

2025 Legislative Session Update



The Big Picture

- 105-day session
- Sent 421 bills to the governor's desk: 274 passed with strong bipartisan support, and 164 passed unanimously.
- Passed operating, capital, and transportation budgets.

Housing

- HB 1217 – Rent stabilization provides predictability for renters
- HB 1461 – Expanding housing options around transit hubs
- SB 5184 – Removing minimum parking requirements makes it cheaper to build and gives developers flexibility to meet local needs
- HB 1696 – Expanding the covenant homeownership program to address the impact of housing discrimination
- HB 1858 – Closing a loophole in the document recording fee that benefitted big banks and corporations to fund housing services

Education

- SB 5263 – Increase funding for Special Education and removing the cap on Special Education enrollment
- SB 5192 – Increasing funding for materials, supplies, and operating costs at our K-12 schools
- HB 1296 – Providing a safe and supportive public education system by clarifying parent and student rights
- Maintained funding for school meals and summer EBT for kids

Community Safety

- HB 2015 – Investing in public safety at the local level with \$100 Million in one-time grants for law enforcement and \$110 Million for the community reinvestment program
- HB 1163 – Requiring a Permit to Purchase for purchasing, transferring, or possessing firearms
- HB 1052 – Increasing clarity in hate crime laws
- HB 1232 – Protecting people held at private detention facilities through operational requirements and strengthened oversight

Health Care

- HB 1531 – Requiring local health officials to implement and promote evidence-based measures to prevent spread of disease
- HB 1432 – Improving access to mental health and substance use disorder treatments
- SB 5489 – Requiring a 12-month supply be available for all contraceptive prescriptions, not just refills
- HB 1971 – Requiring health plans that cover hormone replacement therapy cover a 12-month supply

