved technology budget must be  
27 posted to the dashboard, to include a narrative rationale on what  
28 changed, why, and how that impacts the project in scope, budget, and  
29 schedule.

30 (5) (a) Each project must have a project charter. The charter must  
31 include:

32 (i) An organizational chart of the project management team that  
33 identifies team members and their roles and responsibilities, and  
34 shows that the project is adequately staffed by state personnel in  
35 key functions to ensure success;

36 (ii) The Washington technology solutions staff assigned to the  
37 project;

38 (iii) A project roadmap that includes the problems the team is  
39 solving and the sequence in which the team intends to take on those  
40 problems, updated periodically to reflect what has been learned;

1 (iv) Metrics to support the project strategy and vision, to  
2 determine that the project is incrementally meeting user needs;

3 (v) An implementation schedule covering activities, critical  
4 milestones, and deliverables at each stage of the project for the  
5 life of the project at each agency affected by the project;

6 (vi) Performance measures used to determine that the project is  
7 on time, within budget, and meeting expectations for quality of work  
8 product;

9 (vii) Ongoing maintenance and operations cost of the project post  
10 implementation and close out delineated by agency staffing,  
11 contracted staffing, and service level agreements; and

12 (viii) Financial budget coding to include at least discrete  
13 financial coding for the project.

14 (b) If required by Washington technology solutions, a project may  
15 also need to have an investment plan. Washington technology solutions  
16 must:

17 (i) Base the requirement of an agency needing to have an  
18 investment plan on the complexity and risk of the project;

19 (ii) Establish requirements by project risk level in statewide  
20 technology policy, and publish the requirements by September 30,  
21 2025; and

22 (iii) In collaboration with the department of enterprise  
23 services, define the circumstances under which the vendor will be  
24 terminated or replaced and establish the process by which the agency  
25 will transition to a new vendor with a minimal reduction in project  
26 productivity.

27 (6)(a) Projects with estimated costs greater than \$100,000,000  
28 from initiation to completion and implementation may be divided into  
29 discrete subprojects as determined by Washington technology  
30 solutions, except for the one Washington project which must be  
31 divided into the following discrete subprojects: Core financials,  
32 expanding financials and procurement, budget, and human resources.  
33 Each subproject must have a technology budget as provided in this  
34 section.

35 (b) If the project affects more than one agency:

36 (i) A separate technology budget and investment plan must be  
37 prepared by each agency; and

38 (ii) There must be a budget roll up that includes each affected  
39 agency at the subproject level.

1 (7) Washington technology solutions shall maintain a statewide  
2 information technology project dashboard that provides updated  
3 information each fiscal month on projects subject to this section.  
4 The statewide dashboard must meet the requirements in section 155 of  
5 this act.

6 (8) For any project that exceeds \$2,000,000 in total funds to  
7 complete, requires more than one biennium to complete, or is financed  
8 through financial contracts, bonds, or other indebtedness:

9 (a) Independent quality assurance services for the project must  
10 report independently to Washington technology solutions;

11 (b) Washington technology solutions, based on project risk  
12 assessments, may require additional quality assurance services and  
13 independent verification and validation services;

14 (c) Washington technology solutions must review, and, if  
15 necessary, revise the proposed project to ensure it is flexible and  
16 adaptable to advances in technology;

17 (d) The technology budget must specifically identify the uses of  
18 any financing proceeds. No more than thirty percent of the financing  
19 proceeds may be used for payroll-related costs for state employees  
20 assigned to project management, installation, testing, or training;

21 (e) The agency must consult with the office of the state  
22 treasurer during the competitive procurement process to evaluate  
23 early in the process whether products and services to be solicited  
24 and the responsive bids from a solicitation may be financed;

25 (f) The agency must consult with the contracting division of the  
26 department of enterprise services for a review of all contracts and  
27 agreements related to the project's information technology  
28 procurements;

29 (g) The agency and project must use an agile development model  
30 holding live demonstrations of functioning software, developed using  
31 incremental user research, held at the end of every two-week sprint,  
32 except for:

33 (i) Hardware or infrastructure projects; and

34 (ii) Projects that have implemented all phases and are now in  
35 maintenance and operations;

36 (h) The project solution must be capable of being continually  
37 updated, as necessary; and

38 (i) The agency and project must deploy usable functionality into  
39 production for users within 180 days from the date of an executed



1 procurement contract in response to a competitive request for  
2 proposal.

3 (9) Washington technology solutions must evaluate the project at  
4 each stage and certify whether the project is putting functioning  
5 software into production that addresses user needs, is projected to  
6 be completed within budget, is in compliance with the quality  
7 assurance plan, and meets a defined set of industry best practices  
8 for code quality, and whether the project is planned, managed, and  
9 meeting deliverable targets as defined in the project's approved  
10 technology budget and investment plan.

11 (10) Washington technology solutions may suspend or terminate a  
12 project at any time if it determines that the project is not meeting  
13 or not expected to meet anticipated performance and technology  
14 outcomes. Once suspension or termination occurs, the agency shall  
15 unallot any unused funding and shall not make any expenditure for the  
16 project without the approval of the office of financial management.  
17 Washington technology solutions must report on December 1 each  
18 calendar year any suspension or termination of a project in the  
19 previous 12-month period to the legislative fiscal committees.

20 (11) Washington technology solutions, in consultation with the  
21 office of financial management, may identify additional projects to  
22 be subject to this section, including projects that are not  
23 separately identified within an agency budget. Washington technology  
24 solutions must report on December 1 each calendar year any additional  
25 projects to be subjected to this section that were identified in the  
26 previous 12-month period to the legislative fiscal committees.

27 (12) Any cost to administer or implement this section for  
28 projects listed in subsection (1) of this section, must be paid from  
29 the information technology investment revolving account. For any  
30 other information technology project subject to the conditions,  
31 limitations, and review of this section, the cost to implement this  
32 section must be paid from the funds for that project.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 702. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT**  
34 **AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR**  
35 **DEBT SUBJECT TO THE DEBT LIMIT**

36	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$1,555,721,000
37	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$1,701,017,000
38	State Building Construction Account—State	

1	Appropriation. . . . .	\$11,174,000
2	Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Bond Account—	
3	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$84,000
4	State Taxable Building Construction Account—State	
5	Appropriation. . . . .	\$293,000
6	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$3,268,289,000

7 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
8 conditions and limitations: The general fund appropriations are for  
9 expenditure into the debt-limit general fund bond retirement account.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 703. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT**  
11 **AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR**  
12 **GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT TO BE REIMBURSED AS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE**

13	Nondebt-Limit Reimbursable Bond Retirement Account—	
14	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$38,244,000
15	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$38,244,000

16 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
17 conditions and limitations: The general fund appropriation is for  
18 expenditure into the nondebt limit general fund bond retirement  
19 account.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 704. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT**  
21 **AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR**  
22 **BOND SALE EXPENSES**

23	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$1,400,000
24	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$1,400,000
25	State Building Construction Account—State	
26	Appropriation. . . . .	\$4,567,000
27	Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Bond Account—	
28	State Appropriation. . . . .	\$38,000
29	State Taxable Building Construction Account—State	
30	Appropriation. . . . .	\$92,000
31	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$7,497,000

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 705. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
33 **GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY FUNDING**

34	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$3,500,000
35	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$3,500,000

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$7,000,000

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

4 (1) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
5 year 2026 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2027 are provided for the critically necessary work of  
7 any state agency in the event of an emergent or unforeseen  
8 circumstance. Prior to the allocation of funding from this subsection  
9 (1), the requesting agency and the office of financial management  
10 must comply with the provisions of RCW 43.88.250.

11 (2) \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
12 year 2026 and \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
13 fiscal year 2027 are provided for individual assistance consistent  
14 with RCW 38.52.030(9) during an emergency proclaimed by the governor,  
15 as defined in RCW 38.52.010. The office of financial management must  
16 notify the fiscal committees of the legislature of the receipt by the  
17 governor or adjutant general of each application, request, or  
18 allocation for individual assistance from the amounts provided in  
19 this subsection (2).

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 706. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
21 **EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY REVOLVING ACCOUNT**

22 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$9,000,000  
23 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$9,000,000  
24 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$18,000,000

25 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
26 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
27 for expenditure into the education technology revolving account for  
28 the purpose of covering ongoing operational and equipment replacement  
29 costs incurred by the K-20 educational network program in providing  
30 telecommunication services to network participants.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 707. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
32 **O'BRIEN BUILDING IMPROVEMENT**

33 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$2,578,000  
34 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$2,578,000  
35 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$5,156,000

1 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
2 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
3 for expenditure into the enterprise services account for payment of  
4 principal, interest, and financing expenses associated with the  
5 certificate of participation for the O'Brien building improvement,  
6 project number 20081007.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 708. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
8 **CHERBERG BUILDING REHABILITATION**

9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$552,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$552,000

11 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
12 conditions and limitations: The appropriation is provided solely for  
13 expenditure into the enterprise services account for payment of  
14 principal, interest, and financing expenses associated with the  
15 certificate of participation for the Cherberg building improvements,  
16 project number 2002-1-005.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 709. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
18 **STATE HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY ACCOUNT**

19	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$55,000,000
20	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$30,000,000
21	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$85,000,000

22 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
23 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
24 for expenditure into the state health care affordability account  
25 created in RCW 43.71.130.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 710. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—COUNTY PUBLIC**  
27 **HEALTH ASSISTANCE**

28	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$36,386,000
29	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$36,386,000
30	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$72,772,000

31 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
32 conditions and limitations: The state treasurer shall distribute the  
33 appropriations to the following counties and health districts in the  
34 amounts designated to support public health services, including  
35 public health nursing:

	<b>Health District</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>2025-2027 Biennium</b>
3	Adams County Integrated Health Care Services	\$121,213	\$121,213	\$242,426
4	Asotin County Health District	\$159,890	\$159,890	\$319,780
5	Benton-Franklin Health District	\$1,614,337	\$1,614,337	\$3,228,674
6	Chelan-Douglas Health District	\$399,634	\$399,634	\$799,268
7	Clallam County Health and Human Services Department	\$291,401	\$291,401	\$582,802
8	Clark County Public Health	\$1,767,341	\$1,767,341	\$3,534,682
9	Skamania County Community Health	\$111,327	\$111,327	\$222,654
10	Columbia County Health District	\$119,991	\$119,991	\$239,982
11	Cowlitz County Health and Human Services	\$477,981	\$477,981	\$955,962
12	Garfield County Health District	\$93,154	\$93,154	\$186,308
13	Grant County Health District	\$297,761	\$297,761	\$595,522
14	Grays Harbor Public Health and Social Services	\$335,666	\$335,666	\$671,332
15	Island County Health Department	\$255,224	\$255,224	\$510,448
16	Jefferson County Public Health	\$184,080	\$184,080	\$368,160
17	Public Health - Seattle & King County	\$12,685,521	\$12,685,521	\$25,371,042
18	Kitsap Public Health District	\$997,476	\$997,476	\$1,994,952
19	Kittitas County Public Health	\$198,979	\$198,979	\$397,958
20	Klickitat County Public Health	\$153,784	\$153,784	\$307,568
21	Lewis County Public Health and Social Services	\$263,134	\$263,134	\$526,268
22	Lincoln County Health Department	\$113,917	\$113,917	\$227,834
23	Mason County Public Health and Human Services	\$227,448	\$227,448	\$454,896
24	Okanogan County Public Health	\$169,882	\$169,882	\$339,764
25	Pacific County Health and Human Services	\$169,075	\$169,075	\$338,150
26	Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department	\$4,143,169	\$4,143,169	\$8,286,338
27	San Juan County Health and Community Services	\$126,569	\$126,569	\$253,138
28	Skagit County Health Department	\$449,745	\$449,745	\$899,490
29	Snohomish Health District	\$3,433,291	\$3,433,291	\$6,866,582
30	Spokane Regional Health District	\$2,877,318	\$2,877,318	\$5,754,636
31	Northeast Tri-County Health District	\$249,303	\$249,303	\$498,606
32	Thurston County Public Health and Social Services	\$1,046,897	\$1,046,897	\$2,093,794
33	Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services	\$93,181	\$93,181	\$186,362

1	Walla Walla County Department of Community Health	\$302,173	\$302,173	\$604,346
2	Whatcom County Health Department	\$1,214,301	\$1,214,301	\$2,428,602
3	Whitman County Health Department	\$189,355	\$189,355	\$378,710
4	Yakima Health District	\$1,052,482	\$1,052,482	\$2,104,964
5	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$36,386,000	\$36,386,000	\$72,772,000

6        NEW SECTION.     **Sec. 711.    FOR THE STATE TREASURER—COUNTY CLERK**  
7     **LEGAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATION GRANTS**

8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$800,000
9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$800,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$1,600,000

11        The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
12 conditions and limitations: By October 1st of each fiscal year, the  
13 state treasurer shall distribute the appropriations to the following  
14 county clerk offices in the amounts designated as grants for the  
15 collection of legal financial obligations pursuant to RCW 2.56.190:

16	County Clerk	FY 2026	FY 2027
17	Adams County Clerk	\$3,109	\$3,109
18	Asotin County Clerk	\$4,339	\$4,339
19	Benton County Clerk	\$26,953	\$26,953
20	Chelan County Clerk	\$10,939	\$10,939
21	Clallam County Clerk	\$8,622	\$8,622
22	Clark County Clerk	\$48,249	\$48,249
23	Columbia County	\$568	\$568
24	Clerk		
25	Cowlitz County Clerk	\$25,020	\$25,020
26	Douglas County Clerk	\$4,483	\$4,483
27	Ferry County Clerk	\$624	\$624
28	Franklin County Clerk	\$8,111	\$8,111
29	Garfield County Clerk	\$359	\$359
30	Grant County Clerk	\$14,942	\$14,942
31	Grays Harbor County	\$12,802	\$12,802
32	Clerk		
33	Island County Clerk	\$4,523	\$4,523

1	Jefferson County	\$2,748	\$2,748
2	Clerk		
3	King County Court	\$176,446	\$176,446
4	Clerk		
5	Kitsap County Clerk	\$32,883	\$32,883
6	Kittitas County Clerk	\$5,250	\$5,250
7	Klickitat County	\$3,180	\$3,180
8	Clerk		
9	Lewis County Clerk	\$15,287	\$15,287
10	Lincoln County Clerk	\$1,070	\$1,070
11	Mason County Clerk	\$7,608	\$7,608
12	Okanogan County	\$5,881	\$5,881
13	Clerk		
14	Pacific County Clerk	\$3,565	\$3,565
15	Pend Oreille County	\$903	\$903
16	Clerk		
17	Pierce County Clerk	\$113,990	\$113,990
18	San Juan County	\$894	\$894
19	Clerk		
20	Skagit County Clerk	\$16,350	\$16,350
21	Skamania County	\$1,702	\$1,702
22	Clerk		
23	Snohomish County	\$56,392	\$56,392
24	Clerk		
25	Spokane County	\$66,355	\$66,355
26	Clerk		
27	Stevens County Clerk	\$4,412	\$4,412
28	Thurston County	\$32,827	\$32,827
29	Clerk		
30	Wahkiakum County	\$591	\$591
31	Clerk		
32	Walla Walla County	\$7,296	\$7,296
33	Clerk		
34	Whatcom County	\$30,645	\$30,645
35	Clerk		

1	Whitman County	\$3,028	\$3,028
2	Clerk		
3	Yakima County Clerk	\$37,054	\$37,054
4	TOTAL	\$800,000	\$800,000
5	APPROPRIATIONS		

6        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 712.    BELATED CLAIMS**

7        The agencies and institutions of the state may expend moneys  
8        appropriated in this act, upon approval of the office of financial  
9        management, for the payment of supplies and services furnished to the  
10       agency or institution in prior fiscal biennia.

11       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 713.    FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
12       **FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

13	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$141,091,000
14	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$141,091,000
15	Foundational Public Health Services Account—State	
16	Appropriation	\$32,048,000
17	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$314,230,000

18       The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
19       conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
20       for distribution as provided in RCW 43.70.515.

21       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 714.    FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
22       **COMMON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT**

23	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$600,000
24	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$600,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,200,000

26       The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
27       conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
28       for expenditure into the common school construction account—state on  
29       July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026, for an interest payment pursuant to  
30       RCW 90.38.130.

