

SENATE PROPOSAL 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

After two difficult and challenging years, our state is in a strong position to come roaring back. Washingtonians are ready to look to the future with hope and this budget provides an optimistic vision for our state. This budget delivers for working families, our schools, the environment and takes bold steps to reduce poverty and homelessness. It adds nearly \$6 billion to build upon the greatest community reinvestment this state has ever made in the two-year budget passed last April. We've proved here in Washington that when you put people first and make investments to improve their lives, the entire state benefits. Now, with this supplemental budget we are looking to the future – a strong, sustainable and healthy future.

STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOLS

- \$345 million to stabilize school districts that experienced enrollment declines because of the pandemic.
- \$172 million to add nurses and counselors in schools to meet the physical and social emotional needs of students.
- \$400 million to replace or retrofit school buildings in seismically active areas or tsunami zones.
- \$29 million to support expanded nursing education at state universities and colleges.
- \$18 million for cybersecurity training programs at state universities and colleges.
- \$13 million for expected increases to enrollment in transitional kindergarten programs.



- \$10 million to support outdoor education camps and programs for 5th and 6th grade students.

REDUCING POVERTY

- \$95 million to increase access to lifelines for people across the state: Working Connections Child Care, behavioral health services, child visitation, and in-home care.
- \$75 million for the Farmers-to-Families Food Box Program to get fresh, healthy food to food banks across the state.
- \$41 million to help transition people camping on certain public roads and highways to emergency and permanent housing.
- \$38 million to increase financial support for people eligible for the Aged, Blind, or Disabled program.
- \$9 million to expand the Basic Food program expansions, including additional funding for children with temporarily enhanced emergency nutrition benefits loaded on EBT cards that are used to purchase food during the school year.
- \$4 million to assist tenant and landlord relations, including funding for dispute resolution services to indigent tenants involved in an eviction proceeding, and legal advice and assistance to tenants prior to the filing of an eviction action.
- \$6 million to expand access to no-barrier, low-barrier, and transitional housing using a housing-first approach.
- \$3 million for an emergency adolescent housing pilot, which will provide a supportive housing option for youth aged 16 and older.
- \$100 million for utility assistance (federal covid relief).



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- SEN. CHRISTINE ROLFES

TARGETED TAX CUTS



The budget includes targeted tax cuts for land redevelopment and rural economic development, reductions in tolls for highways and bridges, and sales tax exemptions for electric vehicles and solar power purchases.

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HEALTHY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

- \$208 million to increase access to services for individuals with a developmental disability or with long-term care needs.
- \$100 million to address workforce shortages and improve access to behavioral health services.
- \$125 million for reinvestment grants to communities disproportionately harmed by the war on drugs.
- \$17 million to speed up implementation of last year's groundbreaking Fair Start Act – the largest expansion of early learning and childcare in the state's history.
- \$350 million to strengthen our state's groundbreaking paid family leave program.
- \$30 million for cancer research (Andy Hill Cancer Research Endowment Account.)
- \$15 million (federal) for Afghan refugees arriving in Washington, including for their immediate and long-term physical and mental health needs, to assist with children's successful integration into school, and more supports.
- \$15 million to increase access to dental care for children.
- \$5 million for a grant program to expand the use of air conditioning in adult family homes.
- \$5 million to expand the School-to-Work Program in all counties to connect students with intellectual and developmental disabilities with supported employment services.



CLIMATE ACTION, SALMON RECOVERY & PUBLIC LANDS

- \$209 million for salmon recovery projects across the state, including the Duckabush estuary restoration project.
- \$94 million for solar energy infrastructure projects including solar resilience hubs, electric vehicle parking canopies, and solar energy projects that benefit low-income communities.
- \$82 million to build electric vehicle charging infrastructure in rural areas, office buildings, multifamily housing, ports, and state and local government offices. Funding to build out a mapping tool that provides locations and essential information of charging and refueling infrastructure.
- \$15 million to speed up repairs and improvements at state-owned recreation lands and facilities.
- \$2 million to help communities prepare for and respond to severe drought conditions.

STRONG STATE ECONOMY



For the second year in a row, in 2021 Washington State was ranked by US News and World Report as the best state in the nation to live and work. During this pandemic we have maintained our AAA bond rating and our pensions are among the top five most solidly funded nationally.

NUMBERS

\$5.8 billion in new investments to the two-year budget – including an unprecedented \$2 billion transfer to the Transportation Budget to fund ferries, bridges, and highways without new bonds or increased gas taxes.

\$700 million in state and federal funds is appropriated to help people out of homelessness and to provide housing for struggling Washingtonians.

\$600 million will support public schools, including state support for school nurses and counselors.

\$400 million to retrofit older school buildings for seismic safety.