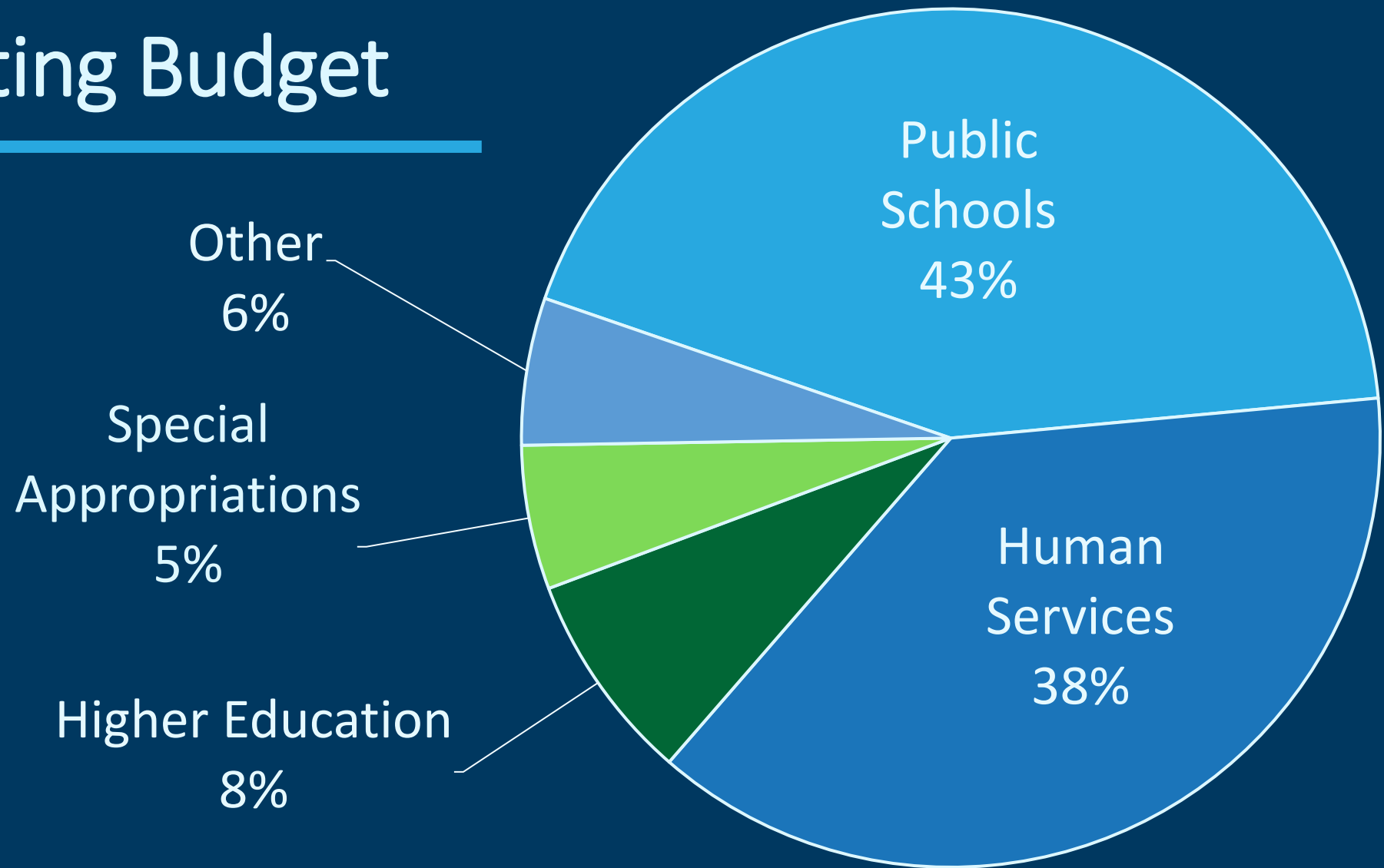
Climate and Environment

- SB 5284 – Reducing waste by making recycling easier and more affordable
- HB 1409 – Improving our Clean Fuels Program
- Protecting the Climate Commitment Act investments supported by voters in 2024
- Maintaining our commitment to fish passage barrier removal in our Transportation Budget
- Investing in salmon hatcheries and steelhead recovery, floodplain safety, and environmental protection in the Capital Budget.

Operating Budget

- Protects funding for food, shelter, and health
- Maintains all food and cash assistance programs
- Makes new investments in K-12 education and housing
- Delays the rollout of some new programs to protect programs that people currently rely on to feed their families or stay housed
- Addresses the budget shortfall with a balanced approach including \$7 Billion in reductions over the next four years

Operating Budget



*Other includes: Other education, governmental operations, natural resources, transportation, and courts/legislature

Transportation Budget

- Supports statewide mobility, infrastructure, and sustainability goals
- Temporarily delays some projects in order to complete high priority construction
- Maintains \$1.1 billion for the removal of obstacles to fish migration
- \$485 million to Fix our Ferries — vessel construction, maintenance, recruiting and training

2025 Transportation Projects Funded – 27th District

Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Street Improvements

Pierce Transit High-Capacity Transit Service Expansion

Pierce Transit SR 7 Express Service (Tacoma to Parkland/Spanaway)

I-5 S 38th St to JBLM HOV Improvements

I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Upgrades

SR 167/SR 509 Puget Sound Gateway Project

I-5 Tacoma HOV Improvements (Nickel/TPA funded)

Tacoma Rail: Alexander Wye & Storage Track Upgrades

Schuster Parkway Trail enhancements

Pierce Transit – Port of Tacoma Service Support

Transportation

- HB 1605 – Washington State Patrol longevity bonus expansion
- HB 1878 – Improving driver safety through education
- HB 1596 – Reducing speed-related crashes and fatalities by requiring speed limiting devices for drivers with a history of excessive speeding or reckless driving

Capital Budget

- Did not have the same deficits that the Operating and Transportation budget faced
- Record-setting \$605 million for the Housing Trust Fund to build more affordable housing across the state
- Nearly \$1 billion for K-12 school construction and early learning facilities
- Reserve set aside to account for rising construction costs and uncertain economic conditions

2025 Capital Budget Project Funding

Organization	Funding
Cora Whitley Family Center	\$485,000
Willard Early Learning Center	\$5,050,000
Asia Pacific Cultural Center	\$1,030,000
Grand Cinema	\$618,000
Integrated Care Clinic	\$1,030,000
MDC Capital Improvement	\$1,236,000
Peck Community Sports Park Expansion	\$1,030,000
Sheffield Trail	\$1,030,000
Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center	\$1,622,000
Mason Affordable Housing Development	\$309,000
Maritime 253: South Puget Sound Maritime Skills Center	\$5,000,000
UW Tacoma Campus Power Repairs	\$3,900,000

Questions?

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