
Appropriations Committee

HB 1106

Brief Description: Making 2015-2017 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 biennial operating budget appropriations for the 2015-17 biennium.
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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.

Summary of Bill:

Near General Fund-State (General Fund-State and Education Legacy Trust Account) plus Opportunity Pathways Account appropriations for the 2015-17 biennium are \$39.0 billion. Total budgeted funds are \$79.0 billion (includes state, federal and other funds). Fund transfers and other provisions are made.

Some of the larger Near General Fund-State plus Opportunities Pathways Account appropriations for the biennium include:

- \$18.2 billion for K-12 public schools, including approximately \$1.3 billion for implementation of SHB 2776 (2010).

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- \$6.4 billion for the Department of Social and Health Services, including \$667 million for children and family services programs, \$1.1 billion for mental health programs, \$1.2 billion for programs for developmentally disabled persons, \$2.0 billion for long-term care programs, \$853 million for economic services programs, \$189 million for juvenile rehabilitation programs, and \$165 million for substance abuse programs.
- \$6.5 billion for other human services programs, including \$4.4 billion for low-income health and other services in the Health Care Authority and \$1.9 billion for the Department of Corrections.
- \$3.4 billion for higher education institutions and financial aid.

Funding is provided for state employee and non-state employee collective bargaining agreements, arbitration awards, non-represented state employee compensation increases, Initiative 732 COLAs, and additional K-12 salary increases.

Fund transfers of approximately \$667 million from other accounts to the General Fund-State are made, \$450 million of which is from the Budget Stabilization Account.

Appropriation: The bill contains multiple appropriations.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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