31       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 715.    FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
32       **NATURAL RESOURCES REAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT**

33	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$300,000
34	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$300,000



1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$600,000

2 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
3 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
4 for expenditure into the natural resources real property replacement  
5 account—state on July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026, for an interest  
6 payment pursuant to RCW 90.38.130.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 716. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
8 **ANDY HILL CANCER RESEARCH ENDOWMENT FUND MATCH TRANSFER ACCOUNT**

9 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$945,000  
10 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$1,000,000  
11 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$1,945,000

12 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
13 conditions and limitations: The appropriation is provided solely for  
14 expenditure into the Andy Hill cancer research endowment fund match  
15 transfer account per RCW 43.348.080 to fund the Andy Hill cancer  
16 research endowment program. Matching funds using the amounts  
17 appropriated in this section may not be used to fund new grants that  
18 exceed two years in duration.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 717. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
20 **NORTHEAST WASHINGTON WOLF-LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT**

21 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$456,000  
22 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$456,000  
23 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$912,000

24 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
25 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
26 for expenditure into the northeast Washington wolf-livestock  
27 management account for the deployment of nonlethal wolf deterrence  
28 resources as provided in chapter 16.76 RCW.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 718. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
30 **COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT: JUVENILE CODE REVISIONS**

31 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$331,000  
32 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$331,000  
33 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$662,000

34 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
35 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely

1 for expenditure into the county criminal justice assistance account  
2 for costs to the criminal justice system associated with the  
3 implementation of chapter 338, Laws of 1997 (juvenile code  
4 revisions). The amounts provided in this subsection are intended to  
5 provide funding for county adult court costs associated with the  
6 implementation of chapter 338, Laws of 1997 and shall be distributed  
7 in accordance with RCW 82.14.310.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 719. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
9 **COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT: REPEAT OFFENDERS**

10	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$226,000
11	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$226,000
12	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$452,000

13 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
14 conditions and limitations: The appropriations, or so much thereof as  
15 may be necessary, are provided solely for expenditure into the county  
16 criminal justice assistance account. The treasurer shall make  
17 quarterly distributions from the county criminal justice assistance  
18 account of the amounts provided in this section in accordance with  
19 RCW 82.14.310 for the purposes of reimbursing local jurisdictions for  
20 increased costs incurred as a result of the mandatory arrest of  
21 repeat offenders pursuant to chapter 35, Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess.  
22 The appropriations and distributions made under this section  
23 constitute appropriate reimbursement for costs for any new programs  
24 or increased level of services for the purposes of RCW 43.135.060.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 720. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
26 **MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT: REPEAT OFFENDERS**

27	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$133,000
28	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$133,000
29	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$266,000

30 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
31 conditions and limitations: The appropriations, or so much thereof as  
32 may be necessary, are appropriated for expenditure into the municipal  
33 criminal justice assistance account. The treasurer shall make  
34 quarterly distributions from the municipal criminal justice  
35 assistance account of the amounts provided in this section in  
36 accordance with RCW 82.14.320 and 82.14.330, for the purposes of  
37 reimbursing local jurisdictions for increased costs incurred as a

1 result of the mandatory arrest of repeat offenders pursuant to  
2 chapter 35, Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess. The appropriations and  
3 distributions made under this section constitute appropriate  
4 reimbursement for costs for any new programs or increased level of  
5 services for the purposes of RCW 43.135.060.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 721. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
7 **INDIAN HEALTH IMPROVEMENT REINVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$708,000
9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$708,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,416,000

11 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
12 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
13 for expenditure into the Indian health improvement reinvestment  
14 account created in RCW 43.71B.040.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 722. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
16 **OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND RECREATION PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$2,250,000
18	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$2,250,000
19	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,500,000

20 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
21 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
22 for expenditure into the outdoor education and recreation program  
23 account for the purposes identified in RCW 79A.05.351.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 723. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
25 **WASHINGTON CAREER AND COLLEGE PATHWAYS INNOVATION CHALLENGE PROGRAM**  
26 **ACCOUNT**

27	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$6,000,000
28	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$6,000,000
29	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
30	Appropriation	\$4,000,000
31	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$16,000,000

32 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
33 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
34 for expenditure into the Washington career and college pathways  
35 innovation challenge program account created in RCW 28B.120.040 to

1 implement RCW 28B.120.060. The student achievement council must  
2 report to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature  
3 on the uses of the general fund moneys deposited in the account by  
4 December 1 of each fiscal year of the biennium.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 724. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
6 **WASHINGTON INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN ACCOUNT**

7	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$1,135,000
8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$1,135,000
9	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$2,270,000

10 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
11 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
12 for expenditure into the Washington internet crimes against children  
13 account created in RCW 43.101.435.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 725. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
15 **LANDLORD MITIGATION PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

16	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$6,816,000
17	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$6,816,000

18 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
19 conditions and limitations: The appropriation is provided solely for  
20 expenditure into the landlord mitigation program account created in  
21 RCW 43.31.615.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 726. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**  
23 **—CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

24 (1) The appropriations in this section are subject to the  
25 following conditions and limitations: The appropriations for the law  
26 enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system shall be  
27 made on a monthly basis consistent with chapter 41.45 RCW, and the  
28 appropriations for the judges and judicial retirement systems shall  
29 be made on a quarterly basis consistent with chapters 2.10 and 2.12  
30 RCW.

31 (2) There is appropriated for state contributions to the law  
32 enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system:

33	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$102,000,000
34	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$106,300,000
35	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$208,300,000

1 (3) There is appropriated for contributions to the judicial  
2 retirement system:

3	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$5,700,000
4	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$5,400,000
5	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$11,100,000

6 (4) There is appropriated for contributions to the judges'  
7 retirement system:

8	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$200,000
9	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$200,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$400,000

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 727. FOR THE BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**  
12 **AND RESERVE OFFICERS—CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

13 There is appropriated for state contributions to the volunteer  
14 firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and pension principal  
15 fund:

16	Volunteer Firefighters' and Reserve Officers'	
17	Administrative Account—State Appropriation	\$25,548,000
18	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$25,548,000

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 728. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
20 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

21	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$1,000,000
22	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$1,000,000
23	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,000,000

24 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
25 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
26 for expenditure into the behavioral health loan repayment program  
27 account created in RCW 28B.115.135.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 729. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
29 **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LOAN REPAYMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

30	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$3,800,000
31	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$3,800,000
32	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$7,600,000

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

1 (1) The appropriations are provided solely for expenditure into  
2 the health professionals loan repayment and scholarship program  
3 account created in RCW 28B.115.130.

4 (2) These amounts must be used to increase the number of licensed  
5 primary care health professionals to serve in licensed primary care  
6 health professional critical shortage areas. Contracts between the  
7 office of student financial assistance and program recipients must  
8 guarantee at least three years of conditional loan repayments. The  
9 office of student financial assistance and the department of health  
10 shall prioritize a portion of any nonfederal balances in the health  
11 professional loan repayment and scholarship fund for conditional loan  
12 repayment contracts with psychiatrists and with advanced registered  
13 nurse practitioners for work at one of the state-operated psychiatric  
14 hospitals. The office and department shall designate the state  
15 hospitals as health professional shortage areas if necessary for this  
16 purpose. The office shall coordinate with the department of social  
17 and health services to effectively incorporate three conditional loan  
18 repayments into the department's advanced psychiatric professional  
19 recruitment and retention strategies. The office may use these  
20 targeted amounts for other program participants should there be any  
21 remaining amounts after eligible psychiatrists and advanced  
22 registered nurse practitioners have been served. The office shall  
23 also work to prioritize loan repayments to professionals working at  
24 health care delivery sites that demonstrate a commitment to serving  
25 uninsured clients. It is the intent of the legislature to provide  
26 funding to maintain the current number and amount of awards for the  
27 program in the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium on the basis of these  
28 contractual obligations.

29 (3) Funding may be used for the forensic pathologist loan  
30 repayment program established in RCW 28B.115.030.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 730. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
32 **MEDICAL STUDENT LOAN ACCOUNT**

33	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$252,000
34	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$252,000
35	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$504,000

36 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
37 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely

1 for expenditure into the medical student loan account created in RCW  
2 28B.99.030.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 731. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
4 **NURSE EDUCATOR LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**

5	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$3,000,000
6	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$3,000,000
7	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$6,000,000

8 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
9 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
10 for expenditure into the health professionals loan repayment and  
11 scholarship program account created in RCW 28B.115.130 for the nurse  
12 educator loan repayment program.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 732. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
14 **RURAL JOBS PROGRAM MATCH TRANSFER ACCOUNT**

15	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
16	Appropriation. . . . .	\$400,000
17	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$400,000

18 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
19 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
20 for expenditure into the rural jobs program match transfer account  
21 created in RCW 28B.145.120.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 733. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
23 **OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP MATCH TRANSFER ACCOUNT**

24	Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
25	Appropriation. . . . .	\$8,421,000
26	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$8,421,000

27 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
28 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
29 for expenditure into the opportunity scholarship match transfer  
30 account created in RCW 28B.145.050.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 734. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
32 **EDUCATOR CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

33	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$1,000,000
34	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$1,000,000

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$2,000,000

2 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
3 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
4 for expenditure into the educator conditional scholarship account  
5 created in RCW 28B.102.080 for the teacher shortage conditional grant  
6 program.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 735. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
8 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES ACCOUNT**

9 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$1,000,000  
10 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$1,000,000  
11 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$2,000,000

12 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
13 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
14 for expenditure into the developmental disabilities community  
15 services account (Dan Thompson memorial community services account)  
16 for the purposes identified in RCW 71A.20.170.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 736. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
18 **HOME VISITING SERVICES ACCOUNT**

19 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$14,347,000  
20 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$14,347,000  
21 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$28,694,000

22 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
23 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
24 for expenditure into the home visiting services account created in  
25 RCW 43.216.130 for the home visiting program.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 737. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
27 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL ACCOUNT**

28 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . . \$34,793,000  
29 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . . \$18,500,000  
30 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$53,293,000

31 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
32 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
33 for expenditure into the affordable housing for all account created  
34 in RCW 43.185C.190 for operations, maintenance, and services for  
35 permanent supportive housing as defined in RCW 36.70A.030.



1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 738.    FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
2 **JUDICIAL INFORMATIONS SYSTEM ACCOUNT**

3	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$10,000,000
4	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$10,000,000
5	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$20,000,000

6        The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
7 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
8 for expenditure into the judicial information systems account created  
9 in RCW 2.68.020.

10       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 739.    FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
11 **WASHINGTON STATE LEADERSHIP BOARD ACCOUNT**

12	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$1,032,000
13	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$1,032,000
14	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,064,000

15       The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
16 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
17 for expenditure into the Washington state leadership board account  
18 created in RCW 43.388.020.

19       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 740.    FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
20 **CRIME VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT**

21	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$2,000,000
22	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$2,000,000
23	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,000,000

24       The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
25 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
26 for expenditure into the state crime victim and witness assistance  
27 account created in RCW 7.68.047.

28       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 741.    FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
29 **DNA DATABASE ACCOUNT**

30	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$482,000
31	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$482,000
32	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$964,000

33       The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
34 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely

1 for expenditure into the state DNA database account created in RCW  
2 43.43.7532.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 742. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
4 **CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY**

5 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund—Federal

6 Appropriation. . . . .	\$250,000,000
7 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$250,000,000

8 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
9 conditions and limitations: The entire coronavirus state fiscal  
10 recovery fund—federal appropriation is provided solely to the office  
11 of financial management for allocation to state agencies for costs  
12 eligible to be paid from the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund  
13 and where funding is provided elsewhere in this act or the capital  
14 omnibus appropriations act for those costs using a funding source  
15 other than the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund. For any agency  
16 receiving an allocation under this section, the office must place an  
17 equal amount of the agency's state or other source appropriation  
18 authority in unallotted reserve status, and those amounts may not be  
19 expended. In determining the use of amounts appropriated in this  
20 section, the office of financial management shall prioritize the  
21 preservation of state general fund moneys. The office must report on  
22 the use of the amounts appropriated in this section to the fiscal  
23 committees of the legislature when all coronavirus state fiscal  
24 recovery fund moneys are expended or February 28, 2027, whichever is  
25 earlier.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 743. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
27 **WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY OPERATIONS ACCOUNT**

28 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). . . . .	\$1,369,000
29 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). . . . .	\$1,369,000
30 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$2,738,000

31 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
32 conditions and limitations: The appropriations are provided solely  
33 for expenditure into the Washington state library operations account  
34 created in RCW 43.07.129.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 744. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
36 **DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT**

1	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$250,000
2	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$250,000
3	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$500,000

4 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
5 conditions and limitations: The appropriations in this section are  
6 provided solely for expenditure into the down payment assistance  
7 account created in RCW 82.45.240.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 745. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**  
9 **HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACCOUNT**

10	Opioid Abatement Settlement Account—State	
11	Appropriation	\$1,486,000
12	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,486,000

13 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
14 conditions and limitations: The appropriation is provided solely for  
15 expenditure into the health professions account created in RCW  
16 43.70.320 to implement chapter 366, Laws of 2024 (substance use  
17 treatment).

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 746. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

19	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026)	\$3,038,000
20	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027)	\$4,857,000
21	State Health Care Authority Administrative	
22	Account—State Appropriation	\$8,000
23	Statewide Information Technology System Development	
24	Revolving Account—State Appropriation	\$13,000
25	School Employees' Insurance Administrative	
26	Account—State Appropriation	\$8,000
27	Performance Audits of Government Account—State	
28	Appropriation	\$534,000
29	Department of Retirement Systems Expense	
30	Account—State Appropriation	\$237,000
31	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,695,000

32 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
33 conditions and limitations: Funding is provided for compensation and  
34 benefits for legislative branch agencies, as shown in OFM document  
35 2025-2, dated December 17, 2024.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 747.    CENTRAL SERVICE CHARGES**

2	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026) . . . . .	\$1,521,000
3	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027) . . . . .	\$124,000
4	Performance Audits of Government Account—State	
5	Appropriation . . . . .	\$90,000
6	Department of Retirement Systems Expense	
7	Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$39,000
8	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$1,774,000

9        The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
10 conditions and limitations: Funding is provided for central service  
11 charges for legislative branch agencies, as shown in OFM document  
12 2025-3, dated December 17, 2024.

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PART VIII

OTHER TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

NEW SECTION. Sec. 801. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—STATE REVENUES FOR DISTRIBUTION

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: 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), and General Fund Appropriation for payment in lieu of

1	taxes to counties under Department of Fish and	
2	Wildlife Program. . . . .	\$3,324,000
3	Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account	
4	Appropriation for distribution to counties in	
5	amounts not to exceed actual deposits into the	
6	account and attributable to those counties'	
7	share pursuant to RCW 43.79.520. . . . .	\$25,430,000
8	Manufacturing and Warehousing Job Centers Account	
9	Appropriation for distribution to local taxing	
10	jurisdictions to mitigate the unintended	
11	revenue redistributions effect of sourcing law	
12	changes pursuant to chapter 83, Laws of 2021	
13	(warehousing & manufacturing jobs). . . . .	\$2,770,000
14	State Crime Victim and Witness Assistance Account	
15	Appropriation for distribution to counties. . . . .	\$8,000,000
16	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$740,631,000

17 The total expenditures from the state treasury under the  
18 appropriations in this section shall not exceed the funds available  
19 under statutory distributions for the stated purposes.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 802. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—FOR THE COUNTY**  
21 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT**

22	Impaired Driving Safety Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,933,000
23	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,933,000

24 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
25 conditions and limitations: The amount appropriated in this section  
26 shall be distributed quarterly during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium  
27 in accordance with RCW 82.14.310. This funding is provided to  
28 counties for the costs of implementing criminal justice legislation  
29 including, but not limited to: Chapter 206, Laws of 1998 (drunk  
30 driving penalties); chapter 207, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties);  
31 chapter 208, Laws of 1998 (deferred prosecution); chapter 209, Laws  
32 of 1998 (DUI/license suspension); chapter 210, Laws of 1998 (ignition  
33 interlock violations); chapter 211, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties);  
34 chapter 212, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); chapter 213, Laws of 1998  
35 (intoxication levels lowered); chapter 214, Laws of 1998 (DUI  
36 penalties); and chapter 215, Laws of 1998 (DUI provisions).

1            NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 803.        FOR THE STATE TREASURER—MUNICIPAL**  
2 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT**

3	Impaired Driving Safety Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,289,000
4	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$1,289,000

5            The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
6 conditions and limitations: The amount appropriated in this section  
7 shall be distributed quarterly during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium  
8 to all cities ratably based on population as last determined by the  
9 office of financial management. The distributions to any city that  
10 substantially decriminalizes or repeals its criminal code after July  
11 1, 1990, and that does not reimburse the county for costs associated  
12 with criminal cases under RCW 3.50.800 or 3.50.805(2), shall be made  
13 to the county in which the city is located. This funding is provided  
14 to cities for the costs of implementing criminal justice legislation  
15 including, but not limited to: Chapter 206, Laws of 1998 (drunk  
16 driving penalties); chapter 207, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties);  
17 chapter 208, Laws of 1998 (deferred prosecution); chapter 209, Laws  
18 of 1998 (DUI/license suspension); chapter 210, Laws of 1998 (ignition  
19 interlock violations); chapter 211, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties);  
20 chapter 212, Laws of 1998 (DUI penalties); chapter 213, Laws of 1998  
21 (intoxication levels lowered); chapter 214, Laws of 1998 (DUI  
22 penalties); and chapter 215, Laws of 1998 (DUI provisions).

23            NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 804.        FOR THE STATE TREASURER—FEDERAL REVENUES**  
24 **FOR DISTRIBUTION**

25	General Fund Appropriation for federal flood control	
26	funds distribution. . . . .	\$48,000
27	General Fund Appropriation for federal grazing fees	
28	distribution. . . . .	\$54,000
29	General Fund Appropriation for federal military fees	
30	distribution. . . . .	\$1,180,000
31	Forest Reserve Fund Appropriation for federal forest	
32	reserve fund distribution. . . . .	\$28,982,000
33	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$30,264,000

34            NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 805.        FOR THE STATE TREASURER—TRANSFERS**

35 Dedicated Cannabis Account: For transfer to the  
36 basic health plan trust account, the lesser of  
37 the amount determined pursuant to RCW 69.50.540

1 or this amount for fiscal year 2026,  
2 \$250,000,000 and this amount for fiscal year  
3 2027, \$250,000,000. . . . . \$500,000,000  
4 Dedicated Cannabis Account: For transfer to the  
5 state general fund, the lesser of the amount  
6 determined pursuant to RCW 69.50.540 or this  
7 amount for fiscal year 2026, \$155,000,000  
8 and this amount for fiscal year 2027,  
9 \$155,000,000. . . . . \$310,000,000  
10 Tobacco Settlement Account: For transfer to the  
11 state general fund, in an amount not to exceed  
12 the actual amount of the annual base payment to  
13 the tobacco settlement account for fiscal year  
14 2026. . . . . \$92,000,000  
15 Tobacco Settlement Account: For transfer to the  
16 state general fund, in an amount not to exceed  
17 the actual amount of the annual base payment to  
18 the tobacco settlement account for fiscal year  
19 2027. . . . . \$92,000,000  
20 State Treasurer's Service Account: For transfer to  
21 the state general fund, \$40,000,000 for fiscal  
22 year 2026 and \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2027. . . . \$80,000,000  
23 General Fund: For transfer to the fair fund under  
24 RCW 15.76.115, \$2,250,000 for fiscal year 2026  
25 and \$2,250,000 for fiscal year 2027. . . . . \$4,500,000  
26 Financial Services Regulation Account: For transfer  
27 to the state general fund, \$5,675,000 for  
28 fiscal year 2026 and \$3,675,000 for fiscal year  
29 2027. . . . . \$9,350,000  
30 General Fund: For transfer to the wildfire response,  
31 forest restoration, and community resilience  
32 account, solely for the implementation of  
33 chapter 298, Laws of 2021 (2SHB 1168)  
34 (long-term forest health), \$44,000,000 for  
35 fiscal year 2026 and \$40,000,000 for fiscal  
36 year 2027. . . . . \$84,000,000  
37 General Fund: For transfer to the manufacturing and  
38 warehousing job centers account pursuant to RCW  
39 82.14.545 for distribution in section 801 of  
40 this act, \$2,770,000 for fiscal year 2026. . . . . \$2,770,000



