
HOUSE BILL 1198

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By Representatives Ormsby and Gregerson; 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
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$133,776,000

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

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

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

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

(4) \$114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$114,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for election reconciliation reporting. Funding provides for one staff to compile county reconciliation reports, analyze the data, and to complete an annual

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.

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

5 (2) \$210,000 of the death investigations account—state
6 appropriation is provided solely for providing financial assistance
7 to local jurisdictions in identifying human remains.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 153. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE**
9 **SERVICES**

10	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026).	\$19,705,000
11	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027).	\$19,318,000
12	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation.	\$102,000
13	Building Code Council Account—State Appropriation.	\$2,297,000
14	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	\$41,422,000

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

17 (1) \$7,346,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
18 year 2026 and \$7,029,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
19 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the payment of facilities
20 and services charges to include campus rent, parking, security,
21 contracts, public and historic facilities, financial cost recovery,
22 and capital projects surcharges allocable to the senate, house of
23 representatives, statute law committee, legislative support services,
24 and joint legislative systems committee. The department shall
25 allocate charges attributable to these agencies among the affected
26 revolving funds. The department shall maintain an interagency
27 agreement with these agencies to establish performance standards,
28 prioritization of preservation and capital improvement projects, and
29 quality assurance provisions for the delivery of services under this
30 subsection. The legislative agencies named in this subsection shall
31 continue to have all of the same rights of occupancy and space use on
32 the capitol campus as historically established.

33 (2) Before any agency may purchase a passenger motor vehicle as
34 defined in RCW 43.19.560, the agency must have approval from the
35 director of the department of enterprise services. Agencies that are
36 exempted from the requirement are the Washington state patrol,
37 Washington state department of transportation, and the department of
38 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>	Sec. 222.	FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—
36	ADMINISTRATION		
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 (9) \$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 (10) \$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 (11) \$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 (12) 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**
4 **COUNCIL**

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.

(End of part)

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
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$63,723,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: \$146,000 of the business and professions account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of House/Senate Bill No. . . . (Z-0007.3/25) (business and professions account changes). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount provided in this subsection shall lapse.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 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 Grade K		17.00	17.00
30 Grade 1		17.00	17.00
31 Grade 2		17.00	17.00
32 Grade 3		17.00	17.00
33 Grade 4		27.00	27.00
34 Grades 5-6		27.00	27.00
35 Grades 7-8		28.53	28.53
36 Grades 9-12		28.74	28.74

The superintendent shall base allocations for: Laboratory science average class size as provided in RCW 28A.150.260; career and technical education (CTE) class size of 23.0; and skill center program class size of 19. Certificated instructional staff units provided for skills centers that exceed the minimum requirements of RCW 28A.150.260 achieve class size reductions under RCW 28A.400.007 and are part of the state's program of basic education.

(ii) Pursuant to RCW 28A.150.260(4)(a), the assumed teacher planning period, expressed as a percentage of a teacher work day, is 13.42 percent in grades K-6, and 16.67 percent in grades 7-12.

(iii) Advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses are funded at the same class size assumptions as general education schools in the same grade.

(d)(i) Funding for teacher librarians, school nurses, social workers, school psychologists, and guidance counselors is allocated based on the school prototypes as provided in RCW 28A.150.260, and is considered certificated instructional staff.

(ii) Students in approved career and technical education and skill center programs generate certificated instructional staff units to provide for the services of teacher librarians, school nurses, social workers, school psychologists, and guidance counselors at the following combined rate per 1000 student full-time equivalent enrollment:

	2025-26 School Year	2026-27 School Year
Career and Technical Education	3.91	3.91
Skill Center	4.25	4.25

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ALLOCATIONS

(a) Allocations for school building-level certificated administrative staff salaries for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years for general education students are determined using the formula generated staff units calculated pursuant to this subsection. The superintendent shall make allocations to school districts based on the district's annual average full-time equivalent enrollment in each grade. The following prototypical school values shall determine the allocation for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building level administrators:

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 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 508. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**
36 **INSTRUCTION—SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES**

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 (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

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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
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$23,935,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: Funding provided in this section is sufficient for the school to offer to students enrolled in grades six through twelve for full-time instructional services at the Vancouver campus or online with the opportunity to participate in a minimum of one thousand eighty hours of instruction and the opportunity to earn twenty-four high school credits.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 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
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$43,521,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: Funding provided in this section is sufficient for the center to offer students ages three through 21 enrolled at the center the opportunity to participate in a minimum of 1,080 hours of instruction and the opportunity to earn 24 high school credits.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 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:

	Health District	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-2027 Biennium
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	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 of appropriation and Amount. Rows include General Fund Appropriation for fire insurance, prosecuting attorney, boating safety, public utility, Death Investigations Account, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Timber Tax Distribution Account, County Criminal Justice Assistance, Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance, City-County Assistance, Liquor Excise Tax Account, Columbia River Water Delivery Account, and Dedicated Cannabis Account.

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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