Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Appropriations Committee

HB 2325

Brief Description: Making 2019-2021 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

Sponsors: Representative Ormsby; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Makes supplemental changes to operating budget appropriations for the 2019-21 biennium.

Hearing Date: 1/13/20

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 2019-21 biennial operating budget appropriates \$52.5 billion from the Near General Fund-Outlook accounts (General Fund-State and the Education Legacy Trust Account and the Opportunity Pathways Account). The total budgeted amount, which includes state, federal, and other funds, is \$99.3 billion (\$99.7 billion including appropriations in other legislation).

Summary of Bill:

Near General Fund-Outlook (NGF-O) appropriations for the 2019-21 biennium are increased by a net of \$814.1 million; the total budget is increased by a net of \$2.7 billion. The larger net NGF-O increases are in the Health Care Authority (\$295 million), the Department of Children,

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Youth, and Families (\$151 million), and the Department of Social and Health Services (\$112 million). The larger net total budgeted increases are in the Health Care Authority (\$1.5 billion), the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (\$172 million), the Department of Social and Health Services (\$136 million), and the Department of Commerce (\$120 million).

Other changes to the original 2019-21 biennial budget are also made.

Appropriation: The bill contains multiple appropriations. Please see the bill.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

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