1 Water Pollution Control Revolving Administration  
2 Account: For transfer to the water pollution  
3 control revolving account, \$3,000,000 for  
4 fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 for fiscal  
5 year 2027. . . . . \$6,000,000  
6 General Fund: For transfer to the home security  
7 fund, \$199,525,000 for fiscal year 2026. . . . . \$199,525,000  
8 General Fund: For transfer to the local government  
9 archives account, \$246,000 for fiscal year  
10 2026 and \$245,000 for fiscal year 2027. . . . . \$491,000  
11 Stadium and Exhibition Center Account: For transfer  
12 to the state general fund as repayment for the  
13 loan amount pursuant to RCW 43.79.574,  
14 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2027. . . . . \$10,000,000  
15 Public Works Assistance Account: For transfer to  
16 the state general fund, \$50,000,000 for  
17 fiscal year 2026 and \$50,000,000 for fiscal  
18 year 2027. It is the intent of the  
19 legislature to continue this policy in the  
20 subsequent fiscal biennium. . . . . \$100,000,000  
21 Youth Athletic Facility Account: For transfer to  
22 the state general fund, \$5,860,000 for  
23 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,600,000 for fiscal  
24 year 2027. . . . . \$8,460,000  
25 General Fund: For transfer to the Washington  
26 housing trust fund, \$2,000,000 for fiscal  
27 year 2026. . . . . \$2,000,000  
28 Electric Vehicle Incentive Account: For transfer  
29 to the state general fund, \$69,000,000 for  
30 fiscal year 2026. . . . . \$69,000,000  
31 Opioid Abatement Settlement Account: For  
32 transfer to the tribal opioid prevention  
33 and treatment account, the greater of the  
34 amount determined pursuant to RCW 43.79.483  
35 or this amount for fiscal year 2026,  
36 \$7,750,000 and this amount for fiscal year  
37 2027, \$7,750,000. . . . . \$15,500,000  
38 Enterprise Services Account: For transfer to  
39 the state general fund, \$40,000,000 for  
40 fiscal year 2026. . . . . \$40,000,000

1 Economic Development Strategic Reserve Account:  
 2 For transfer to the state general fund,  
 3 \$17,000,000 for fiscal year 2027. . . . . \$17,000,000  
 4 General Fund: For transfer to the death  
 5 investigations account, \$2,050,000 for  
 6 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,050,000 for fiscal  
 7 year 2027. . . . . \$4,100,000  
 8 Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control  
 9 Account: For transfer to the model toxics  
 10 control operating account, \$7,000,000 for  
 11 fiscal year 2026. . . . . \$7,000,000  
 12 From auction proceeds received under RCW  
 13 70A.65.100(7)(b): For transfer to the air  
 14 quality and health disparities improvement  
 15 account, \$2,600,000 for fiscal year 2026. . . . . \$2,600,000  
 16 From auction proceeds received under RCW  
 17 70A.65.100(7)(c): For transfer to the air  
 18 quality and health disparities improvement  
 19 account, \$2,600,000 for fiscal year 2027. . . . . \$2,600,000  
 20 Climate Investment Account: For transfer to the  
 21 climate commitment account, \$71,000,000  
 22 for fiscal year 2027. . . . . \$71,000,000  
 23 Natural Climate Solutions Account: For transfer  
 24 to the climate commitment account, \$2,000,000  
 25 for fiscal year 2027. . . . . \$2,000,000  
 26 Climate Investment Account: For transfer to the  
 27 carbon emissions reduction account,  
 28 \$194,153,000 for fiscal year 2027. . . . . \$194,153,000  
 29 Climate Investment Account: For transfer to the  
 30 carbon emissions reduction account,  
 31 \$162,000,000 for fiscal year 2027. . . . . \$162,000,000  
 32 Public Employees' and Retirees Insurance Account:  
 33 For transfer to the state general fund,  
 34 \$18,187,000 for fiscal year 2026. . . . . \$18,187,000  
 35 School Employees' Insurance Account: For transfer to  
 36 the state general fund, \$2,551,000 for fiscal  
 37 year 2026. . . . . \$2,551,000  
 38 Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account:  
 39 For transfer to the state general fund,  
 40 \$3,052,000 for fiscal year 2026. . . . . \$3,052,000

1 Washington Law Enforcement Officers' and  
2 Firefighters' System Plan 1 Retirement Fund:  
3 For transfer to the state general fund,  
4 \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2026. . . . . \$1,000,000,000

(End of part)

**PART IX**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 901.   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. 902.   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. 903.   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. 904.   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. 905.   VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION**

1 (1) As a management tool to reduce costs and make more effective  
2 use of resources, while improving employee productivity and morale,  
3 agencies may implement either a voluntary retirement or separation  
4 program, or both, that is cost neutral or results in cost savings,  
5 including costs to the state pension systems, over a two-year period  
6 following the commencement of the program, provided that such a  
7 program is approved by the director of financial management. Agencies  
8 participating in this authorization may offer voluntary retirement  
9 and/or separation incentives and options according to procedures and  
10 guidelines established by the office of financial management in  
11 consultation with the department of retirement systems. The options  
12 may include, but are not limited to, financial incentives for  
13 voluntary separation or retirement. An employee does not have a  
14 contractual right to a financial incentive offered under this  
15 section. The office of financial management and the department of  
16 retirement systems may review and monitor incentive offers. Agencies  
17 are required to submit a report by the date established by the office  
18 of financial management in the guidelines required in this section to  
19 the legislature and the office of financial management on the outcome  
20 of their approved incentive program. The report should include  
21 information on the details of the program, including the incentive  
22 payment amount for each participant, the total cost to the state, and  
23 the projected or actual net dollar savings over the two-year period.

24 (2) The department of retirement systems may collect from  
25 employers the actuarial cost of any incentive provided under this  
26 program, or any other incentive to retire provided by employers to  
27 members of the state's pension systems, for deposit in the  
28 appropriate pension account.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 906. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS NOT**  
30 **IMPAIRED**

31 Nothing in this act prohibits the expenditure of any funds by an  
32 agency or institution of the state for benefits guaranteed by any  
33 collective bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of  
34 this section.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 907. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS**

36 (1) In accordance with chapters 41.80, 41.56, and 74.39A RCW,  
37 agreements have been reached between the governor and organizations  
38 representing state employee bargaining units and nonstate employee

1 bargaining units for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. Funding is  
2 provided in this act to fund these agreements. The collective  
3 bargaining agreements that have been reached and are funded in this  
4 act, and the description of the major economic terms in each of the  
5 listed agreements are specified in OFM document 2025-4, dated  
6 December 17, 2024.

7 (2) In accordance with chapters 41.80 and 41.56 RCW, agreements  
8 have been reached between institutions of higher education and  
9 employee organizations representing state employee bargaining units  
10 for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. Funding is provided in Part VI of  
11 this act to fund these agreements. The collective bargaining  
12 agreements that have been reached and are funded in Part VI this act,  
13 and the description of the major economic terms in each of the listed  
14 agreements are specified in OFM document 2025-4, dated December 17,  
15 2024.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 908. COMPENSATION—REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES—**  
17 **HEALTH CARE COALITION—INSURANCE BENEFITS**

18 (1) An agreement was reached for the 2025-2027 biennium between  
19 the governor and the health care coalition under the provisions of  
20 chapter 41.80 RCW. Appropriations in this act for state agencies,  
21 including institutions of higher education, are sufficient to  
22 implement the provisions of the 2025-2027 collective bargaining  
23 agreement, which maintains the provisions of the prior agreement.

24 (2) The appropriations for state agencies in this act are subject  
25 to the following conditions and limitations:

26 (a) The monthly employer funding rate for insurance benefit  
27 premiums, public employees' benefits board administration, and the  
28 uniform medical plan, shall not exceed \$1,315 per eligible employee  
29 for fiscal year 2026.

30 (b) For fiscal year 2027, the monthly employer funding rate shall  
31 not exceed \$1,355 per eligible employee.

32 (c) The health care authority, subject to the approval of the  
33 public employees' benefits board, shall provide subsidies for health  
34 benefit premiums to eligible retired or disabled public employees and  
35 school district employees who are eligible for medicare, pursuant to  
36 RCW 41.05.085. For calendar years 2026 and 2027, the subsidy shall be  
37 up to \$183 per month. Funds from reserves accumulated for future  
38 adverse claims experience, from past favorable claims experience, or

1 otherwise, may not be used to increase this retiree subsidy beyond  
2 what is authorized in this subsection.

3 (d) The monthly employer funding rate paid by school districts  
4 and educational service districts to the health care authority  
5 includes \$69.61 per month beginning September 1, 2025, and \$79.20  
6 beginning September 1, 2026, for deposit into the public employees'  
7 and retirees' insurance account established in RCW 41.05.120.

8 (e) The board has the authority to forgo the federal retiree drug  
9 subsidy collected under RCW 41.05.068 for uniform medical plan  
10 classic medicare, only to leverage additional federal subsidies via  
11 adoption of a medicare part D employer group waiver plan to help  
12 reduce premiums for medicare retirees enrolled in uniform medical  
13 plan classic medicare.

14 (3) The funding rates in subsection (2) of this section are  
15 sufficient to cover, effective January 1, 2026, the following:

16 (a) In the uniform medical plan, coverage for doula services;

17 (b) In the uniform dental plan, the following:

18 (i) Increasing the temporomandibular joint benefit to \$1,000  
19 annually and \$5,000 per lifetime; and

20 (ii) Eliminating the deductible for children up to age 15; and

21 (c) Implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0050.1/25)  
22 (hospital affordability).

23 (4) The funding rates in subsection (2) of this section are not  
24 sufficient to continue offering an accountable care plan as of plan  
25 year 2026.

26 (5) The rates are sufficient to cover a diabetes management  
27 program and apply the cost-share provisions outlined in chapter 366,  
28 Laws of 2023 (breast examinations—health plan cost sharing) in the  
29 uniform medical plan, effective January 1, 2025. The rates are not  
30 sufficient to add coverage of prescription drugs for the treatment of  
31 obesity or weight loss. The authority shall not add coverage of  
32 prescription drugs for the treatment of obesity or weight loss  
33 without a specific appropriation from the legislature. Nothing in  
34 this section requires removal of any existing coverage of  
35 prescription drugs to treat diabetes.

36 (6) Current funding allows for the public employees' benefits  
37 board to adjust the employer paid long term disability benefit to a  
38 maximum monthly benefit of \$450 within the current funding resources.

1            NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 909.        COMPENSATION—REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES**

2        **OUTSIDE HEALTH CARE COALITION—INSURANCE BENEFITS**

3            Appropriations for state agencies in this act are sufficient for  
4        represented employees outside the coalition for health benefits, and  
5        are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The monthly  
6        employer funding rate for insurance benefit premiums, public  
7        employees' benefits board administration, and the uniform medical  
8        plan, may not exceed \$1,315 per eligible employee for fiscal year  
9        2026. For fiscal year 2027, the monthly employer funding rate may not  
10        exceed \$1,355 per eligible employee.

11           NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 910.        COMPENSATION—SCHOOL EMPLOYEES—INSURANCE**

12        **BENEFITS**

13           An agreement was reached for the 2025-2027 biennium between the  
14        governor and the school employee coalition under the provisions of  
15        chapters 41.56 and 41.59 RCW. Appropriations in this act for  
16        allocations to school districts are sufficient to implement the  
17        provisions of the 2025-2027 collective bargaining agreement, which  
18        maintains the provisions of the prior agreement, and are subject to  
19        the following conditions and limitations:

20           (1) The monthly employer funding rate for insurance benefit  
21        premiums, school employees' benefits board administration, retiree  
22        remittance, and the uniform medical plan, shall not exceed the rates  
23        identified in section 506(4) of this act.

24           (a) These rates are sufficient to cover:

25           (i) In the uniform medical plan, effective January 1, 2026,  
26        coverage for doula services; and

27           (ii) Implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0050.1/25)  
28        (hospital affordability).

29           (b) The funding rates in section 506(4) of this act are not  
30        sufficient to continue offering an accountable care plan as of plan  
31        year 2026.

32           (2) Current funding allows for the school employees' benefits  
33        board to adjust the employer paid long term disability benefit to a  
34        maximum monthly benefit of \$450 within the current funding resources.

35           (3) Except as provided by the parties' health care agreement, in  
36        order to achieve the level of funding provided for health benefits,  
37        the school employees' benefits board shall require any or all of the  
38        following: Employee premium copayments, increases in point-of-service



1 cost sharing, the implementation of managed competition, or other  
2 changes to benefits consistent with RCW 41.05.740.

3 (4) The health care authority shall deposit any moneys received  
4 on behalf of the school employees' medical plan as a result of  
5 rebates on prescription drugs, audits of hospitals, subrogation  
6 payments, or any other moneys recovered as a result of prior uniform  
7 medical plan claims payments, into the school employees' and  
8 retirees' insurance account to be used for insurance benefits. Such  
9 receipts may not be used for administrative expenditures.

10 (5) When bargaining for funding for school employees health  
11 benefits for subsequent fiscal biennia, any proposal agreed upon must  
12 assume the imposition of a \$25 per month surcharge payment from  
13 members who use tobacco products and a surcharge payment of not less  
14 than \$50 per month from members who cover a spouse or domestic  
15 partner where the spouse or domestic partner has chosen not to enroll  
16 in another employer-based group health insurance that has benefits  
17 and premiums with an actuarial value of not less than 95 percent of  
18 the actuarial value of the public employees' benefits board plan with  
19 the largest enrollment. The surcharge payments shall be collected in  
20 addition to the member premium payment.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 911. COMPENSATION—NONREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES—**  
22 **INSURANCE BENEFITS**

23 Appropriations for state agencies in this act are sufficient for  
24 nonrepresented state employee health benefits for state agencies,  
25 including institutions of higher education, and are subject to the  
26 following conditions and limitations:

27 (1) The employer monthly funding rate for insurance benefit  
28 premiums, public employees' benefits board administration, and the  
29 uniform medical plan, shall not exceed \$1,315 per eligible employee  
30 for fiscal year 2026. For fiscal year 2027, the monthly employer  
31 funding rate shall not exceed \$1,355 per eligible employee.

32 (2) The health care authority, subject to the approval of the  
33 public employees' benefits board, shall provide subsidies for health  
34 benefit premiums to eligible retired or disabled public employees and  
35 school district employees who are eligible for medicare, pursuant to  
36 RCW 41.05.085. For calendar years 2026 and 2027, the subsidy shall be  
37 up to \$183 per month. Funds from reserves accumulated for future  
38 adverse claims experience, from past favorable claims experience, or

1 otherwise, may not be used to increase this retiree subsidy beyond  
2 what is authorized by the legislature in this subsection.

3 (3) School districts and educational service districts shall  
4 remit to the health care authority for deposit into the public  
5 employees' and retirees' insurance account established in RCW  
6 41.05.120 the following amounts:

7 (a) For each full-time employee, \$69.61 per month beginning  
8 September 1, 2025, and \$79.20 per month beginning September 1, 2026;

9 (b) For each part-time employee, who at the time of the  
10 remittance is employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW  
11 41.32.010 or 41.40.010 and is eligible for employer fringe benefit  
12 contributions for basic benefits, \$69.61 each month beginning  
13 September 1, 2025, and \$79.20 each month beginning September 1, 2026,  
14 prorated by the proportion of employer fringe benefit contributions  
15 for a full-time employee that the part-time employee receives. The  
16 remittance requirements specified in this subsection do not apply to  
17 employees of a technical college, school district, or educational  
18 service district who purchase insurance benefits through contracts  
19 with the health care authority.

20 (4) The rates are sufficient to cover a diabetes management  
21 program and apply the cost-share provisions outlined in chapter 366,  
22 Laws of 2023 (breast examinations—health plan cost sharing) in the  
23 uniform medical plan, effective January 1, 2025. The rates are not  
24 sufficient to add coverage of prescription drugs for the treatment of  
25 obesity or weight loss. The authority shall not add coverage of  
26 prescription drugs for the treatment of obesity or weight loss  
27 without a specific appropriation from the legislature. Nothing in  
28 this section requires removal of any existing coverage of  
29 prescription drugs to treat diabetes.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 912. GENERAL WAGE INCREASES**

31 (1) Appropriations for state agency employee compensation in this  
32 act are sufficient to provide general wage increases to state agency  
33 employees and employees of institutions of higher education, who are  
34 not represented or who bargain under statutory authority other than  
35 chapter 41.80 or 47.64 RCW or RCW 41.56.473 or 41.56.475.

36 (2) Funding is provided for a three percent general wage increase  
37 effective July 1, 2025, for all classified employees as specified in  
38 subsection (1)(a) of this section, employees in the Washington  
39 management service, and exempt employees under the jurisdiction of

1 the office of financial management. The appropriations are also  
2 sufficient to fund a three percent salary increase effective July 1,  
3 2025, for executive, legislative, and judicial branch employees  
4 exempt from merit system rules whose maximum salaries are not set by  
5 the commission on salaries for elected officials.

6 (3) Funding is provided for a two percent general wage increase  
7 effective July 1, 2026, for all classified employees as specified in  
8 subsection (1) of this section, employees in the Washington  
9 management service, and exempt employees under the jurisdiction of  
10 the office of financial management. The appropriations are also  
11 sufficient to fund a two percent salary increase effective July 1,  
12 2026, for executive, legislative, and judicial branch employees  
13 exempt from merit system rules whose maximum salaries are not set by  
14 the commission on salaries for elected officials.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 913. COMPENSATION—PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS**

16 The appropriations in this act for school districts and state  
17 agencies, including institutions of higher education, are subject to  
18 the following conditions and limitations:

19 (1) Appropriations are adjusted to reflect changes to agency  
20 appropriations to reflect savings resulting from changes to pension  
21 funding as provided in House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0231.1/25)  
22 (actuarial funding of pension systems).

23 (2) An increase of 0.08 percent is funded for state employer  
24 contributions to the public employees' retirement system, the public  
25 safety employees' retirement systems, and the school employees'  
26 retirement system, and an increase of 0.16 percent for employer  
27 contributions to the teachers' retirement system is funded for the  
28 provisions of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0229.1/25) (PERS/TRS 1  
29 benefit increase). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, this  
30 subsection is null and void and appropriations for school districts  
31 and state agencies, including institutions of higher education, shall  
32 be held in unallotted status.

33 **Sec. 914.** RCW 15.76.115 and 2021 c 245 s 2 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 (1) The fair fund is created in the custody of the state  
36 treasury.

