



Families First

A Contract Between Generations

2017-19 House Democrats
Operating Budget Highlights

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(Note: This is not a comprehensive list of investments, therefore highlight totals will not add up to the full amount listed in red.)

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Families First

K-12 Education

\$7.1 Billion

Fully funds basic education for our K-12 schools via
HDC education funding plan

\$1.9 billion for 17-19 & \$5.3 billion for 19-21

Invests in addressing our teacher shortage

\$7 million for 17-19 & \$7 million for 19-21

Expands opportunities for work-integrated learning

\$6 million for 17-19 & \$6 million for 19-21

Delays full implementation rather than repeals I-1351 (class sizes)

\$1.9 billion savings in 19-21

A photograph of three children sitting at a wooden table in a classroom. A girl in a white sweater is pointing at a book, while two boys, one in a red and black striped sweater and one in a red shirt, look on. There are yellow highlighters and papers on the table.

*Keeping our promise to one million
public school kids.*



Families First Early Learning & Child Care

\$106 Million

Expands Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) by 3,000 slots
\$30.9 million in 17-19 & \$38.6 million in 19-21

Increases ECEAP slot rates so programs can retain qualified staff and meet high quality standards *\$7.9 million in 17-19 & \$16.8 million in 19-21*

Increases Working Connections Child Care rates and tiered quality rating reimbursements & funds Early Start Act
\$24.9 million in 17-19 & \$25.9 million in 19-21

Maintains & expands Home Visiting by 150 families
\$2.5 million in 17-19 & \$3.6 million in 19-21

*Placing our kids on the right
pathways to success.*

Families First Higher Education

\$400 Million

Freeze tuition for four-year institutions and CTCs & backfills lost tuition revenue
\$56.4 million in 17-19 & \$76.8 million in 19-21

Maintains State Need Grant for existing student caseload, backfilling use of one-time funds in 15-17 biennium
\$23.4 million in 17-19 & \$46.9 million in 19-21

Increases funding for State Need Grant, expanding higher ed access to 6,000 students
\$49.2 million in 17-19 & \$48.8 million in 19-21

Invests in Student Success initiatives at regional universities and CTCs
\$15.0 million in 17-19 & \$15.0 million in 19-21

Funds Spokane medical education at WSU medical school and continuation of WWAMI (UW)
\$15 million in 17-19 & 17.9 million in 19-21

Increases funding for I-BEST program (*\$7.0 million for 17-19*)
and expands MESA sites (*\$1.5 million per biennium*)

*Making the college dream
more affordable.*



Families First Health Care

\$428 Million

Assumes federal funds from the Medicaid Transformation Waiver
\$1.5 billion federal funds over four years (\$736 million federal funds in 17-19)

Funds Healthier WA Savings to prevent cuts to HCA
\$61 million in 17-19 only

Invests in public health at the local and state level
\$36.0 million in 17-19 & \$36.0 million in 19-21 to local public health
\$4 million in 17-19 for state public health funding

Adds funding for screening & testing for lead in our communities and schools
\$5.9 million in 17-19 & \$6.9 million in 19-21

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*Ensuring a healthier
Washington for all.*

Families First Behavioral Health \$350 Million

Community, long-term care & DD investments - funding over 400 new beds & enhanced discharge placements

\$35.1 million in 17-19 & \$84.9 million in 19-21

Housing & Supportive Services - funding over 420 residential program & permanent supporting housing units

\$11.0 million in 17-19 & 14.9 million in 19-21

Inpatient psychiatric & BHO Medicaid rates increases

\$25.9 million in 17-19 & \$27.7 million in 19-21

State hospital funding

\$80.9 million in 17-19 & \$66.9 million in 19-21

*Providing care and treatment
for those in need.*

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Children & Family Services

\$70 Million

Funds the new Department of Children, Youth & Families
\$8.7 million in 17-19 & \$16.1 million in 19-21

Increases case-carrying social workers to lower caseloads and better serve foster kids & families
\$6.4 million in 17-19 & \$7.9 million in 19-21

Funds emergency placement contracts for difficult-to-place foster kids
\$4.6 million in 17-19 & \$4.7 million in 19-21

