

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5950

As of January 9, 2024

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

Sponsors: Senators Robinson, Nobles and Trudeau; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 1/09/24.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Makes supplemental operating budget appropriations for the 2023-2025 biennium.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Samuel Brown (786-7470)

Background: The operating expenses of state government and its agencies and programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus operating budget adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. In subsequent legislative sessions, a supplemental budget is adopted, making various modifications to agency appropriations. State operating expenses are paid from the state general fund and from various dedicated funds and accounts.

Summary of Bill: The 2023-2025 biennial operating budget appropriations for the various agencies and programs of the state are modified.

Appropriation: The bill modifies appropriations from various accounts.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: Please refer to the January 9, 2024 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Ways & Means Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at <https://tvw.org/video/senate-ways-means-2024011119/?eventID=2024011119>.

Persons Testifying: K-12 Public Schools. PRO: Melissa Gombosky, AESD; Larry Delaney, Washington Education Association; Tyler Muench, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction; Ramona Hattendorf, The Arc of King County; Andrew Villeneuve, Northwest Progressive Institute; Marissa Rathbone, Washington State School Directors' Association.

OTHER: Nancy Chamberlain, Washington State PTA; Jeanne Willard, Everett Public Schools; Vicki Wolvert, Union High School/Evergreen School District; Kia Franklin, Stand for Children WA; Samantha Fogg, Seattle Council PTSA Immediate Past President; Mitch Denning, Alliance of Educational Associations; Bob Cooper, National Association of Social Workers WA Chapter; Henterson Carlisle, Center for High School Success.

Higher Education. PRO: Morgan Hickel, University of Washington; Joel Anderson, Washington Student Achievement Council; Stephanie Winner, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Sandy Kaiser, The Evergreen State College; David Buri, Eastern Washington University.

OTHER: Steve DuPont, Central Washington University; Chris Mulick, Washington State University; Nora Selander, Western Washington University.

Early Learning. PRO: Cathy Murahashi, The Arc of Washington.

OTHER: Melissa Johnson, Washington State Association of Head Start & ECEAP; Pauli Owen; Kristin Wiggins, Perigee Fund / P5RHS; Maya Hemachandra, United Way of Snohomish County; Emily Murphy, Child Care Aware of Washington; Logan Endres, BrightSpark Early Learning.

Employee Compensation. PRO: Clair Olivers, Retired Public Employees Council of WA.

OTHER: Peter Diedrick, WA State School Retirees' Association.

Mental Health. PRO: Anna Nepomuceno, NAMI Washington; Rashi Gupta, UW Medicine; Joan Miller, WA Council for Behavioral Health; Shannon Dorsey; Katie Kolan, Unite Us and Kooth; Cameron Long, Evergreen Treatment Services; Chloe Gale, Evergreen Treatment Services.

OTHER: Jim Polo, WA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Heidi Suarez.

Human Services. PRO: Jim Theofelis, NorthStar Advocates; Brad Forbes, Alzheimer's Association; Cathy Knight, WA Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A); Aaron Czyzewski, Food Lifeline.

CON: Aaron Dickson, Community Employment Alliance; Nikki Wegner, Community Employment Alliance; Blake Duarte.

OTHER: Zack Wester; Nikki Storms; Jill May, Washington Association for Children and Families; Julie Brown, YMCA Social Impact Center; Charles Smith, The Mockingbird Society; Samuel Martin, Washington Coalition on Homeless Youth Advocacy; Melissa Johnson, Community Residential Services Association; Laurie Lippold, Partners for Our Children; Alyssa Odegaard, LeadingAge Washington; Laura Dow, Kinship Navigator Program; Demas Nesterenko, SEIU775; Tammi Elswick, Heritage House Morton; Michelle Dube, Beehive Retirement Center; Sandy Lennon, Washington School-Based Health Alliance; Carolyn Driscoll, The Sequoia Assisted Living Community; Leslie Emerick, Home Care Association of Washington (HCAW); Michele Thomas, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance; Nathan Daniel; Teri Bryant; Jeff Guyett, Community Action Council of Whitman County; Anthony Ives, Kitsap Community Resources; Galina Volchkova, Volunteers of America Western Washington; Stacy Kellogg, People for People; Nicole Gomez, Washington Federation of State Employees; Noah Seidel, Office of Developmental Disabilities Ombuds.

Natural Resources. PRO: Graham Taylor, NPCA; John Floberg, Washington State Parks Foundation.

OTHER: Carly Michiels, Washington Public Ports Association.

All Other. PRO: Christopher Stanley, Administrative Office of the Courts; Larry Jefferson, Director, Washington State Office of Public Defense; Melissa Johnson, District & Municipal Court Judges Association; John Seng, Spark Northwest; Sara Robbins, Office of Civil Legal Aid; Candice Bock, Association of Washington Cities; Steve Hobbs, Office of Secretary of State; Cindy Arends Elsberry, WA Defender Assn/WA Assn of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Daniel Poppe; Megan Larkin, Climate Solutions; Preston Parish, Washington State Budget and Policy Center.

CON: John Worthington.

OTHER: Michael White, King County; Mike Fancher, Washington Coalition for Open Government.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.