37 (2) (a) All moneys received by the department of agriculture for  
38 the purposes of this fund and from RCW 67.16.105 shall be deposited

1 into the fund. Each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall transfer  
2 into the fair fund from the general fund an amount appropriated in  
3 the omnibus operating appropriations act equal to:

4 ~~((a))~~ (i) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

5 ~~((b))~~ (ii) \$2,750,000 in each fiscal year 2022 and 2023;

6 ~~((c))~~ (iii) \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year 2024 and 2025; ~~((and~~

7 ~~(d))~~ (iv) \$2,250,000 in each fiscal year 2026 and 2027; and

8 (v) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year ~~((2026))~~ 2028 and each fiscal year  
9 thereafter.

10 ~~((e))~~ (b) To support inclusiveness at fair events, a portion of  
11 the additional funds provided to fairs as a result of chapter 245,  
12 Laws of 2021 must be prioritized to be spent on educational programs  
13 and outreach that are reflective of the diversity within a fair's  
14 local population.

15 (3) Expenditures from the fund may be used only for assisting  
16 fairs in the manner provided in this chapter. Only the director of  
17 agriculture or the director's designee may authorize expenditures  
18 from the fund. The fund is subject to allotment procedures under  
19 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for expenditures.

20 **Sec. 915.** RCW 28B.92.205 and 2023 c 475 s 923 are each amended  
21 to read as follows:

22 In addition to other eligibility requirements outlined in this  
23 chapter, students who demonstrate financial need are eligible to  
24 receive the Washington college grant. Financial need is as follows:

25 (1) Until academic year 2020-21, students with family incomes  
26 between zero and fifty percent of the state median family income,  
27 adjusted for family size, shall receive the maximum Washington  
28 college grant as defined in RCW 28B.92.030. Grants for students with  
29 incomes between fifty-one and seventy percent of the state median  
30 family income, adjusted for family size, shall be prorated at the  
31 following percentages of the maximum Washington college grant amount:

32 (a) Seventy percent for students with family incomes between  
33 fifty-one and fifty-five percent of the state median family income;

34 (b) Sixty-five percent for students with family incomes between  
35 fifty-six and sixty percent of the state median family income;

36 (c) Sixty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-  
37 one and sixty-five percent of the state median family income; and

38 (d) Fifty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-  
39 six and seventy percent of the state median family income.

1 (2) Beginning with academic year 2020-21, except during the  
2 2022-23, 2023-24, (~~and~~) 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 academic  
3 years, students with family incomes between zero and fifty-five  
4 percent of the state median family income, adjusted for family size,  
5 shall receive the maximum Washington college grant as defined in RCW  
6 28B.92.030. During the 2022-23, 2023-24, (~~and~~) 2024-25, 2025-26,  
7 and 2026-27 academic years, students with family incomes between zero  
8 and sixty percent of the state median family income, adjusted for  
9 family size, shall receive the maximum Washington college grant.  
10 Grants for students with incomes between fifty-six and one hundred  
11 percent of the state median family income, adjusted for family size,  
12 shall be prorated at the following percentages of the maximum  
13 Washington college grant amount:

14 (a) Seventy percent for students with family incomes between  
15 fifty-six and sixty percent of the state median family income, except  
16 during the 2022-23, 2023-24, (~~and~~) 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27  
17 academic years;

18 (b) Sixty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-  
19 one and sixty-five percent of the state median family income, except  
20 during the 2023-24 (~~and~~), 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 academic  
21 years when student grant award shall not be prorated and students  
22 shall receive the maximum award;

23 (c) Fifty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-  
24 six and seventy percent of the state median family income;

25 (d) Twenty-four and one-half percent for students with family  
26 incomes between seventy-one and seventy-five percent of the state  
27 median family income; and

28 (e) Ten percent for students with family incomes between seventy-  
29 six and one hundred percent of the state median family income.

30 **Sec. 916.** RCW 41.05.120 and 2023 c 435 s 10 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 (1) The public employees' and retirees' insurance account is  
33 hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer, to be used  
34 by the director for the deposit of contributions, the remittance paid  
35 by school districts and educational service districts under RCW  
36 28A.400.410, reserves, dividends, and refunds, for payment of  
37 premiums and claims for employee and retiree insurance benefit  
38 contracts and subsidy amounts provided under RCW 41.05.085, and  
39 transfers from the flexible spending administrative account as

1 authorized in RCW 41.05.123. Moneys from the account shall be  
2 disbursed by the state treasurer by warrants on vouchers duly  
3 authorized by the director. Moneys from the account may be  
4 transferred to the flexible spending administrative account to  
5 provide reserves and start-up costs for the operation of the flexible  
6 spending administrative account program. During the 2025-2027 fiscal  
7 biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to transfer  
8 money in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account to the  
9 state general fund.

10 (2) The state treasurer and the state investment board may invest  
11 moneys in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account. All  
12 such investments shall be in accordance with RCW 43.84.080 or  
13 43.84.150, whichever is applicable. The director shall determine  
14 whether the state treasurer or the state investment board or both  
15 shall invest moneys in the public employees' and retirees' insurance  
16 account.

17 (3) The school employees' insurance account is hereby established  
18 in the custody of the state treasurer, to be used by the director for  
19 the deposit of contributions, reserves, dividends, and refunds, for  
20 payment of premiums and claims for school employee insurance benefit  
21 contracts, and for transfers from the school employees' benefits  
22 board flexible spending and dependent care administrative account as  
23 authorized in this subsection. Moneys from the account shall be  
24 disbursed by the state treasurer by warrants on vouchers duly  
25 authorized by the director. Moneys from the account may be  
26 transferred to the school employees' benefits board flexible spending  
27 and dependent care administrative account to provide reserves and  
28 start-up costs for the operation of the school employees' benefits  
29 board flexible spending arrangement and dependent care assistance  
30 program. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may  
31 direct the state treasurer to transfer money in the school employees'  
32 insurance account to the state general fund.

33 (4) The state treasurer and the state investment board may invest  
34 moneys in the school employees' insurance account. These investments  
35 must be in accordance with RCW 43.84.080 or 43.84.150, whichever is  
36 applicable. The director shall determine whether the state treasurer  
37 or the state investment board or both shall invest moneys in the  
38 school employees' insurance account.

1 (5) Moneys may be transferred between the public employees' and  
2 retirees' insurance account and the school employees' insurance  
3 account for short-term cash management and cash balance purposes.

4 **Sec. 917.** RCW 41.50.075 and 2020 c 103 s 5 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Two funds are hereby created and established in the state  
7 treasury to be known as the Washington law enforcement officers' and  
8 firefighters' system plan 1 retirement fund, and the Washington law  
9 enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 2 retirement fund  
10 which shall consist of all moneys paid into them in accordance with  
11 the provisions of this chapter and chapter 41.26 RCW, whether such  
12 moneys take the form of cash, securities, or other assets. The plan 1  
13 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits  
14 provided to members of the law enforcement officers' and  
15 firefighters' retirement system plan 1, and the plan 2 fund shall  
16 consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to  
17 members of the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement  
18 system plan 2. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature  
19 may direct the state treasurer to transfer money in the Washington  
20 law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement  
21 fund to the state general fund.

22 (2) All of the assets of the Washington state teachers'  
23 retirement system shall be credited according to the purposes for  
24 which they are held, to two funds to be maintained in the state  
25 treasury, namely, the teachers' retirement system plan 1 fund and the  
26 teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 fund. The plan 1  
27 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits  
28 provided to members of the Washington state teachers' retirement  
29 system plan 1, and the combined plan 2 and 3 fund shall consist of  
30 all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to members of the  
31 Washington state teachers' retirement system plan 2 and 3.

32 (3) There is hereby established in the state treasury two  
33 separate funds, namely the public employees' retirement system plan 1  
34 fund and the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and  
35 plan 3 fund. The plan 1 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to  
36 finance the benefits provided to members of the public employees'  
37 retirement system plan 1, and the combined plan 2 and plan 3 fund  
38 shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to  
39 members of the public employees' retirement system plans 2 and 3.

1 (4) There is hereby established in the state treasury the school  
2 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 fund. The combined  
3 plan 2 and 3 fund shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the  
4 benefits provided to members of the school employees' retirement  
5 system plan 2 and plan 3.

6 (5) There is hereby established in the state treasury the public  
7 safety employees' retirement system plan 2 fund. The plan 2 fund  
8 shall consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to  
9 members of the public safety employees' retirement system plan 2.

10 (6) (a) (i) There is hereby established in the state treasury the  
11 higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund. The  
12 higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund shall  
13 consist of all moneys paid to finance the benefits provided to  
14 members of each of the higher education retirement plans.

15 (ii) The fund in this subsection (6) was originally created under  
16 chapter 47, Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess. (Engrossed Substitute House  
17 Bill No. 1981).

18 (b) The office of financial management must create individual  
19 accounts for each institution of higher education within the higher  
20 education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund. For fiscal year  
21 2021, the office of financial management must transfer all the assets  
22 of the higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund  
23 into the individual accounts for each institution that will be used  
24 to manage the accounting for each benefit plan. The higher education  
25 retirement plan supplemental benefit fund will include all the  
26 amounts in the individual accounts created in this subsection.

27 **Sec. 918.** RCW 41.50.110 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 s 951 are each  
28 amended to read as follows:

29 (1) Except as provided by RCW 41.50.255 and subsection (6) of  
30 this section, all expenses of the administration of the department,  
31 the expenses of administration of the retirement systems, and the  
32 expenses of the administration of the office of the state actuary  
33 created in chapters 2.10, 2.12, 28B.10, 41.26, 41.32, 41.40, 41.34,  
34 41.35, 41.37, 43.43, and 44.44 RCW shall be paid from the department  
35 of retirement systems expense fund.

36 (2) In order to reimburse the department of retirement systems  
37 expense fund on an equitable basis the department shall ascertain and  
38 report to each employer, as defined in RCW 28B.10.400, 41.26.030,  
39 41.32.010, 41.35.010, 41.37.010, or 41.40.010, the sum necessary to



1 defray its proportional share of the entire expense of the  
2 administration of the retirement system that the employer  
3 participates in during the ensuing biennium or fiscal year whichever  
4 may be required. Such sum is to be computed in an amount directly  
5 proportional to the estimated entire expense of the administration as  
6 the ratio of monthly salaries of the employer's members bears to the  
7 total salaries of all members in the entire system. It shall then be  
8 the duty of all such employers to include in their budgets or  
9 otherwise provide the amounts so required.

10 (3) The department shall compute and bill each employer, as  
11 defined in RCW 28B.10.400, 41.26.030, 41.32.010, 41.35.010,  
12 41.37.010, or 41.40.010, at the end of each month for the amount due  
13 for that month to the department of retirement systems expense fund  
14 and the same shall be paid as are its other obligations. Such  
15 computation as to each employer shall be made on a percentage rate of  
16 salary established by the department. However, the department may at  
17 its discretion establish a system of billing based upon calendar year  
18 quarters in which event the said billing shall be at the end of each  
19 such quarter.

20 (4) The director may adjust the expense fund contribution rate  
21 for each system at any time when necessary to reflect unanticipated  
22 costs or savings in administering the department.

23 (5) An employer who fails to submit timely and accurate reports  
24 to the department may be assessed an additional fee related to the  
25 increased costs incurred by the department in processing the  
26 deficient reports. Fees paid under this subsection shall be deposited  
27 in the retirement system expense fund.

28 (a) Every six months the department shall determine the amount of  
29 an employer's fee by reviewing the timeliness and accuracy of the  
30 reports submitted by the employer in the preceding six months. If  
31 those reports were not both timely and accurate the department may  
32 prospectively assess an additional fee under this subsection.

33 (b) An additional fee assessed by the department under this  
34 subsection shall not exceed fifty percent of the standard fee.

35 (c) The department shall adopt rules implementing this section.

36 (6) Expenses other than those under RCW 41.34.060(4) shall be  
37 paid pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

38 (7) During the ~~((2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia))~~  
39 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state  
40 treasurer to transfer ((from)) money in the department of retirement

1 systems' expense fund to the state general fund (~~such amounts as~~  
2 ~~reflect the excess fund balance of the fund. During the 2015-2017~~  
3 ~~fiscal biennium, state contributions to the judicial retirement~~  
4 ~~system may be made in part by appropriations from the department of~~  
5 ~~retirement systems expense fund~~)).

6 **Sec. 919.** RCW 43.19.025 and 2014 c 221 s 915 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 The enterprise services account is created in the custody of the  
9 state treasurer and shall be used for all activities conducted by the  
10 department, except information technology services. Only the director  
11 or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the  
12 account. The account is subject to the allotment procedures under  
13 chapter 43.88 RCW. During the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the director  
14 of the office of financial management may authorize expenditures from  
15 the account for the provision of small agency client services. During  
16 the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state  
17 treasurer to transfer money in the enterprise services account to the  
18 state general fund.

19 **Sec. 920.** RCW 43.99N.060 and 2023 c 474 s 8036 are each amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) The stadium and exhibition center account is created in the  
22 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from the taxes imposed  
23 under RCW 82.14.0494 and distributions under RCW 67.70.240(1)(d)  
24 shall be deposited into the account. Only the director of the office  
25 of financial management or the director's designee may authorize  
26 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment  
27 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW. An appropriation is not required  
28 for expenditures from this account.

29 (2) Until bonds are issued under RCW 43.99N.020, up to \$5,000,000  
30 per year beginning January 1, 1999, shall be used for the purposes of  
31 subsection (3)(b) of this section, all remaining moneys in the  
32 account shall be transferred to the public stadium authority, created  
33 under RCW 36.102.020, to be used for public stadium authority  
34 operations and development of the stadium and exhibition center.

35 (3) After bonds are issued under RCW 43.99N.020, all moneys in  
36 the stadium and exhibition center account shall be used exclusively  
37 for the following purposes in the following priority:

1 (a) On or before June 30th of each year, the office of financial  
2 management shall accumulate in the stadium and exhibition center  
3 account an amount at least equal to the amount required in the next  
4 succeeding twelve months for the payment of principal of and interest  
5 on the bonds issued under RCW 43.99N.020;

6 (b) An additional reserve amount not in excess of the expected  
7 average annual principal and interest requirements of bonds issued  
8 under RCW 43.99N.020 shall be accumulated and maintained in the  
9 account, subject to withdrawal by the state treasurer at any time if  
10 necessary to meet the requirements of (a) of this subsection, and,  
11 following any withdrawal, reaccumulated from the first tax revenues  
12 and other amounts deposited in the account after meeting the  
13 requirements of (a) of this subsection; and

14 (c) The balance, if any, shall be transferred to the youth  
15 athletic facility account under subsection (4) of this section.

16 Any revenues derived from the taxes authorized by RCW  
17 36.38.010(5) and 36.38.040 or other amounts that if used as provided  
18 under (a) and (b) of this subsection would cause the loss of any tax  
19 exemption under federal law for interest on bonds issued under RCW  
20 43.99N.020 shall be deposited in and used exclusively for the  
21 purposes of the youth athletic facility account and shall not be  
22 used, directly or indirectly, as a source of payment of principal of  
23 or interest on bonds issued under RCW 43.99N.020, or to replace or  
24 reimburse other funds used for that purpose.

25 (4) Any moneys in the stadium and exhibition center account not  
26 required or permitted to be used for the purposes described in  
27 subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section shall be deposited in the  
28 youth athletic facility account hereby created in the state treasury.  
29 Expenditures from the account may be used only for purposes of grants  
30 or loans to cities, counties, and qualified nonprofit organizations  
31 for community outdoor athletic facilities. Only the director of the  
32 recreation and conservation office or the director's designee may  
33 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to  
34 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is  
35 not required for expenditures. The athletic facility grants or loans  
36 may be used for acquiring, developing, equipping, maintaining, and  
37 improving community outdoor athletic facilities. Funds shall be  
38 divided equally between the development of new community outdoor  
39 athletic facilities, the improvement of existing community outdoor  
40 athletic facilities, and the maintenance of existing community

1 outdoor athletic facilities. Cities, counties, and qualified  
2 nonprofit organizations must submit proposals for grants or loans  
3 from the account. To the extent that funds are available, cities,  
4 counties, and qualified nonprofit organizations must meet eligibility  
5 criteria as established by the director of the recreation and  
6 conservation office. The grants and loans shall be awarded on a  
7 competitive application process and the amount of the grant or loan  
8 shall be in proportion to the population of the city or county for  
9 where the community outdoor athletic facility is located. Grants or  
10 loans awarded in any one year need not be distributed in that year.  
11 The director of the recreation and conservation office may expend up  
12 to one and one-half percent of the moneys deposited in the account  
13 created in this subsection for administrative purposes. During the  
14 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the legislature may appropriate moneys  
15 from the youth athletic facility account to support a task force to  
16 consider ways to improve equitable access to K-12 schools' fields and  
17 athletic facilities and local parks agency facilities with the goal  
18 of increasing physical activity for youth and families. A portion of  
19 the appropriation must be used to inventory K-12 school fields and  
20 athletic facilities and park agency facilities.

21 (5) During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, subsection (4) of this  
22 section applies to expenditures from the youth athletic facility  
23 account except as provided in this subsection.

24 (a) During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the recreation and  
25 conservation office may spend appropriations made from the youth  
26 athletic facility account for grants and loans to political  
27 subdivisions of the state other than cities and counties as well as  
28 federally recognized Indian tribes for community outdoor athletic  
29 facilities. The office is not required to divide the expenditures  
30 equally between development, improvement, and maintenance of  
31 facilities. The office's authority to retain 1.5 percent of amounts  
32 deposited in the account for administration is suspended, and the  
33 office's administrative overhead is instead specified in the  
34 appropriations for this purpose.

35 (b) During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the legislature may  
36 also appropriate moneys in the youth athletic facility account for  
37 the following:

38 (i) To the department of commerce for the public facility  
39 improvement fund as provided in section 1038, chapter 474, Laws of  
40 2023; and

1 (ii) To the recreation and conservation office for the purpose of  
2 the youth athletic facilities program as provided in section 3060,  
3 chapter 474, Laws of 2023.

4 (6) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may  
5 direct the state treasurer to make transfers of money in the youth  
6 athletic facility account to the state general fund.

