

2026 Supplemental Operating Budget Comparison Summary

Includes State General Fund, Education Legacy Account, Workforce Education Investment Account, and Invest in WA

| | SBCTC Request | | | Gov. Ferguson's Budget Proposal | | | Senate Budget Proposal | | | House Budget Proposal | | | Conference Budget Proposal | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|---|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|
| | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | Biennial Total | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | Biennial Total | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | Biennial Total | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | Biennial Total | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | Biennial Total |
| <i>Dollars in Thousands</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Carry Forward Level | 1,211,724 | 1,232,627 | 2,444,351 | 1,211,724 | 1,232,627 | 2,444,351 | 1,211,724 | 1,232,627 | 2,444,351 | 1,211,724 | 1,232,627 | 2,444,351 | 1,211,724 | 1,232,627 | 2,444,351 |
| Compensation Items | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eliminate the Fund Split I-732 COLA Funding Correction | 3,121 | 7,106 | 10,227 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 |
| Eliminate the Fund Split Represented & General Wage Increases | 7,029 | 11,599 | 18,628 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 |
| WPEA and Highline FY26 and FY27 Wage Increases | | | | 117 | 9,154 | 9,271 | 117 | 9,154 | 9,271 | 117 | 9,154 | 9,271 | 117 | 9,154 | 9,271 |
| Benefits and Compensation Adjustments | | | | 40 | (6,074) | (6,034) | 40 | (7,606) | (7,566) | 40 | (6,957) | (6,917) | 40 | (6,957) | (6,917) |
| Maintenance Adjustments | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Project Operating Costs (M&O) | (1,457) | (463) | (1,920) | (1,457) | (463) | (1,920) | (1,459) | (632) | (2,091) | (1,459) | (632) | (2,091) | (1,459) | (632) | (2,091) |
| Utility Rate Adjustments | 7,469 | 7,469 | 14,938 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 |
| College Affordability Program Backfill Inflation Adjustment | | | | 198 | 355 | 553 | 198 | 355 | 553 | 198 | 355 | 553 | 198 | 355 | 553 |
| CIHS Adjustment | | | | 351 | 351 | 702 | 351 | 351 | 702 | 351 | 351 | 702 | 351 | 351 | 702 |
| SB 5194 Mental Health Pilot - Ended July 1 2025 | | | | | | | (512) | (512) | (1,024) | (512) | (512) | (1,024) | (512) | (512) | |
| Central Svs Adjustments | | | | 7,299 | 8,575 | 15,874 | 733 | 561 | 1,294 | 733 | 561 | 1,294 | 626 | 2,852 | 3,478 |
| Policy Level Changes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Across the Board Reduction | | | | - | (18,488) | (18,488) | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 |
| Administrative Reduction (1.5%) | | | | - | (898) | (898) | | (1,229) | (1,229) | - | (3,202) | (3,202) | - | (2,200) | (2,200) |
| Centers of Excellence - Eliminate funding for all industry specific COE | | | | | | | - | - | 0 | - | (2,450) | (2,450) | - | (2,450) | |
| Higher Ed Fund Adjustment - fund swap with Capital | | | 0 | | | 0 | (35,584) | (35,584) | (71,168) | (35,584) | (35,584) | (71,168) | (35,584) | (35,584) | (71,168) |
| Total Proposed 2026 Supplemental Operating Budget | 1,227,886 | 1,258,338 | 2,486,224 | 1,218,272 | 1,225,139 | 2,443,411 | 1,175,608 | 1,197,485 | 2,373,093 | 1,175,608 | 1,193,711 | 2,369,319 | 1,175,501 | 1,197,004 | 2,372,505 |
| <i>Percent Change from Carry Forward Level - State Appropriations</i> | | | | 0.54% | -0.61% | -0.04% | -2.98% | -2.85% | -2.92% | -2.98% | -3.16% | -3.07% | -2.99% | -2.89% | -2.94% |
| Higher Ed Fund Adjustment - capital budget to 149 Operating Fee Acct | | | | | | | 35,584 | 35,584 | 71,168 | 35,584 | 35,584 | 71,168 | 35,584 | 35,584 | 71,168 |
| Funding Proposed with Capital \$ moved to 149 Operating Fee Acct | | | | | | | 1,211,192 | 1,233,069 | 2,444,261 | 1,211,192 | 1,229,295 | 2,440,487 | 1,211,085 | 1,232,588 | 2,443,673 |
| <i>Percent Change from Carry Forward Level with capital fund adjustment to 149</i> | 1.33% | 2.09% | 1.71% | 0.54% | -0.61% | -0.04% | -0.044% | 0.036% | -0.004% | -0.044% | -0.270% | -0.158% | -0.05% | 0.00% | -0.03% |
| I-732 COLA (implicit price deflator) | | | | 3.00% | 2.700% | | 3.00% | 2.600% | | 3.00% | 2.600% | | 3.00% | 2.600% | |
| WFSE/WPEA/Non-Rep General Wage | | | | 3% | 2% | | 3.00% | 2.000% | | 3.00% | 2.000% | | 3.00% | 2.000% | |
| Administrative Reduction (1.5%) | | | | | | | Funding is adjusted to reflect savings to lower overtime, professional service contracts, travel, goods and services, and capital outlays by 1.5 percent. | | | Savings are achieved by reducing appropriations by an amount equal to 1.5 percent of FY 2025 NGF-O salary expenditures for nonfaculty exempt staff. | | | Savings are achieved by reducing appropriations for nonfaculty exempt staff. | | |
| Centers of Excellence - Eliminate funding for all industry specific COE | | | | | | | | | | Savings achieved by eliminating funding for all industry-specific Centers of Excellence. | | | Savings achieved by eliminating funding for all industry-specific Centers of Excellence. | | |
| Higher Ed Fund Adjustment - fund swap with Capital | | | | | | | One-time savings are achieved by reducing state appropriations and replacing it with building fee revenue in the operating fee account. Note: An equal amount of funding is provided in Tuition Operating Fees Account 149 from the Institution's Building Account in Special Appropriations. | | | | | | | | |
| WPEA and Highline FY26 and FY27 Wage Increases | | | | | | | Funding provided for CBA with WPEA and Highline. Includes wage increase of 3% effective July 1, 2025 and a 2% increase effective July 1, 2026. | | | | | | | | |