Increases funding for in-home services travel time
(\$4.6 million for 17-19 & \$4.6 million for 19-21)
and visitation services
(\$2.6 million for 17-19 & \$2.7 million for 19-21)

*Fulfilling our moral obligation to
care for children in need.*



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Long-Term Care & DD

\$157 Million

Increases Supported Living rates for community residential providers
\$39.5 million in 17-19 & \$54.0 million in 19-21

Funds nursing home direct care payments
\$10.1 million in 17-19 & \$10.5 million in 19-21

Increases funding for respite care
(\$2.0 million in 17-19 & \$2.1 million for 19-21)

And employment services for 600 transitioning students
(\$2.7 million in 17-19 & \$5.2 million in 19-21)

*Providing high-quality care to
our aging population and people
with disabilities.*

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Human Services

\$106 Million

Increases funding for homelessness assistance programs, including youth homelessness and permanent supportive housing (General Fund & dedicated funds)

\$11 million GFS, plus \$6 million Home Security Acct in each biennium

Restores TANF grants starting in FY19, increases ABD grants & resource limits *\$21.6 million in 17-19 & \$45.3 million in 19-21*

Helping families stay in their homes.

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Public Safety

\$68 Million

Funds 16 Basic Law Enforcement Academy classes per year & training for prosecutors
\$2.6 million in 17-19 only

Adds funding for IT *(\$2.2 million in 17-19 & \$1.8 million in 19-21)*
and records staff at DOC
(\$2.6 million in 17-19 & \$2.6 million in 19-21)

Funds Hepatitis C treatment for DOC offenders
\$7.7 million in 17-19 & \$8.1 million in 19-21

Keeping our communities safe.



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Judicial Branch

\$53 Million

Increases funding for civil legal aid attorneys
\$6.5 million in 17-19 & \$10.9 million in 19-21

Expands Parents Representation program statewide &
addresses caseload at OPD, AGO
(General fund & dedicated funds)
\$ 16.1 million in 17-19 & \$16.1 million in 19-21

Provides funding for court IT needs
(General Fund & dedicated funds)
\$29.8 million in 17-19

*Investing in a justice system
accessible by all.*

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Natural Resources

\$30 Million

Funds Ecology Clean Air Rule

\$4.6 million in 17-19 & \$4.7 million in 19-21

Increases funding for State Parks operations & maintenance

\$13 million in 17-19 from Parks dedicated accounts

Addresses MTCA shortfalls at Ecology

\$10 million MTCA/ELSA savings in 17-19

*Preserving our natural resources
for future generations.*

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Employee Compensation

\$1.7 Billion

Keeps faith with state employees by funding all negotiated collective bargaining agreements
\$669.9 million in 17-19 & \$989.0 million in 19-21

Funds employee health benefits & increases retiree Medicare subsidy
\$96.5 million in 17-19 & \$166.9 million in 19-21

Recruiting and retaining a high-quality workforce.



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Resources & Major Savings

Maintains 2015-17 budget policy of shifting anticipated extraordinary revenue growth dollars from BSA to General Fund

\$867 million transfer to GFS in FY 2017 (Supplemental)

Extends the Hospital Safety Net Assessment

\$292 million GFS savings in 19-21 (Outlook biennium only)

Maintains 2015-17 budget policy of shifting certain tax streams from Public Works Assistance Account to the Education Legacy Trust Account

\$213 million additional resources for education in 19-21 (Outlook biennium only)

Utilizes I-502 funds for Medicaid & community health centers

\$85.5 million GFS savings in 17-19 & \$132.7 million savings in 19-21

Assumes savings from BHO Medicaid reserve payback with shift from BHOs to managed care

\$146 million GFS savings in 19-21 (Outlook biennium only)

Suspend Local Public Safety Account transfer

\$50 million GFS savings in 17-19 & \$50 million GFS savings in 19-21

Funding the state's constitutional and moral obligations

- ✓ Fully funding basic education
- ✓ Increasing college financial aid and freezing tuition
- ✓ Investing in our behavioral health system to help people in crisis get the help they need
- ✓ Expanding early learning opportunities for our youngest learners
- ✓ Increasing funding for homelessness & programs that help struggling families stay on their feet