7 **Sec. 921.** RCW 43.101.200 and 2024 c 376 s 908 are each amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, all law  
10 enforcement personnel, except volunteers, and reserve officers  
11 whether paid or unpaid, initially employed on or after January 1,  
12 1978, shall engage in basic law enforcement training which complies  
13 with standards adopted by the commission pursuant to RCW 43.101.080.  
14 For personnel initially employed before January 1, 1990, such  
15 training shall be successfully completed during the first fifteen  
16 months of employment of such personnel unless otherwise extended or  
17 waived by the commission and shall be requisite to the continuation  
18 of such employment. Personnel initially employed on or after January  
19 1, 1990, shall commence basic training during the first six months of  
20 employment unless the basic training requirement is otherwise waived  
21 or extended by the commission. Successful completion of basic  
22 training is requisite to the continuation of employment of such  
23 personnel initially employed on or after January 1, 1990.

24 (2)(a) All law enforcement personnel who are limited authority  
25 Washington peace officers and whose employment commences on or after  
26 July 1, 2023, shall commence basic training during the first 12  
27 months of employment unless the basic training requirement is  
28 otherwise waived or extended by the commission. Successful completion  
29 of basic training is requisite to the continuation of employment of  
30 such personnel initially employed on or after July 1, 2023.

31 (b)(i) The commission shall review the training files of all law  
32 enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace  
33 officers, whose employment commenced prior to July 1, 2023, and who  
34 have not successfully completed training that complies with standards  
35 adopted by the commission, to determine what, if any, supplemental  
36 training is required to appropriately carry out the officers' duties  
37 and responsibilities.

38 (ii) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to require law  
39 enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace

1 officers, whose employment commenced prior to July 1, 2023, to  
2 complete the basic law enforcement training academy as a condition of  
3 continuing employment as a limited authority Washington peace  
4 officer.

5 (iii) Law enforcement personnel who are limited authority  
6 Washington peace officers are not required to complete the basic law  
7 enforcement academy or an equivalent basic academy upon transferring  
8 to a general authority Washington law enforcement agency or limited  
9 authority Washington law enforcement agency, as defined in RCW  
10 10.93.020, if they have:

11 (A) Been employed as a special agent with the Washington state  
12 gambling commission, been a natural resource investigator with the  
13 department of natural resources, been a liquor enforcement officer  
14 with the liquor and cannabis board, been an investigator with the  
15 office of the insurance commissioner, or been a park ranger with the  
16 Washington state parks and recreation commission, before or after  
17 July 1, 2023; and

18 (B) Received a certificate of successful completion from the  
19 basic law enforcement academy or the basic law enforcement  
20 equivalency academy and thereafter engaged in regular and  
21 commissioned law enforcement employment with an agency listed in  
22 (b)(iii)(A) of this subsection without a break or interruption in  
23 excess of 24 months; and

24 (C) Remained current with the in-service training requirements as  
25 adopted by the commission by rule.

26 (3) Except as provided in RCW 43.101.170, the commission shall  
27 provide the aforementioned training and shall have the sole authority  
28 to do so. The commission shall provide necessary facilities,  
29 supplies, materials, and the board and room of noncommuting attendees  
30 for seven days per week, except (~~during the 2017-2019, 2019-2021,~~  
31 ~~and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia, and~~) during fiscal year 2024 and  
32 during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, when the employing, county,  
33 city, or state law enforcement agency shall reimburse the commission  
34 for twenty-five percent of the cost of training its personnel.  
35 Additionally, to the extent funds are provided for this purpose, the  
36 commission shall reimburse to participating law enforcement agencies  
37 with ten or less full-time commissioned patrol officers the cost of  
38 temporary replacement of each officer who is enrolled in basic law  
39 enforcement training: PROVIDED, That such reimbursement shall include  
40 only the actual cost of temporary replacement not to exceed the total

1 amount of salary and benefits received by the replaced officer during  
2 his or her training period:

3 PROVIDED FURTHER, That limited authority Washington law  
4 enforcement agencies as defined in RCW 10.93.020 shall reimburse the  
5 commission for the full cost of training their personnel.

6 **Sec. 922.** RCW 43.101.220 and 2024 c 376 s 909 are each amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The corrections personnel of the state and all counties and  
9 municipal corporations initially employed on or after January 1,  
10 1982, shall engage in basic corrections training which complies with  
11 standards adopted by the commission. The standards adopted must  
12 provide for basic corrections training of at least ten weeks in  
13 length for any corrections officers subject to the certification  
14 requirement under RCW 43.101.095 who are hired on or after July 1,  
15 2021, or on an earlier date set by the commission. The training shall  
16 be successfully completed during the first six months of employment  
17 of the personnel, unless otherwise extended or waived by the  
18 commission, and shall be requisite to the continuation of employment.

19 (2) The commission shall provide the training required in this  
20 section, together with facilities, supplies, materials, and the room  
21 and board for noncommuting attendees, except (~~during the 2021-2023~~  
22 ~~fiscal biennium, and~~) during fiscal year 2025 and during the  
23 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, when the employing county, municipal  
24 corporation, or state agency shall reimburse the commission for  
25 twenty-five percent of the cost of training its personnel.

26 (3)(a) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to  
27 the Washington state department of corrections prisons division. The  
28 Washington state department of corrections is responsible for  
29 identifying training standards, designing curricula and programs, and  
30 providing the training for those corrections personnel employed by  
31 it. In doing so, the secretary of the department of corrections shall  
32 consult with staff development experts and correctional professionals  
33 both inside and outside of the agency, to include soliciting input  
34 from labor organizations.

35 (b) The commission and the department of corrections share the  
36 responsibility of developing and defining training standards and  
37 providing training for community corrections officers employed within  
38 the community corrections division of the department of corrections.

1       **Sec. 923.** RCW 43.155.050 and 2023 c 475 s 932 and 2023 c 474 s  
2 8037 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3       (1) The public works assistance account is hereby established in  
4 the state treasury. Money may be placed in the public works  
5 assistance account from the proceeds of bonds when authorized by the  
6 legislature or from any other lawful source. Money in the public  
7 works assistance account shall be used to make loans and grants and  
8 to give financial guarantees to local governments for public works  
9 projects. Moneys in the account may also be appropriated or  
10 transferred to the water pollution control revolving fund and the  
11 drinking water assistance account to provide for state match  
12 requirements under federal law. Moneys in the account may be  
13 transferred to the move ahead WA account to provide support of public  
14 works projects funded in the move ahead WA program. Not more than 20  
15 percent of the biennial capital budget appropriation to the public  
16 works board from this account may be expended or obligated for  
17 preconstruction loans and grants, emergency loans and grants, or  
18 loans and grants for capital facility planning under this chapter.  
19 Not more than 10 percent of the biennial capital budget appropriation  
20 to the public works board from this account may be expended or  
21 obligated as grants for preconstruction, emergency, capital facility  
22 planning, and construction projects. During the 2017-2019 and  
23 2019-2021 fiscal biennia, the legislature may appropriate moneys from  
24 the account for activities related to rural economic development, the  
25 growth management act, the aviation revitalization loan program, the  
26 community economic revitalization board broadband program, and the  
27 voluntary stewardship program. During the 2021-2023 and 2023-2025  
28 fiscal biennia, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the  
29 account for activities related to the community aviation  
30 revitalization board. During the 2019-2021 fiscal biennia, the  
31 legislature may direct the state treasurer to make transfers of  
32 moneys in the public works assistance account to the education legacy  
33 trust account. During the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia, the  
34 legislature may direct the state treasurer to make transfers of  
35 moneys in the public works assistance account to the statewide  
36 broadband account. The legislature may appropriate moneys from the  
37 public works assistance account for activities related to the  
38 voluntary stewardship program, rural economic development, and the  
39 growth management act. During the 2021-2023 biennium, the legislature  
40 may appropriate moneys from the account for projects identified in



1 section 1033, chapter 296, Laws of 2022. During the 2023-2025 fiscal  
2 biennium, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the public  
3 works assistance account for an evaluation of the costs of relocating  
4 public utilities related to fish barrier removal projects. During the  
5 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the legislature may appropriate moneys  
6 from the account for activities related to developing a data  
7 dashboard to map investments made by the public works board, the  
8 department of commerce, the department of health, the department of  
9 ecology, the department of transportation, the transportation  
10 improvement board, and by board partners to the system improvement  
11 team created in RCW 43.155.150.

12 (2) For fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2038, the state  
13 treasurer must transfer from the public works assistance account to  
14 the move ahead WA account created in RCW 46.68.510 \$57,000,000 each  
15 fiscal year in four equal quarterly transfers.

16 (3) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may  
17 direct the state treasurer to transfer money from the public works  
18 assistance account to the state general fund.

19 **Sec. 924.** RCW 43.320.110 and 2023 c 475 s 933 are each amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) There is created in the custody of the state treasurer a  
22 local fund known as the "financial services regulation fund" which  
23 shall consist of all moneys received by the divisions of the  
24 department of financial institutions, except as provided in  
25 subsection (2) of this section.

26 (2) The division of securities shall deposit thirteen percent of  
27 all moneys received, except as provided in RCW 43.320.115 and  
28 subsection (3) of this section, and which shall be used for the  
29 purchase of supplies and necessary equipment; the payment of  
30 salaries, wages, and utilities; the establishment of reserves; and  
31 other incidental costs required for the proper regulation of  
32 individuals and entities subject to regulation by the department.

33 (3) The division of securities shall deposit one hundred percent  
34 of all moneys received that are attributable to increases in fees  
35 implemented by rule pursuant to RCW 21.20.340(15).

36 (4) Disbursements from the fund shall be on authorization of the  
37 director of financial institutions or the director's designee. In  
38 order to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, the  
39 fund shall be subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no

1 appropriation is required to permit expenditures and payment of  
2 obligations from the fund.

3 (5) During the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium, the legislature may  
4 transfer from the financial services regulation fund to the state  
5 general fund such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the  
6 fund. During the 2017-2019 and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia, moneys from  
7 the financial services regulation fund may be appropriated for the  
8 family prosperity account program at the department of commerce and  
9 for the operations of the department of revenue.

10 (6) (a) Beginning in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the state  
11 treasurer shall annually transfer from the fund to the student loan  
12 advocate account created in RCW 28B.77.008, the greater of one  
13 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars or twenty percent of the annual  
14 assessment derived from student education loan servicing.

15 (b) The department must provide information to the state  
16 treasurer regarding the amount of the annual assessment derived from  
17 student education loan servicing.

18 (7) The director's obligations or duties under chapter 62, Laws  
19 of 2018 are subject to section 21, chapter 62, Laws of 2018.

20 (8) During the 2019-2021 and 2023-2025 fiscal biennia, moneys in  
21 the financial services regulation fund may be appropriated for the  
22 operations of the department of revenue.

23 (9) During the (~~2021-2023 and~~) 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal  
24 biennia, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to make  
25 transfers of moneys in the financial services regulation fund to the  
26 general fund. It is the intent of the legislature to continue this  
27 policy in subsequent biennia.

28 **Sec. 925.** RCW 43.330.250 and 2019 c 415 s 974 are each amended  
29 to read as follows:

30 (1) The economic development strategic reserve account is created  
31 in the state treasury to be used only for the purposes of this  
32 section.

33 (2) Only the governor, with the recommendation of the director of  
34 the department of commerce, may authorize expenditures from the  
35 account.

36 (3) During the (~~2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia,~~)  
37 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state  
38 treasurer to transfer moneys in the account (~~may also be~~  
39 ~~transferred~~) into the state general fund.

1 (4) Expenditures from the account may be made to prevent closure  
2 of a business or facility, to prevent relocation of a business or  
3 facility in the state to a location outside the state, or to recruit  
4 a business or facility to the state. Expenditures may be authorized  
5 for:

6 (a) Workforce development;

7 (b) Public infrastructure needed to support or sustain the  
8 operations of the business or facility;

9 (c) Other lawfully provided assistance including, but not limited  
10 to, technical assistance, environmental analysis, relocation  
11 assistance, and planning assistance. Funding may be provided for such  
12 assistance only when it is in the public interest and may only be  
13 provided under a contractual arrangement ensuring that the state will  
14 receive appropriate consideration, such as an assurance of job  
15 creation or retention; and

16 (d) The joint center for aerospace technology innovation.

17 (5) The funds shall not be expended from the account unless:

18 (a) The circumstances are such that time does not permit the  
19 director of the department of commerce or the business or facility to  
20 secure funding from other state sources;

21 (b) The business or facility produces or will produce significant  
22 long-term economic benefits to the state, a region of the state, or a  
23 particular community in the state;

24 (c) The business or facility does not require continuing state  
25 support;

26 (d) The expenditure will result in new jobs, job retention, or  
27 higher incomes for citizens of the state;

28 (e) The expenditure will not supplant private investment; and

29 (f) The expenditure is accompanied by private investment.

30 (6) No more than three million dollars per year may be expended  
31 from the account for the purpose of assisting an individual business  
32 or facility pursuant to the authority specified in this section.

33 (7) If the account balance in the strategic reserve account  
34 exceeds fifteen million dollars at any time, the amount in excess of  
35 fifteen million dollars shall be transferred to the education  
36 construction account.

37 (8) During the 2017-2019 and 2019-2021 fiscal biennia, the  
38 legislature may appropriate moneys from the account to fund programs  
39 and grants at the department of commerce. It is the intent of the

1 legislature that this policy will be continued in subsequent fiscal  
2 biennia.

3 **Sec. 926.** RCW 43.330.365 and 2023 c 435 s 8 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 The electric vehicle incentive account is created in the state  
6 treasury. Revenues to the account shall consist of appropriations and  
7 transfers by the legislature and all other moneys directed for  
8 deposit into the account. Moneys in the account may only be spent  
9 after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used for  
10 programs and incentives that promote the purchase or conversion to  
11 alternative fuel vehicles to further state climate goals under RCW  
12 70A.45.020 and environmental justice goals under 70A.02 RCW,  
13 including but not limited to:

14 (1) Income-qualified grant programs to retire vehicles and  
15 replace them with alternative fuel vehicles;

16 (2) Programs to provide grants for the installation of electric  
17 vehicle infrastructure to support electric vehicle adoption; and

18 (3) Programs to conduct research and public outreach regarding  
19 adoption of alternative fuel vehicles.

20 During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct  
21 the state treasurer to transfer money in the electric vehicle  
22 incentive account to the state general fund.

23 **Sec. 927.** RCW 50.16.010 and 2019 c 415 s 977 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 (1) There shall be maintained as special funds, separate and  
26 apart from all public moneys or funds of this state an unemployment  
27 compensation fund and an administrative contingency fund, which shall  
28 be administered by the commissioner exclusively for the purposes of  
29 this title, and to which RCW 43.01.050 shall not be applicable.

30 (2) (a) The unemployment compensation fund shall consist of:

31 (i) All contributions collected under RCW 50.24.010 and payments  
32 in lieu of contributions collected pursuant to the provisions of this  
33 title;

34 (ii) Any property or securities acquired through the use of  
35 moneys belonging to the fund;

36 (iii) All earnings of such property or securities;

1 (iv) Any moneys received from the federal unemployment account in  
2 the unemployment trust fund in accordance with Title XII of the  
3 social security act, as amended;

4 (v) All money recovered on official bonds for losses sustained by  
5 the fund;

6 (vi) All money credited to this state's account in the  
7 unemployment trust fund pursuant to section 903 of the social  
8 security act, as amended;

9 (vii) All money received from the federal government as  
10 reimbursement pursuant to section 204 of the federal-state extended  
11 compensation act of 1970 (84 Stat. 708-712; 26 U.S.C. Sec. 3304);

12 (viii) The portion of the additional penalties as provided in RCW  
13 50.20.070(2) that is fifteen percent of the amount of benefits  
14 overpaid or deemed overpaid; and

15 (ix) All moneys received for the fund from any other source.

16 (b) All moneys in the unemployment compensation fund shall be  
17 commingled and undivided.

18 (3)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the  
19 administrative contingency fund shall consist of:

20 (i) All interest on delinquent contributions collected pursuant  
21 to this title;

22 (ii) All fines and penalties collected pursuant to the provisions  
23 of this title, except the portion of the additional penalties as  
24 provided in RCW 50.20.070(2) that is fifteen percent of the amount of  
25 benefits overpaid or deemed overpaid;

26 (iii) All sums recovered on official bonds for losses sustained  
27 by the fund; and

28 (iv) Revenue received under RCW 50.24.014.

29 (b) All fees, fines, forfeitures, and penalties collected or  
30 assessed by a district court because of the violation of this title  
31 or rules adopted under this title shall be remitted as provided in  
32 chapter 3.62 RCW.

33 (c) Except as provided in (d) of this subsection, moneys  
34 available in the administrative contingency fund, other than money in  
35 the special account created under RCW 50.24.014, shall be expended  
36 upon the direction of the commissioner, with the approval of the  
37 governor, whenever it appears to him or her that such expenditure is  
38 necessary solely for:

39 (i) The proper administration of this title and that insufficient  
40 federal funds are available for the specific purpose to which such

1 expenditure is to be made, provided, the moneys are not substituted  
2 for appropriations from federal funds which, in the absence of such  
3 moneys, would be made available.

4 (ii) The proper administration of this title for which purpose  
5 appropriations from federal funds have been requested but not yet  
6 received, provided, the administrative contingency fund will be  
7 reimbursed upon receipt of the requested federal appropriation.

8 (iii) The proper administration of this title for which  
9 compliance and audit issues have been identified that establish  
10 federal claims requiring the expenditure of state resources in  
11 resolution. Claims must be resolved in the following priority: First  
12 priority is to provide services to eligible participants within the  
13 state; second priority is to provide substitute services or program  
14 support; and last priority is the direct payment of funds to the  
15 federal government.

16 (d)(i) During the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium, moneys available in  
17 the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special  
18 account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a), shall be expended as  
19 appropriated by the legislature for: (A) The cost of the job skills  
20 or worker retraining programs at the community and technical colleges  
21 and administrative costs at the state board for community and  
22 technical colleges; and (B) reemployment services such as business  
23 and project development assistance, local economic development  
24 capacity building, and local economic development financial  
25 assistance at the department of commerce. The remaining appropriation  
26 may be expended as specified in (c) of this subsection.

27 (ii) During the 2015-2017, 2017-2019, and 2019-2021 fiscal  
28 biennia, moneys available in the administrative contingency fund,  
29 other than money in the special account created under RCW  
30 50.24.014(1)(a), shall be expended as appropriated by the  
31 legislature: (A) For the department of social and health services for  
32 employment and training services and programs in the WorkFirst  
33 program; (B) for the administrative costs of state agencies  
34 participating in the WorkFirst program; and (C) by the commissioner  
35 for the work group on agricultural and agricultural-related issues as  
36 provided in the 2013-2015 omnibus operating appropriations act. The  
37 remaining appropriation may be expended as specified in (c) of this  
38 subsection.

