

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESSB 5092

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**As Passed House:**

April 25, 2021

**Title:** An act relating to fiscal matters.

**Brief Description:** Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium operating appropriations and 2019-2021 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, Wilson, L. and Wilson, C.; by request of Office of the Governor).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

None.

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 4/25/21, 57-40.

**Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill**

- Makes biennial operating budget appropriations for the 2021-23 biennium and supplemental appropriations for the 2019-21 biennium.

**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.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Near General Fund-Outlook appropriations for the 2021-23 biennium are \$59.2 billion. (Near General Fund-Outlook is State General Fund, the Education Legacy Trust Account, the Opportunity Pathways Account, and the Workforce Education Investment Account.) Total budgeted funds are \$122.6 billion (includes state, federal, and other funds).

Supplemental changes are made to 2019-21 operating appropriations. Near General Fund-Outlook appropriations are decreased by \$1.1 billion. Total budgeted funds are increased by \$10.3 billion (\$1.4 billion in this bill, \$2.4 billion in early action legislation enacted earlier in 2021 Legislative Session, and \$6.4 billion in previously approved unanticipated receipts).

Fund transfers and other provisions are made.

Additional detail can be found at [leap.leg.wa.gov](http://leap.leg.wa.gov).

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

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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