# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



## **Appropriations Committee**

### **HB 2376**

**Brief Description**: Making 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.

**Sponsors**: Representatives Dunshee and Chandler; by request of Office of Financial Management.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Makes supplemental changes to operating budget appropriations for the 2015-17 biennium

Hearing Date: 1/13/16

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 2015-17 biennial operating budget appropriates \$38.2 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 \$78.9 billion.

#### **Summary of Bill**:

Near General Fund-State plus Opportunity Pathways appropriations for the 2015-17 biennium are increased by \$520.5 million; the total budget is increased by \$751.3 million.

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Fund transfers and other changes to the original 2015-17 biennial budget are also made. In addition, funds are appropriated from the Budget Stabilization Account for fire related costs.

**Appropriation**: The bill contains multiple appropriations.

**Fiscal Note**: Not requested.

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