39 (iii) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, moneys available in  
40 the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special

1 account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a), shall be expended as  
2 appropriated by the legislature for the career connected learning  
3 grant program authorized in RCW 28C.30.040 and 28C.30.050, and for  
4 additional audit support staff due to an increase in the workload  
5 associated with audits. The remaining appropriation may be expended  
6 as specified in (c) of this subsection.

7 (4) Money in the special account created under RCW  
8 50.24.014(1)(a) may only be expended, after appropriation, for the  
9 purposes specified in this section and RCW 50.62.010, 50.62.020,  
10 50.62.030, 50.24.014, 50.44.053, and 50.22.010.

11 **Sec. 928.** RCW 50.24.014 and 2023 c 475 s 934 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1)(a) A separate and identifiable account to provide for the  
14 financing of special programs to assist the unemployed is established  
15 in the administrative contingency fund. All money in this account  
16 shall be expended solely for the purposes of this title and for no  
17 other purposes whatsoever, except as provided in subsection (4) of  
18 this section. Contributions to this account shall accrue and become  
19 payable by each employer, except employers as described in RCW  
20 50.44.010 and 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in  
21 lieu of contributions, taxable local government employers as  
22 described in RCW 50.44.035, and those employers who are required to  
23 make payments in lieu of contributions, at a basic rate of two one-  
24 hundredths of one percent. The amount of wages subject to tax shall  
25 be determined under RCW 50.24.010.

26 (b) A separate and identifiable account is established in the  
27 administrative contingency fund for financing the employment security  
28 department's administrative costs under RCW 50.22.150 and 50.22.155  
29 and the costs under RCW 50.22.150(11) and 50.22.155 (1)(m) and  
30 (2)(m). All money in this account shall be expended solely for the  
31 purposes of this title and for no other purposes whatsoever.  
32 Contributions to this account shall accrue and become payable by each  
33 employer, except employers as described in RCW 50.44.010 and  
34 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in lieu of  
35 contributions, taxable local government employers as described in RCW  
36 50.44.035, those employers who are required to make payments in lieu  
37 of contributions, those employers described under RCW  
38 50.29.025(1)(d), and those qualified employers assigned rate class 20  
39 or rate class 40, as applicable, under RCW 50.29.025, at a basic rate

1 of one one-hundredth of one percent. The amount of wages subject to  
2 tax shall be determined under RCW 50.24.010. Any amount of  
3 contributions payable under this subsection (1)(b) that exceeds the  
4 amount that would have been collected at a rate of four one-  
5 thousandths of one percent must be deposited in the account created  
6 in (a) of this subsection.

7 (2)(a) Contributions under this section shall become due and be  
8 paid by each employer under rules as the commissioner may prescribe,  
9 and shall not be deducted, in whole or in part, from the remuneration  
10 of individuals in the employ of the employer. Any deduction in  
11 violation of this section is unlawful.

12 (b) In the payment of any contributions under this section, a  
13 fractional part of a cent shall be disregarded unless it amounts to  
14 one-half cent or more, in which case it shall be increased to one  
15 cent.

16 (3) If the commissioner determines that federal funding has been  
17 increased to provide financing for the services specified in chapter  
18 50.62 RCW, the commissioner shall direct that collection of  
19 contributions under this section be terminated on the following  
20 January 1st.

21 (4) During the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal (~~(biennium)~~)  
22 biennia, moneys in the account in subsection (1)(a) of this section  
23 may be appropriated for poverty reduction programs that coordinate  
24 employment, training, education, and other existing systems designed  
25 to assist low-income individuals attain self-sufficiency.

26 **Sec. 929.** RCW 69.50.540 and 2023 c 470 s 1015 are each amended  
27 to read as follows:

28 (1) For the purposes of this subsection (1), the legislature must  
29 appropriate the amounts provided in this subsection:

30 (a) \$12,500,000 annually to the board for administration of this  
31 chapter as appropriated in the omnibus appropriations act;

32 (b) \$11,000,000 annually to the department of health for the  
33 following:

34 (i) Creation, implementation, operation, and management of a  
35 cannabis, vapor product, and commercial tobacco education and public  
36 health program that contains the following:

37 (A) A cannabis use public health hotline that provides referrals  
38 to substance abuse treatment providers, uses evidence-based or  
39 research-based public health approaches to minimizing the harms



1 associated with cannabis use, and does not solely advocate an  
2 abstinence-only approach;

3 (B) Programs that support development and implementation of  
4 coordinated intervention strategies for the prevention and reduction  
5 of commercial tobacco, vapor product, and cannabis use by youth and  
6 cannabis cessation treatment services, including grant programs to  
7 local health departments or other local community agencies;

8 (C) Media-based education campaigns across television, internet,  
9 radio, print, and out-of-home advertising, separately targeting youth  
10 and adults, that provide medically and scientifically accurate  
11 information about the health and safety risks posed by cannabis use;  
12 and

13 (D) Outreach to priority populations regarding commercial  
14 tobacco, vapor product, and cannabis use, prevention, and cessation;  
15 and

16 (ii) The Washington poison control center;

17 (c) (i) \$3,000,000 annually to the department of commerce to fund  
18 cannabis social equity grants under RCW 43.330.540; and

19 (ii) \$200,000 annually to the department of commerce to fund  
20 technical assistance through a roster of mentors under RCW  
21 43.330.540;

22 (d) \$200,000 annually, until June 30, 2032, to the health care  
23 authority to contract with the Washington state institute for public  
24 policy to conduct the cost-benefit evaluations and produce the  
25 reports described in RCW 69.50.550;

26 (e) \$25,000 annually to the University of Washington alcohol and  
27 drug abuse institute for the creation, maintenance, and timely  
28 updating of web-based public education materials providing medically  
29 and scientifically accurate information about the health and safety  
30 risks posed by cannabis use;

31 (f) \$300,000 annually to the University of Washington and  
32 \$175,000 annually to the Washington State University for research on  
33 the short-term and long-term effects of cannabis use to include, but  
34 not be limited to, formal and informal methods for estimating and  
35 measuring intoxication and impairments, and for the dissemination of  
36 such research;

37 (g) \$550,000 annually to the office of the superintendent of  
38 public instruction to fund grants to building bridges programs under  
39 chapter 28A.175 RCW;

1 (h) \$2,423,000 for fiscal year 2022 and \$2,423,000 for fiscal  
2 year 2023 to the Washington state patrol for a drug enforcement task  
3 force;

4 (i) \$270,000 for fiscal year 2022 and \$290,000 for fiscal year  
5 2023 to the department of ecology for implementation of accreditation  
6 of cannabis product testing laboratories;

7 (j) \$800,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2023 to the  
8 department of health for the administration of the cannabis  
9 authorization database; (~~and~~)

10 (k) \$621,000 for fiscal year 2022 and \$635,000 for fiscal year  
11 2023 to the department of agriculture for compliance-based laboratory  
12 analysis of pesticides in cannabis;

13 (l) \$849,000 for fiscal year 2026 and \$849,000 for fiscal year  
14 2027 to the department of agriculture to implement the cannabis lab  
15 accreditation and standards program; and

16 (m) \$635,000 for fiscal year 2026 and \$635,000 for fiscal year  
17 2027 to the department of agriculture for ongoing cannabis laboratory  
18 work associated with regulatory program operations.

19 (2) (~~(Subsections [Subsection])~~) Subsection (1)(a) through (g) of  
20 this section must be adjusted annually based on the United States  
21 bureau of labor statistics' consumer price index for the Seattle  
22 area.

23 (3) After appropriation of the amounts identified in subsection  
24 (1) of this section, the legislature must annually appropriate such  
25 remaining amounts for the purposes listed in this subsection (3) as  
26 follows:

27 (a) Fifty-two percent to the state basic health plan trust  
28 account to be administered by the Washington basic health plan  
29 administrator and used as provided under chapter 70.47 RCW;

30 (b) Eleven percent to the health care authority to:

31 (i) Design and administer the Washington state healthy youth  
32 survey, analyze the collected data, and produce reports, in  
33 collaboration with the office of the superintendent of public  
34 instruction, department of health, department of commerce, family  
35 policy council, and board. The survey must be conducted at least  
36 every two years and include questions regarding, but not necessarily  
37 limited to, academic achievement, age at time of substance use  
38 initiation, antisocial behavior of friends, attitudes toward  
39 antisocial behavior, attitudes toward substance use, laws and  
40 community norms regarding antisocial behavior, family conflict,

1 family management, parental attitudes toward substance use, peer  
2 rewarding of antisocial behavior, perceived risk of substance use,  
3 and rebelliousness. Funds disbursed under this subsection may be used  
4 to expand administration of the healthy youth survey to student  
5 populations attending institutions of higher education in Washington;

6 (ii) Develop, implement, maintain, and evaluate programs and  
7 practices aimed at the prevention or reduction of maladaptive  
8 substance use, substance use disorder, substance abuse or substance  
9 dependence, as these terms are defined in the diagnostic and  
10 statistical manual of mental disorders, among middle school and high  
11 school-age students, whether as an explicit goal of a given program  
12 or practice or as a consistently corresponding effect of its  
13 implementation, mental health services for children and youth, and  
14 services for pregnant and parenting women. In deciding which programs  
15 and practices to fund under this subsection (3)(b)(ii), the director  
16 of the health care authority must consult, at least annually, with  
17 the University of Washington's social development research group and  
18 the University of Washington's alcohol and drug abuse institute; and

19 (iii) Contract with community health centers to provide primary  
20 health and dental care services, migrant health services, and  
21 maternity health care services as provided under RCW 41.05.220;

22 (c)(i) One and one-half percent to counties, cities, and towns  
23 where licensed cannabis retailers are physically located. Each  
24 jurisdiction must receive a share of the revenue distribution under  
25 this subsection (3)(c)(i) based on the proportional share of the  
26 total revenues generated in the individual jurisdiction from the  
27 taxes collected under RCW 69.50.535, from licensed cannabis retailers  
28 physically located in each jurisdiction. For purposes of this  
29 subsection (3)(c), 100 percent of the proportional amount attributed  
30 to a retailer physically located in a city or town must be  
31 distributed to the city or town;

32 (ii) Three and one-half percent to counties, cities, and towns  
33 ratably on a per capita basis. Counties must receive 60 percent of  
34 the distribution based on each county's total proportional  
35 population. Funds may only be distributed to jurisdictions that do  
36 not prohibit the siting of any state licensed cannabis producer,  
37 processor, or retailer;

38 (iii) By September 15th of each year, the board must provide the  
39 state treasurer the annual distribution amount made under this

1 subsection (3)(c), if any, for each county and city as determined in  
2 (c)(i) and (ii) of this subsection; and

3 (iv) Distribution amounts allocated to each county, city, and  
4 town in (c)(i) and (ii) of this subsection must be distributed in  
5 four installments by the last day of each fiscal quarter; and

6 (d) Thirty-two percent must be deposited in the state general  
7 fund.

8 (4) The amount distributed under subsection (3)(c)(i) and (ii) of  
9 this section shall total to five percent of the remaining amount  
10 available after appropriation of the amounts identified in subsection  
11 (1) of this section, excluding the amounts under subsection (1)(l)  
12 and (m) of this section. Any difference between five percent and the  
13 remaining amount available after appropriation of the amounts  
14 identified in subsection (1) of this section, excluding the amounts  
15 under subsection (1)(l) and (m) of this section, shall be paid from  
16 the state general fund.

17 **Sec. 930.** RCW 70.104.110 and 2019 c 327 s 2 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) The pesticide application safety committee is established.  
20 Appointments to the committee must be made as soon as possible after  
21 the legislature convenes in regular session. The committee is  
22 composed of the following members:

23 (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
24 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
25 representatives;

26 (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the  
27 senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

28 (c) The director of the department of agriculture, or an  
29 assistant director designated by the director;

30 (d) The secretary of the department of health, or an assistant  
31 secretary designated by the secretary;

32 (e) The director of the department of labor and industries, or an  
33 assistant director designated by the director;

34 (f) The commissioner of public lands, or an assistant  
35 commissioner designated by the commissioner;

36 (g) The dean of the college of agricultural, human, and natural  
37 resource sciences at the Washington State University, or an assistant  
38 dean designated by the dean;

1 (h) The pesticide safety education coordinator at the Washington  
2 State University cooperative extension; and

3 (i) The director of the University of Washington Pacific  
4 Northwest agricultural safety and health center, or an assistant  
5 designated by the director.

6 (2) The committee shall be cochaired by the secretary of the  
7 department of health, or the assistant secretary designated by the  
8 secretary, and the director of the department of agriculture, or the  
9 assistant director designated by the director.

10 (3) Primary responsibility for administrative support for the  
11 committee, including developing reports, research, and other  
12 organizational support, shall be provided by the department of health  
13 and the department of agriculture. The committee must hold its first  
14 meeting by September 2019. The committee must meet at least three  
15 times each year. The meetings shall be at a time and place specified  
16 by the cochairs, or at the call of a majority of the committee. When  
17 determining the time and place of meetings, the cochairs must  
18 consider costs and conduct committee meetings in Olympia when this  
19 choice would reduce costs to the state.

20 (4)(a) An advisory work group is created to collect information  
21 and make recommendations to the full committee on topics requiring  
22 unique expertise and perspectives on issues within the jurisdiction  
23 of the committee.

24 (b) The advisory work group shall consist of a representative  
25 from the department of agriculture, two representatives of employee  
26 organizations that represent farmworkers, two farmworkers with  
27 expertise on pesticide application, a representative of community and  
28 migrant health centers, a toxicologist, a representative of growers  
29 who use air blast sprayers, a representative of growers who use  
30 aerial pesticide application, a representative of growers who use  
31 fumigation to apply pesticides, and a representative of aerial  
32 applicators. The secretary of health, in consultation with the  
33 director of the department of agriculture and the full committee,  
34 must appoint members of the advisory work group, and the department  
35 of health must staff the advisory work group. The letter of  
36 appointment to the advisory work group members must be signed by both  
37 cochairs.

38 (c) The advisory work group must hold meetings only upon the  
39 committee's request. To reduce costs, the advisory work group must

1 conduct meetings using teleconferencing or other methods, but may  
2 hold one in-person meeting per fiscal year.

3 (d) Members of the advisory work group shall be reimbursed for  
4 mileage expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.060.

5 (e) The advisory work group must provide a report on their  
6 activities and recommendations to the full committee by November 9th  
7 of each year.

8 (5) The first priority of the committee is to explore how the  
9 departments of agriculture, labor and industries, and health, and the  
10 Washington poison center collect and track data. The committee must  
11 also consider the feasibility and requirements of developing a shared  
12 database, including how the department of health could use existing  
13 tools, such as the tracking network, to better display multiagency  
14 data regarding pesticides. The committee may also evaluate and  
15 recommend policy options that would take action to:

16 (a) Improve pesticide application safety with agricultural  
17 applications;

18 (b) Lead an effort to establish baseline data for the type and  
19 quantity of pesticide applications used in Washington to be able to  
20 compare the number of exposures with overall number of applications;

21 (c) Research ways to improve pesticide application communication  
22 among different members of the agricultural community, including  
23 educating the public in English and Spanish about acute and chronic  
24 health information about pesticides;

25 (d) Compile industry's best practices for use to improve  
26 pesticide application safety to limit pesticide exposure;

27 (e) Continue to investigate reasons why members of the  
28 agricultural workforce do not or may not report pesticide exposure;

29 (f) Explore new avenues for reporting with investigation without  
30 fear of retaliation;

31 (g) Work with stakeholders to consider trainings for how and when  
32 to report;

33 (h) Explore incentives for using new technology by funding a  
34 partial buy-out program for old spray technology;

35 (i) Consider developing an effective community health education  
36 plan;

37 (j) Consult with community partners to enhance educational  
38 initiatives that work with the agricultural workforce, their  
39 families, and surrounding communities to reduce the risk of pesticide  
40 exposure;

1 (k) Enhance efforts to work with pesticide manufacturers and the  
2 environmental protection agency to improve access to non-English  
3 pesticide labeling in the United States;

4 (l) Work with research partners to develop, or promote the use of  
5 translation apps for pesticide label safety information, or both;

6 (m) Evaluate prevention techniques to minimize exposure events;

7 (n) Develop more Spanish language and other language educational  
8 materials for distribution, including through social media and app-  
9 based learning for agricultural workforce communities;

10 (o) Explore development of an agricultural workforce education  
11 safety program to improve the understanding about leaving an area  
12 being sprayed; and

13 (p) Work with the industry and the agricultural workforce to  
14 improve protocols and best practices for use of personal safety  
15 equipment for applicators and reflective gear for the general  
16 workforce.

17 (6) The committee must provide a report to the appropriate  
18 committees of the legislature by May 1, 2020, and each year  
19 thereafter. An initial report on the progress of the committee must  
20 be provided in January 2020. The report may include recommendations  
21 the committee determines necessary, and must document the activities  
22 of the committee and report on the subjects listed in subsection (5)  
23 of this section. The department of health and the department of  
24 agriculture must provide staff support to the committee for the  
25 purpose of authoring the report and transmitting it to the  
26 legislature. Any member of the committee may provide a minority  
27 report as an appendix to the report submitted to the legislature  
28 under this section.

29 (7) This section expires July 1, (~~2025~~) 2027.

30 **Sec. 931.** RCW 70A.65.030 and 2023 c 475 s 936 and 2023 c 475 s  
31 1902 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

32 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, each  
33 year or biennium, as appropriate, when allocating funds from the  
34 carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240, the  
35 climate commitment account created in RCW 70A.65.260, the natural  
36 climate solutions account created in RCW 70A.65.270, the climate  
37 investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250, the air quality and  
38 health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, the  
39 climate transit programs account created in RCW 46.68.500, or the

1 climate active transportation account created in RCW 46.68.490, or  
2 administering grants or programs funded by the accounts, agencies  
3 shall conduct an environmental justice assessment consistent with the  
4 requirements of RCW 70A.02.060 and establish a minimum of not less  
5 than 35 percent and a goal of 40 percent of total investments that  
6 provide direct and meaningful benefits to vulnerable populations  
7 within the boundaries of overburdened communities through: (a) The  
8 direct reduction of environmental burdens in overburdened  
9 communities; (b) the reduction of disproportionate, cumulative risk  
10 from environmental burdens, including those associated with climate  
11 change; (c) the support of community led project development,  
12 planning, and participation costs; or (d) meeting a community need  
13 identified by the community that is consistent with the intent of  
14 this chapter or RCW 70A.02.010.

