
Appropriations Committee

HB 1105

Brief Description: Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.

Sponsors: Representatives Hunter, Ormsby and Sullivan; by request of Governor Inslee.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes supplemental changes to operating budget appropriations for the 2013-15 biennium.

Hearing Date: 1/12/15, 1/14/15

Staff: Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

Background:

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

The 2013-15 biennial operating budget was enacted in 2013 and a supplemental operating budget was adopted in 2014. The 2013-15 biennial operating budget, after the 2014 supplemental, appropriates \$33.8 billion from the Near General Fund-State (General Fund-State and the Education Legacy Trust Account) plus the Opportunity Pathways Account. The total budgeted amount, which includes state, federal, and other funds, is \$67.6 billion.

Summary of Bill:

Near General Fund-State plus Opportunity Pathways appropriations for the 2013-15 biennium are increased by \$180.8 million; the total budget is increased by \$1.6 billion.

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Fund transfers and other changes to the original 2013-15 biennial budget are also made.

Some of the larger specific Near General Fund-State plus Opportunities Pathways Account policy changes include:

- \$13.8 million in additional funding to the mental health program in DSHS for additional beds related to single bed certifications.
- \$70 million in additional funding to the Department of Natural Resources for emergency fire suppression, and an additional \$14.3 million for fire contingency expenses for the State Patrol (in Special Appropriations to the Governor).
- \$13 million in additional funds for the Disaster Response Account.

Appropriation: The bill contains multiple appropriations.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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