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House 2007-09 Operating Budget

Putting Families First

Real solutions for real people: Making critical investments in the things that matter most to Washington's families.

House Operating Budget Highlights



Educating our kids

Education is the most important investment we can make in our children – and our future. We know now that children are born ready to learn, and we want to help their parents and their teachers give every child the tools to succeed.

- **Early Learning**

- ECEAP expansion \$27 million
- In-home assistance \$8.3 million
- Reading Initiative \$2 million

- **K-12 Education**

- Fully fund I-728 \$238 million
- Full-day kindergarten phase-in \$51.2 million
- Special education \$60.7 million
- Dropout prevention \$8.4 million
- School staffing ratio \$39.3 million

- **Math and Science Initiative**

- Professional development for teachers \$39.5 million
- Expand LASER (Pacific Science Center) \$9.4 million
- Burke Science Education \$1.5 million
- Targeted math/science grants \$10 million

- **Recruiting and retaining good teachers**

- Fully-fund I-732 \$379 million
- Salary equity \$79.5 million
- Health benefits \$66.3 million

Achieving a prosperous future

Washington workers and businesses are competing with workers and businesses from around the world. Good jobs are key to secure families and communities, and a strong economy is achieved through innovation, education, and incentives. We make targeted investments in all those areas and match workforce training to the high-demand jobs already available in our state. We also offer assistance to individual families seeking to learn better asset management skills.

- **Access to higher education**
 - General enrollments \$54.5 million
 - Math and science enrollments \$17 million
 - High-demand enrollments \$28.2 million

- **New Programs and Research**
 - Agriculture research at WSU \$14.3 million
 - Health-related research at UW \$11.8 million
 - Science degrees at WWU and WSU \$3.5 million

- **Helping make college affordable**
 - Opportunity Grants expanded \$15 million
 - State Need Grants \$33 million
 - GET Math and Science grants \$14 million

- **Attracting and retaining businesses**
 - Tourism Partnership \$9 million
 - Incentives \$37 million

- **Family prosperity**
 - Asset building/EITC outreach \$2 million
 - Individual Development Accounts \$1 million
 - Creating Voluntary IRA's \$480,000
 - Linked Deposit Program \$3.7 million

Keeping our families healthy

The health of our children, seniors, and community-at-large is a priority we all share. We are offering reforms to make health care more affordable for all citizens – and to make sure every child has health coverage.

- **Children's Health**
 - Expanding children's health \$28.2 million
 - Children's mental health \$10.7 million
 - Vaccines \$19.8 million

- **Public health and family planning**
 - Public health districts \$20 million
 - Family Planning \$5 million

- **Seniors**
 - Prescription Drug Assistance (Medicare Part D) \$13.8 million
 - Nursing Homes \$30 million
 - Home Care \$48 million
 - Long-term Care Ombudsman \$512,000

- **Reducing Costs & Reforming the System**
 - Blue Ribbon Commission \$2.25 million
 - Washington Health Insurance Partnership \$7.4 million

Protecting our vulnerable family members

Everybody has the right to live in a safe, affordable home and feel secure and supported. Strategic investments are made to protect our most vulnerable people.

- **Foster children**
 - Passport to College \$2.5 million
 - Kinship Care \$4.5 million
 - Medical Assistance until age of 21 \$1.6 million
 - Youth Housing \$1 million
 - Basic Health Plan for Foster Parents \$2.5 million

- **Affordable homes**
 - Affordable Housing for all (HB 1359) \$2 million
 - Mobile Home Relocation \$4 million
 - Mobile Home Dispute Resolution (HB 1431) \$2.1 million

Enhancing our environment

Our beautiful environment is one of the keys to attracting and retaining businesses and employees to our region – our natural wonders and state parks attract visitors from around the world. We want to maintain and improve what we already have, and we are also investing in a new state park.

- **Healthy Environment**
 - Puget Sound Cleanup \$37 million (all funds)
 - Shellfish Research \$800,000

- **Renewable energy use**
 - Green energy \$4 million
 - Clean streams/clear skies \$4 million

- **Parks & Open Space**
 - Keeping state parks open \$4.2 million
 - Cama Beach state park \$2 million
 - Outdoor education \$1 million

Building safe neighborhoods

We believe that people should have a sense of security and peace of mind in their home, on their street, and around their neighborhoods and communities.

- **Public Safety**

- DOC Overcrowding \$11 million
- Offender reentry \$24 million
- Auto Theft Penalties \$15.5 million
- School Safety \$2 million
- Boating Safety \$5 million

Saving for future needs

We recognize that unexpected things can happen, and we plan for their costs.

- **Ending fund balance** \$519.8 million
- **Emergency reserve fund** \$144.0 million