15 (2) The allocation of funding under subsection (1) of this  
16 section must adhere to the following principles, additional to the  
17 requirements of RCW 70A.02.080: (a) Benefits and programs should be  
18 directed to areas and targeted to vulnerable populations and  
19 overburdened communities to reduce statewide disparities; (b)  
20 investments and benefits should be made roughly proportional to the  
21 health disparities that a specific community experiences, with a goal  
22 of eliminating the disparities; (c) investments and programs should  
23 focus on creating environmental benefits, including eliminating  
24 health burdens, creating community and population resilience, and  
25 raising the quality of life of those in the community; and (d)  
26 efforts should be made to balance investments and benefits across the  
27 state and within counties, local jurisdictions, and unincorporated  
28 areas as appropriate to reduce disparities by location and to ensure  
29 efforts contribute to a reduction in disparities that exist based on  
30 race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or other factors.

31 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, state  
32 agencies allocating funds or administering grants or programs from  
33 the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240, the  
34 climate commitment account created in RCW 70A.65.260, the natural  
35 climate solutions account created in RCW 70A.65.270, the climate  
36 investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250, the air quality and  
37 health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, the  
38 climate transit programs account created in RCW 46.68.500, or the  
39 climate active transportation account created in RCW 46.68.490, must:



1 (a) Report annually to the environmental justice council created  
2 in RCW 70A.02.110 regarding progress toward meeting environmental  
3 justice and environmental health goals;

4 (b) Consider recommendations by the environmental justice  
5 council; and

6 (c)(i) If the agency is not a covered agency subject to the  
7 requirements of chapter 70A.02 RCW, create and adopt a community  
8 engagement plan to describe how it will engage with overburdened  
9 communities and vulnerable populations in allocating funds or  
10 administering grants or programs from the climate investment account.

11 (ii) The plan must include methods for outreach and communication  
12 with those who face barriers, language or otherwise, to  
13 participation.

14 (4) During the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal (~~biennium~~)  
15 biennia:

16 (a) The requirement of subsection (1) of this section to conduct  
17 an environmental justice assessment applies only to covered agencies  
18 as defined in RCW 70A.02.010 and to significant agency actions as  
19 defined in RCW 70A.02.010.

20 (b) Agencies shall coordinate with the department and the office  
21 of financial management to achieve total statewide spending from the  
22 accounts listed in subsection (1) of this section of not less than 35  
23 percent and a goal of 40 percent of total investments that provide  
24 direct and meaningful benefits to vulnerable populations within the  
25 boundaries of overburdened communities as otherwise described in  
26 subsection (1)(a) through (d) of this section and in accordance with  
27 RCW 70A.65.230.

28 (c) The requirements of subsection (3)(c) of this section for  
29 agencies other than covered agencies to create and adopt community  
30 engagement plans apply only to executive branch agencies and  
31 institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016,  
32 receiving total appropriations of more than \$2,000,000 for the  
33 2023-2025 fiscal biennium from the accounts listed in subsection (1)  
34 of this section.

35 **Sec. 932.** RCW 70A.65.100 and 2024 c 352 s 5 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1) Except as provided in RCW 70A.65.110, 70A.65.120, and  
38 70A.65.130, the department shall distribute allowances through  
39 auctions as provided in this section and in rules adopted by the

1 department to implement these sections. An allowance is not a  
2 property right.

3 (2) (a) The department shall hold a maximum of four auctions  
4 annually, plus any necessary reserve auctions. An auction may include  
5 allowances from the annual allowance budget of the current year and  
6 allowances from the annual allowance budgets from prior years that  
7 remain to be distributed. The department must transmit to the  
8 environmental justice council an auction notice at least 60 days  
9 prior to each auction, as well as a summary results report and a  
10 postauction public proceeds report within 60 days after each auction.  
11 The department must communicate the results of the previous calendar  
12 year's auctions to the environmental justice council on an annual  
13 basis beginning in 2024.

14 (b) The department must make future vintage allowances available  
15 through parallel auctions at least twice annually in addition to the  
16 auctions through which current vintage allowances are exclusively  
17 offered under (a) of this subsection.

18 (3) The department shall engage a qualified, independent  
19 contractor to run the auctions. The department shall also engage a  
20 qualified financial services administrator to hold the bid  
21 guarantees, evaluate bid guarantees, and inform the department of the  
22 value of bid guarantees once the bids are accepted.

23 (4) Auctions are open to covered entities, opt-in entities, and  
24 general market participants that are registered entities in good  
25 standing. The department shall adopt by rule the requirements for a  
26 registered entity to register and participate in a given auction.

27 (a) Registered entities intending to participate in an auction  
28 must submit an application to participate at least 30 days prior to  
29 the auction. The application must include the documentation required  
30 for review and approval by the department. A registered entity is  
31 eligible to participate only after receiving a notice of approval by  
32 the department.

33 (b) Each registered entity that elects to participate in the  
34 auction must have a different representative. Only a representative  
35 with an approved auction account is authorized to access the auction  
36 platform to submit an application or confirm the intent to bid for  
37 the registered entity, submit bids on behalf of the registered entity  
38 during the bidding window, or to download reports specific to the  
39 auction.

1 (5) The department may require a bid guarantee, payable to the  
2 financial services administrator, in an amount greater than or equal  
3 to the sum of the maximum value of the bids to be submitted by the  
4 registered entity.

5 (6) To protect the integrity of the auctions, a registered entity  
6 or group of registered entities with a direct corporate association  
7 are subject to auction purchase and holding limits. The department  
8 may impose additional limits if it deems necessary to protect the  
9 integrity and functioning of the auctions:

10 (a) A covered entity or an opt-in entity may not buy more than 25  
11 percent of the allowances offered during a single auction;

12 (b) A general market participant may not buy more than four  
13 percent of the allowances offered during a single auction;

14 (c) Until Washington links with a jurisdiction that does not have  
15 this requirement, a general market participant may not in aggregate  
16 own more than 10 percent of total allowances to be issued in a  
17 calendar year;

18 (d) No registered entity may buy more than the entity's bid  
19 guarantee; and

20 (e) No registered entity may buy allowances that would exceed the  
21 entity's holding limit at the time of the auction.

22 (7) (a) For fiscal year 2023, upon completion and verification of  
23 the auction results, the financial services administrator shall  
24 notify winning bidders and transfer the auction proceeds to the state  
25 treasurer for deposit as follows: (i) \$127,341,000 must first be  
26 deposited into the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW  
27 70A.65.240; and (ii) the remaining auction proceeds to the climate  
28 investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and  
29 health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280.

30 (b) For fiscal year 2024, upon completion and verification of the  
31 auction results, the financial services administrator shall notify  
32 winning bidders and transfer the auction proceeds to the state  
33 treasurer for deposit as follows: (i) \$356,697,000 must first be  
34 deposited into the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW  
35 70A.65.240, except during fiscal year 2024, the deposit as provided  
36 in this subsection (7) (b) (i) may be prorated equally across each of  
37 the auctions occurring in fiscal year 2024; and (ii) the remaining  
38 auction proceeds to the climate investment account created in RCW  
39 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health disparities improvement

1 account created in RCW 70A.65.280, which may be prorated equally  
2 across each of the auctions occurring in fiscal year 2024.

3 (c) For fiscal year 2025, upon completion and verification of the  
4 auction results, the financial services administrator shall notify  
5 winning bidders and transfer the auction proceeds to the state  
6 treasurer for deposit as follows: (i) \$366,558,000 must first be  
7 deposited into the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW  
8 70A.65.240, except that during fiscal year 2025, the deposit as  
9 provided in this subsection (7)(c)(i) may be prorated equally across  
10 each of the auctions occurring in fiscal year 2025; and (ii) the  
11 remaining auction proceeds to the climate investment account created  
12 in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health disparities  
13 improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, which may be prorated  
14 equally across each of the auctions occurring in fiscal year 2025.

15 (d) For fiscal years 2026 through 2037, upon completion and  
16 verification of the auction results, the financial services  
17 administrator shall notify winning bidders and transfer the auction  
18 proceeds to the state treasurer for deposit as follows: (i)  
19 \$359,117,000 per year must first be deposited into the carbon  
20 emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240 except that  
21 during fiscal years 2026 and 2027, the deposit as provided in this  
22 subsection (7)(d)(i) may be prorated equally across each of the  
23 auctions occurring in fiscal years 2026 and 2027; and (ii) the  
24 remaining auction proceeds to the climate investment account created  
25 in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health disparities  
26 improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, which may be prorated  
27 equally across each of the auctions occurring in fiscal years 2026  
28 and 2027.

29 (e) The deposits into the carbon emissions reduction account  
30 pursuant to (a) through (d) of this subsection must not exceed  
31 \$5,200,000,000 over the first 16 fiscal years and any remaining  
32 auction proceeds must be deposited into the climate investment  
33 account created in RCW 70A.65.250 and the air quality and health  
34 disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280.

35 (f) For fiscal year 2038 and each year thereafter, upon  
36 completion and verification of the auction results, the financial  
37 services administrator shall notify winning bidders and transfer the  
38 auction proceeds to the state treasurer for deposit as follows: (i)  
39 50 percent of the auction proceeds to the carbon emissions reduction  
40 account created in RCW 70A.65.240; and (ii) the remaining auction

1 proceeds to the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250  
2 and the air quality and health disparities improvement account  
3 created in RCW 70A.65.280.

4 (8) The department shall adopt by rule provisions to guard  
5 against bidder collusion and minimize the potential for market  
6 manipulation. A registered entity may not release or disclose any  
7 bidding information including: Intent to participate or refrain from  
8 participation; auction approval status; intent to bid; bidding  
9 strategy; bid price or bid quantity; or information on the bid  
10 guarantee provided to the financial services administrator. The  
11 department may cancel or restrict a previously approved auction  
12 participation application or reject a new application if the  
13 department determines that a registered entity has:

14 (a) Provided false or misleading facts;

15 (b) Withheld material information that could influence a decision  
16 by the department;

17 (c) Violated any part of the auction rules;

18 (d) Violated registration requirements; or

19 (e) Violated any of the rules regarding the conduct of the  
20 auction.

21 (9) Records containing the following information are confidential  
22 and are exempt from public disclosure in their entirety:

23 (a) Bidding information as identified in subsection (8) of this  
24 section;

25 (b) Information contained in the secure, online electronic  
26 tracking system established by the department pursuant to RCW  
27 70A.65.090(6);

28 (c) Financial, proprietary, and other market sensitive  
29 information as determined by the department that is submitted to the  
30 department pursuant to this chapter;

31 (d) Financial, proprietary, and other market sensitive  
32 information as determined by the department that is submitted to the  
33 independent contractor or the financial services administrator  
34 engaged by the department pursuant to subsection (3) of this section;  
35 and

36 (e) Financial, proprietary, and other market sensitive  
37 information as determined by the department that is submitted to a  
38 jurisdiction with which the department has entered into a linkage  
39 agreement pursuant to RCW 70A.65.210, and which is shared with the

1 department, the independent contractor, or the financial services  
2 administrator pursuant to a linkage agreement.

3 (10) Any cancellation or restriction approved by the department  
4 under subsection (8) of this section may be permanent or for a  
5 specified number of auctions and the cancellation or restriction  
6 imposed is not exclusive and is in addition to the remedies that may  
7 be available pursuant to chapter 19.86 RCW or other state or federal  
8 laws, if applicable.

9 (11) The department shall design allowance auctions so as to  
10 allow, to the maximum extent practicable, linking with external  
11 greenhouse gas emissions trading programs in other jurisdictions and  
12 to facilitate the transfer of allowances when the state's program has  
13 entered into a linkage agreement with other external greenhouse gas  
14 emissions trading programs. The department may conduct auctions  
15 jointly with linked jurisdictions.

16 (12) In setting the number of allowances offered at each auction,  
17 the department shall consider the allowances in the marketplace due  
18 to the marketing of allowances issued as required under RCW  
19 70A.65.110, 70A.65.120, and 70A.65.130 in the department's  
20 determination of the number of allowances to be offered at auction.  
21 The department shall offer only such number of allowances at each  
22 auction as will enhance the likelihood of achieving the goals of RCW  
23 70A.45.020.

24 **Sec. 933.** RCW 70A.65.250 and 2024 c 376 s 911 are each amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 (1)(a) The climate investment account is created in the state  
27 treasury. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 316, Laws of 2021,  
28 all receipts from the auction of allowances authorized in this  
29 chapter must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may  
30 be spent only after appropriation.

31 (b) Projects or activities funded from the account must meet high  
32 labor standards, including family sustaining wages, providing  
33 benefits including health care and employer-contributed retirement  
34 plans, career development opportunities, and maximize access to  
35 economic benefits from such projects for local workers and diverse  
36 businesses. Each contracting entity's proposal must be reviewed for  
37 equity and opportunity improvement efforts, including: (i) Employer  
38 paid sick leave programs; (ii) pay practices in relation to living  
39 wage indicators such as the federal poverty level; (iii) efforts to

1 evaluate pay equity based on gender identity, race, and other  
2 protected status under Washington law; (iv) facilitating career  
3 development opportunities, such as apprenticeship programs,  
4 internships, job-shadowing, and on-the-job training; and (v)  
5 employment assistance and employment barriers for justice affected  
6 individuals.

7 (2) Moneys in the account may be used only for projects and  
8 programs that achieve the purposes of the greenhouse gas emissions  
9 cap and invest program established under this chapter and for tribal  
10 capacity grants under RCW 70A.65.305. During the 2023-2025 fiscal  
11 biennium, moneys in the account may also be used for tribal capacity  
12 grant activities supporting climate resilience and adaptation,  
13 developing tribal clean energy projects, applying for state or  
14 federal grant funding, and other related work; and for providing  
15 payments to agricultural fuel purchasers. During the 2025-2027 fiscal  
16 biennium, moneys in the account may also be used for tribal capacity  
17 grant activities supporting climate resilience and adaptation,  
18 developing tribal clean energy projects, applying for state or  
19 federal grant funding, and other related work. Moneys in the account  
20 as described in this subsection must first be appropriated for the  
21 administration of the requirements of this chapter, in an amount not  
22 to exceed five percent of the total receipt of funds from allowance  
23 auction proceeds under this chapter. Beginning July 1, 2023, and  
24 annually thereafter, the state treasurer shall distribute funds in  
25 the account that exceed the amounts appropriated for the purposes of  
26 this subsection (2) as follows:

27 (a) Seventy-five percent of the moneys to the climate commitment  
28 account created in RCW 70A.65.260; and

29 (b) Twenty-five percent of the moneys to the natural climate  
30 solutions account created in RCW 70A.65.270.

31 (3) The allocations specified in subsection (2)(a) and (b) of  
32 this section must be reviewed by the legislature on a biennial basis  
33 based on the changing needs of the state in meeting its clean economy  
34 and greenhouse gas reduction goals in a timely, economically  
35 advantageous, and equitable manner.

36 (4) During the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal (~~biennium~~)  
37 biennia, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to make  
38 transfers of moneys in the climate investment account to the carbon  
39 emissions reduction account, the climate commitment account, and the  
40 natural climate solutions account.

1       **Sec. 934.** RCW 70A.65.260 and 2023 c 475 s 939 are each amended  
2 to read as follows:

3       (1) The climate commitment account is created in the state  
4 treasury. The account must receive moneys distributed to the account  
5 from the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250. Moneys  
6 in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Projects,  
7 activities, and programs eligible for funding from the account must  
8 be physically located in Washington state and include, but are not  
9 limited to, the following:

10       (a) Implementing the working families' tax credit in RCW  
11 82.08.0206;

12       (b) Supplementing the growth management planning and  
13 environmental review fund established in RCW 36.70A.490 for the  
14 purpose of making grants or loans to local governments for the  
15 purposes set forth in RCW 43.21C.240, 43.21C.031, 36.70A.500, and  
16 36.70A.600, for costs associated with RCW 36.70A.610, and to cover  
17 costs associated with the adoption of optional elements of  
18 comprehensive plans consistent with RCW 43.21C.420;

19       (c) Programs, activities, or projects that reduce and mitigate  
20 impacts from greenhouse gases and copollutants in overburdened  
21 communities, including strengthening the air quality monitoring  
22 network to measure, track, and better understand air pollution levels  
23 and trends and to inform the analysis, monitoring, and pollution  
24 reduction measures required in RCW 70A.65.020;

25       (d) Programs, activities, or projects that deploy renewable  
26 energy resources, such as solar and wind power, and projects to  
27 deploy distributed generation, energy storage, demand-side  
28 technologies and strategies, and other grid modernization projects;

29       (e) Programs, activities, or projects that increase the energy  
30 efficiency or reduce greenhouse gas emissions of industrial  
31 facilities including, but not limited to, proposals to implement  
32 combined heat and power, district energy, or on-site renewables, such  
33 as solar and wind power, to upgrade the energy efficiency of existing  
34 equipment, to reduce process emissions, and to switch to less  
35 emissions intensive fuel sources;

36       (f) Programs, activities, or projects that achieve energy  
37 efficiency or emissions reductions in the agricultural sector  
38 including:

39       (i) Fertilizer management;

40       (ii) Soil management;



1 (iii) Bioenergy;

2 (iv) Biofuels;

3 (v) Grants, rebates, and other financial incentives for  
4 agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy duty trucks, agricultural  
5 pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural  
6 operations;

7 (vi) Grants, loans, or any financial incentives to food  
8 processors to implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas  
9 emissions;

10 (vii) Renewable energy projects;

11 (viii) Farmworker housing weatherization programs;

12 (ix) Dairy digester research and development;

13 (x) Alternative manure management; and

14 (xi) Eligible fund uses under RCW 89.08.615;

15 (g) Programs, activities, or projects that increase energy  
16 efficiency in new and existing buildings, or that promote low carbon  
17 architecture, including use of newly emerging alternative building  
18 materials that result in a lower carbon footprint in the built  
19 environment over the life cycle of the building and component  
20 building materials;

21 (h) Programs, activities, or projects that promote the  
22 electrification and decarbonization of new and existing buildings,  
23 including residential, commercial, and industrial buildings;

24 (i) Programs, activities, or projects that improve energy  
25 efficiency, including district energy, and investments in market  
26 transformation of high efficiency electric appliances and equipment  
27 for space and water heating;

28 (j) Clean energy transition and assistance programs, activities,  
29 or projects that assist affected workers or people with lower incomes  
30 during the transition to a clean energy economy, or grow and expand  
31 clean manufacturing capacity in communities across Washington state  
32 including, but not limited to:

33 (i) Programs, activities, or projects that directly improve  
34 energy affordability and reduce the energy burden of people with  
35 lower incomes, as well as the higher transportation fuel burden of  
36 rural residents, such as bill assistance, energy efficiency, and  
37 weatherization programs;

38 (ii) Community renewable energy projects that allow qualifying  
39 participants to own or receive the benefits of those projects at  
40 reduced or no cost;

1 (iii) Programs, activities, or other worker-support projects for  
2 bargaining unit and nonsupervisory fossil fuel workers who are  
3 affected by the transition away from fossil fuels to a clean energy  
4 economy. Worker support may include, but is not limited to: (A) Full  
5 wage replacement, health benefits, and pension contributions for  
6 every worker within five years of retirement; (B) full wage  
7 replacement, health benefits, and pension contributions for every  
8 worker with at least one year of service for each year of service up  
9 to five years of service; (C) wage insurance for up to five years for  
10 workers reemployed who have more than five years of service; (D) up  
11 to two years of retraining costs, including tuition and related  
12 costs, based on in-state community and technical college costs; (E)  
13 peer counseling services during transition; (F) employment placement  
14 services, prioritizing employment in the clean energy sector; and (G)  
15 relocation expenses;

16 (iv) Direct investment in workforce development, via technical  
17 education, community college, institutions of higher education,  
18 apprenticeships, and other programs including, but not limited to:

19 (A) Initiatives to develop a forest health workforce established  
20 under RCW 76.04.521; and

21 (B) Initiatives to develop new education programs, emerging  
22 fields, or jobs pertaining to the clean energy economy;

23 (v) Transportation, municipal service delivery, and technology  
24 investments that increase a community's capacity for clean  
25 manufacturing, with an emphasis on communities in greatest need of  
26 job creation and economic development and potential for commute  
27 reduction;

28 (k) Programs, activities, or projects that reduce emissions from  
29 landfills and waste-to-energy facilities through diversion of organic  
30 materials, methane capture or conversion strategies, installation of  
31 gas collection devices and gas control systems, monitoring and  
32 reporting of methane emissions, or other means, prioritizing funding  
33 needed for any activities by local governments to comply with chapter  
34 70A.540 RCW;

35 (l) Carbon dioxide removal projects, programs, and activities;  
36 and

37 (m) Activities to support efforts to mitigate and adapt to the  
38 effects of climate change affecting Indian tribes, including capital  
39 investments in support of the relocation of Indian tribes located in  
40 areas at heightened risk due to anticipated sea level rise, flooding,

1 or other disturbances caused by climate change. The legislature  
2 intends to dedicate at least \$50,000,000 per biennium from the  
3 account for purposes of this subsection.

4 (2) Moneys in the account may not be used for projects or  
5 activities that would violate tribal treaty rights or result in  
6 significant long-term damage to critical habitat or ecological  
7 functions. Investments from this account must result in long-term  
8 environmental benefits and increased resilience to the impacts of  
9 climate change.

10 (3) During the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 fiscal (~~biennium~~)  
11 biennia, the legislature may appropriate moneys from the climate  
12 commitment account for activities related to environmental justice,  
13 including implementation of chapter 314, Laws of 2021.

14 **Sec. 935.** RCW 70A.65.300 and 2024 c 376 s 912 are each amended  
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The department shall prepare, post on the department website,  
17 and submit to the appropriate committees of the legislature an annual  
18 report that identifies all distributions of moneys from the accounts  
19 created in RCW 70A.65.240 through 70A.65.280.

20 (2) The report must identify, at a minimum, the recipient of the  
21 funding, the amount of the funding, the purpose of the funding, the  
22 actual end result or use of the funding, whether the project that  
23 received the funding produced any verifiable reduction in greenhouse  
24 gas emissions or other long-term impact to emissions, and if so, the  
25 quantity of reduced greenhouse gas emissions, the cost per carbon  
26 dioxide equivalent metric ton of reduced greenhouse gas emissions,  
27 and a comparison to other greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects  
28 in order to facilitate the development of cost-benefit ratios for  
29 greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects.

30 (3) The department shall require by rule that recipients of funds  
31 from the accounts created in RCW 70A.65.240 through 70A.65.280 report  
32 to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department,  
33 the information required for the department to carry out the  
34 department's duties established in this section.

35 (4) The department shall update its website with the information  
36 described in subsection (2) of this section as appropriate but no  
37 less frequently than once per calendar year.

38 (5) The department shall submit its report to the appropriate  
39 committees of the legislature with the information described in

1 subsection (2) of this section no later than September 30 of each  
2 year. For fiscal year 2025, the report must be submitted no later  
3 than November 30, 2024. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the  
4 report must be submitted no later than November 30 of each fiscal  
5 year.

6 **Sec. 936.** RCW 70A.200.140 and 2022 c 297 s 963 are each amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) There is hereby created an account within the state treasury  
9 to be known as the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control  
10 account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.  
11 Expenditures from the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control  
12 account shall be used as follows:

13 (a) Forty percent to the department of ecology, primarily for use  
14 by the departments of ecology, natural resources, revenue,  
15 transportation, and corrections, and the parks and recreation  
16 commission, for litter collection programs under RCW 70A.200.170. The  
17 amount to the department of ecology shall also be used for a central  
18 coordination function for litter control efforts statewide; to  
19 support employment of youth in litter cleanup as intended in RCW  
20 70A.200.020, and for litter pick up using other authorized agencies;  
21 and for statewide public awareness programs under RCW 70A.200.150(7).  
22 The amount to the department shall also be used to defray the costs  
23 of administering the funding, coordination, and oversight of local  
24 government programs for waste reduction, litter control, recycling,  
25 and composting so that local governments can apply one hundred  
26 percent of their funding to achieving program goals. The amount to  
27 the department of revenue shall be used to enforce compliance with  
28 the litter tax imposed in chapter 82.19 RCW;

29 (b) (i) Twenty percent to the department for local government  
30 funding programs for waste reduction, litter control, recycling  
31 activities, and composting activities by cities and counties under  
32 RCW 70A.200.190, to be administered by the department of ecology;

33 (ii) any unspent funds under (b) (i) of this subsection may be used to  
34 create and pay for a matching fund competitive grant program to be  
35 used by local governments for the development and implementation of  
36 contamination reduction and outreach plans for inclusion in  
37 comprehensive solid waste management plans or by local governments  
38 and nonprofit organizations for local or statewide education programs  
39 designed to help the public with litter control, waste reduction,

1 recycling, and composting of primarily the products taxed under  
2 chapter 82.19 RCW. Recipients under this subsection include programs  
3 to reduce wasted food and food waste that are designed to achieve the  
4 goals established in RCW 70A.205.715(1) and that are consistent with  
5 the plan developed in RCW 70A.205.715(3). Grants must adhere to the  
6 following requirements: (A) No grant may exceed sixty thousand  
7 dollars; (B) grant recipients shall match the grant funding allocated  
8 by the department by an amount equal to twenty-five percent of  
9 eligible expenses. A local government's share of these costs may be  
10 met by cash or contributed services; (C) the obligation of the  
11 department to make grant payments is contingent upon the availability  
12 of the amount of money appropriated for this subsection (1)(b); and  
13 (D) grants are managed under the guidelines for existing grant  
14 programs; and

15 (c) Forty percent to the department of ecology to: (i) Implement  
16 activities under RCW 70A.200.150 for waste reduction, recycling, and  
17 composting efforts; (ii) provide technical assistance to local  
18 governments and commercial businesses to increase recycling markets  
19 and recycling and composting programs primarily for the products  
20 taxed under chapter 82.19 RCW designed to educate citizens about  
21 waste reduction, litter control, and recyclable and compostable  
22 products and programs; (iii) increase access to waste reduction,  
23 composting, and recycling programs, particularly for food packaging  
24 and plastic bags and appropriate composting techniques; and (iv) for  
25 programs to reduce wasted food and food waste that are designed to  
26 achieve the goals established in RCW 70A.205.715(1) and that are  
27 consistent with the plan developed in RCW 70A.205.715(3).

28 (2) All taxes imposed in RCW 82.19.010 and fines and bail  
29 forfeitures collected or received pursuant to this chapter shall be  
30 deposited in the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control  
31 account and used for the programs under subsection (1) of this  
32 section.

33 (3) Not less than five percent and no more than ten percent of  
34 the amount appropriated into the waste reduction, recycling, and  
35 litter control account every biennium shall be reserved for capital  
36 needs, including the purchase of vehicles for transporting crews and  
37 for collecting litter and solid waste. Capital funds shall be  
38 distributed among state agencies and local governments according to  
39 the same criteria provided in RCW 70A.200.170 for the remainder of  
40 the funds, so that the most effective waste reduction, litter

1 control, recycling, and composting programs receive the most funding.  
2 The intent of this subsection is to provide funds for the purchase of  
3 equipment that will enable the department to account for the greatest  
4 return on investment in terms of reaching a zero litter goal.

5 (4) Funds in the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control  
6 account, collected under chapter 82.19 RCW, must be prioritized for  
7 the products identified under RCW 82.19.020 solely for the purposes  
8 of recycling, composting, and litter collection, reduction, and  
9 control programs.

10 (5) During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, Washington State  
11 University may use funds in the waste reduction, recycling, and  
12 litter control account, collected under chapter 82.19 RCW, to conduct  
13 an organic waste study.

14 (6) During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, and as an exception to  
15 the distribution of expenditures otherwise required in this section,  
16 the department of ecology may use funds in the waste reduction,  
17 recycling, and litter control account to continue a series of food  
18 waste reduction campaigns, to continue to invest in litter prevention  
19 campaigns, to conduct a recycling study, and to increase litter  
20 control on state highways.

21 (7) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium the legislature may  
22 direct the state treasurer to transfer money in the waste reduction,  
23 recycling, and litter control account to the model toxics control  
24 operating account. In addition, during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium,  
25 subsection (1)(a), (b), and (c) of this section is suspended.

26 **Sec. 937.** RCW 72.09.780 and 2023 c 195 s 2 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1) The department is authorized to acquire, receive, possess,  
29 sell, resell, deliver, dispense, distribute, and engage in any  
30 activity constituting the practice of pharmacy or wholesale  
31 distribution with respect to abortion medications.

32 (2) The department may exercise the authority granted in this  
33 section for the benefit of any person, whether or not the person is  
34 in the custody or under the supervision of the department.

35 (3) The department shall exercise the authority granted in this  
36 section in accordance with any applicable law including, but not  
37 limited to, any applicable licensing requirements, except that the  
38 department is exempt from obtaining a wholesaler's license for any

1 actions taken pursuant to chapter 195, Laws of 2023 as provided in  
2 RCW 18.64.046.

3 (4) (a) The department shall establish and operate a program to  
4 deliver, dispense, and distribute abortion medications described in  
5 this section. In circumstances in which the department is selling,  
6 delivering, or distributing abortion medications to a health care  
7 provider or health care entity, it may only sell, distribute, or  
8 deliver abortion medications to health care providers and health care  
9 entities that will only use the medications for the purposes of  
10 providing abortion care or medical management of early pregnancy  
11 loss.

12 (b) (~~Any~~) Except as provided in (c) of this subsection, any  
13 abortion medications sold, resold, delivered, dispensed, or  
14 distributed whether individually or wholesale shall be conducted at  
15 cost not to exceed list price, plus a fee of \$5 per dose to offset  
16 the cost of secure storage and delivery of medication. Revenues  
17 generated pursuant to chapter 195, Laws of 2023 shall be deposited to  
18 the general fund.

19 (c) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, any abortion  
20 medications sold, resold, delivered, dispensed, or distributed  
21 whether individually or wholesale shall be conducted at cost not to  
22 exceed list price.

23 (5) Nothing in this section shall diminish any existing authority  
24 of the department.

25 (6) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions  
26 apply:

27 (a) "Abortion medications" means substances used in the course of  
28 medical treatment intended to induce the termination of a pregnancy  
29 including, but not limited to, mifepristone.

30 (b) "Deliver" has the same meaning as in RCW 18.64.011.

31 (c) "Dispense" has the same meaning as in RCW 18.64.011.

32 (d) "Distribute" has the same meaning as in RCW 18.64.011.

33 (e) "Health care entity" means a hospital, clinic, pharmacy,  
34 office, or similar setting where a health care provider provides  
35 health care to patients.

36 (f) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as in RCW  
37 70.02.010.

38 (g) "Person" has the same meaning as in RCW 18.64.011.

39 (h) "Practice of pharmacy" has the same meaning as in RCW  
40 18.64.011.

1 (i) "Wholesale distribution" has the same meaning as in WAC  
2 246-945-001.

3 **Sec. 938.** RCW 79.64.040 and 2023 c 475 s 943 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The board shall determine the amount deemed necessary in  
6 order to achieve the purposes of this chapter and shall provide by  
7 rule for the deduction of this amount from the moneys received from  
8 all leases, sales, contracts, licenses, permits, easements, and  
9 rights-of-way issued by the department and affecting state lands and  
10 aquatic lands, except as provided in RCW 79.64.130, provided that no  
11 deduction shall be made from the proceeds from agricultural college  
12 lands.

13 (2) Moneys received as deposits from successful bidders, advance  
14 payments, and security under RCW 79.15.100, 79.15.080, and 79.11.150  
15 prior to December 1, 1981, which have not been subjected to deduction  
16 under this section are not subject to deduction under this section.

17 (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this  
18 section, the deductions authorized under this section shall not  
19 exceed twenty-five percent of the moneys received by the department  
20 in connection with any one transaction pertaining to state lands and  
21 aquatic lands other than second-class tide and shore lands and the  
22 beds of navigable waters, and fifty percent of the moneys received by  
23 the department pertaining to second-class tide and shore lands and  
24 the beds of navigable waters.

25 (4) In the event that the department sells logs using the  
26 contract harvesting process described in RCW 79.15.500 through  
27 79.15.530, the moneys received subject to this section are the net  
28 proceeds from the contract harvesting sale.

29 (5) During the 2015-2017, 2017-2019, 2019-2021, 2021-2023,  
30 ~~((and))~~ 2023-2025, and 2025-2027 fiscal biennia, the board may  
31 increase the twenty-five percent limitation up to thirty-two percent.

32 **Sec. 939.** RCW 79.64.110 and 2023 c 475 s 944 and 2023 c 383 s 8  
33 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

34 (1) Any moneys derived from the lease of state forestlands or  
35 from the sale of valuable materials, oils, gases, coal, minerals, or  
36 fossils from those lands, except as provided in RCW 79.64.130, or the  
37 appraised value of these resources when transferred to a public  
38 agency under RCW 79.22.060, must be distributed as follows:



1 (a) For state forestlands acquired through RCW 79.22.040 or by  
2 exchange or as replacement for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.040:

3 (i) The expense incurred by the state for administration,  
4 reforestation, and protection, not to exceed 25 percent, which rate  
5 of percentage shall be determined by the board, must be returned to  
6 the forest development account created in RCW 79.64.100. During the  
7 2017-2019, 2019-2021, 2021-2023, ~~((and))~~ 2023-2025, and 2025-2027  
8 fiscal biennia, the board may increase the 25 percent limitation up  
9 to 27 percent.

10 (ii) Any balance remaining must be paid to the county in which  
11 the land is located or, if the land acquired under RCW 79.22.040 was  
12 exchanged, transferred, or disposed, payment must be made to the  
13 county from which the land was exchanged, transferred, or disposed.  
14 For counties participating in a land pool created under RCW  
15 79.22.140, to each participating county proportionate to its  
16 contribution of asset value to the land pool as determined by the  
17 board. Payments made under this subsection are to be paid,  
18 distributed, and prorated to the various funds in the same manner as  
19 general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment.  
20 However, a county may in its discretion pay, distribute, and prorate  
21 payments made under this subsection of moneys derived from state  
22 forestlands acquired by exchange or as replacement lands, for lands  
23 acquired through RCW 79.22.040, in the same manner as general taxes  
24 are paid and distributed during the year of payment for the former  
25 state forestlands that were subject to the exchange.

26 (iii) Any balance remaining, paid to a county with a population  
27 of less than 16,000, must first be applied to the reduction of any  
28 indebtedness existing in the current expense fund of the county  
29 during the year of payment.

30 (iv) With regard to moneys remaining under this subsection  
31 (1)(a), within seven working days of receipt of these moneys, the  
32 department shall certify to the state treasurer the amounts to be  
33 distributed to the counties. The state treasurer shall distribute  
34 funds to the counties four times per month, with no more than 10 days  
35 between each payment date.

36 (b) For state forestlands acquired through RCW 79.22.010 or by  
37 exchange or as replacement lands for lands acquired through RCW  
38 79.22.010, except as provided in RCW 79.64.120:

39 (i) Fifty percent shall be placed in the forest development  
40 account.

1 (ii) Fifty percent shall be prorated and distributed to the state  
2 general fund, to be dedicated for the benefit of the public schools,  
3 to the county in which the land is located or, for counties  
4 participating in a land pool created under RCW 79.22.140, to each  
5 participating county proportionate to its contribution of asset value  
6 to the land pool as determined by the board, and according to the  
7 relative proportions of tax levies of all taxing districts in the  
8 county. The portion to be distributed to the state general fund shall  
9 be based on the regular school levy rate under RCW 84.52.065 (1) and  
10 (2) and the levy rate for any school district enrichment levies. With  
11 regard to the portion to be distributed to the counties, the  
12 department shall certify to the state treasurer the amounts to be  
13 distributed within seven working days of receipt of the money. The  
14 state treasurer shall distribute funds to the counties four times per  
15 month, with no more than 10 days between each payment date. The money  
16 distributed to the county must be paid, distributed, and prorated to  
17 the various other funds in the same manner as general taxes are paid  
18 and distributed during the year of payment.

19 (2) A school district may transfer amounts deposited in its debt  
20 service fund pursuant to this section into its capital projects fund  
21 as authorized in RCW 28A.320.330.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 940.** If any provision of this act or its  
23 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
24 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
25 persons or circumstances is not affected.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 941.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
28 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
29 effect immediately.

(End of Bill)

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