

Budget Comparison Survey

Q3 What do you think? Leave a comment with your thoughts, feedback and suggestions.

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#	Responses	Date
1	I have an emotional reaction I'm unable to express well. The comparisons make me feel I should know who in the Senate is supposed to represent me and my friends. I need to tell them.	4/11/2017 2:38 PM
2	It is imperative that we have a serious funding of public education without sacrificing other important social services.	4/8/2017 10:01 PM
3	I would hate for our State to function as poorly as the Federal Congress straight down party lines. What ever happened to compromise? Our Country is more divided now since we have a narcissistic leader in the White House.	4/8/2017 8:20 AM
4	Need to fight for colas and class size reduction k12 not just in elementary. Also address future initiatives to have Then include funding sources.	4/6/2017 7:51 PM
5	The truth is somewhere between both positions. But on that note I believe much of the problem is the excessive waste in government. It appears the standard government magic trick is to just raise taxes so we can throw more money at our problems. I don't see strong attempts to trim government waste. Were the company I work for to copy government's model we would go out of business within a year. For example, I am the manager of energy projects. My little dept. only has five managers for all of North America. We have nearly a thousand locations turning to us daily for support and we manage it by working smarter. Other companies (various sizes but mostly smaller) tell us what we accomplish is unheard of in the industry. I won't say who I work for, but everyone loves us and shops us often. Apparently not too many companies of this size manages as much with so little staff. That just tells me there is too much waste. I don't work overtime. I work hard, but I'm not stressed or overly burdened. So, for me, it is very hard to get behind either the Democrats or the Republicans. With both sides blaming each other, waste continues to grow and the state suffers. Needless to say, government could learn a lot from our business model.	4/6/2017 3:14 PM
6	The House's budget helps protect some of our most vulnerable populations-- which should be a priority as a human being, but especially during a Trump presidency when these populations are even more at-risk. Funding education is CRITICAL to our society.	4/6/2017 9:04 AM
7	Were being taxed way too much. I know we need to pay for all services, but at what cost to the middle class. After receiving our car tab notifications and their cost, I feel our family cannot support passing any tax increases. Were paying for Sound Transit with car tabs and property taxes. This is way too much.	4/6/2017 8:54 AM
8	Taxwise there have been too many large giveaways to corporations. See how Boeing treated us. School levies hurt those who can least afford it. What about the Lotto..... the main selling point to have the Lotto was the funds going to the schools eliminating the need for levies. Restore funds to Human Services; no cuts.	4/6/2017 1:05 AM
9	Close the loopholes. Protect our most vulnerable.	4/5/2017 11:25 PM
10	We shouldn't depend on special sessions to get the budget passed. Fund education first, then whatever is left use to fund the next highest priority, and so on. If the state doesn't have enough money without raising taxes, fees, etc, then they need to start cutting those lowest priorities.	4/5/2017 9:25 PM
11	McCleary should be fully funded. I personally favor a carbon tax.	4/5/2017 8:01 PM
12	Do the right thing for students, low income, etc.	4/5/2017 7:59 PM
13	This is really a poorly written and slanted survey. And, by raising taxes on business, even "large business" these increases will be pass along to their customers.	4/5/2017 7:03 PM
14	As a teacher, the blatant disregard (not fully funding education) for my profession, teaching at risk youth at a state funded correctional facility, is a travesty and an insult to the work I do, and the children I serve. Education needs to be a mandatory top priority in our state, and all states. Who exactly does the Senate believe will "create" the next generation of state lawmakers? I am on the front line of instilling quality values and higher level thinking skills for our state's children, yet I continually fight a losing battle due to a lack of funding to support my student's educational needs.	4/5/2017 6:56 PM
15	It doesn't matter it wont matter until you get it all! Washington is becoming the biggest socialist state in the US.	4/5/2017 6:49 PM
16	I don't understand no COLA for teachers - maybe administrators [because some of them are not worth 1/2 what they earn] - and pay other school employees [paraprofessionals] a living wage	4/5/2017 6:30 PM

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17	Give the repugnants some of their own medicine!	4/5/2017 6:26 PM
18	Candidly, I am sick and tired of conservative economics.	4/5/2017 6:11 PM
19	Over taxing middle class and retired middle class. Getting too expensive to live in this state with all the taxes on the middle class.	4/5/2017 6:04 PM
20	Learn to spend what you have and prepare for an economic downturn.	4/5/2017 5:19 PM
21	If you pass the Senate bill or something like it, the legislature will still be in contempt of court for not meeting that McCleary ruling. That would be unacceptable. Please fight for our students!	4/5/2017 5:18 PM
22	At some point.....we need to evaluate how much education we can afford. We cannot stop all other programs in the state just for education.	4/5/2017 3:55 PM
23	Need to fund LAP at an even higher level than in the House budget. Should include concentration factor as in HB 1511.	4/5/2017 3:24 PM
24	One thing that bothers me is not having a requirement for budget recipients to implement efficiencies, elimination of duplications, raising management ratios, etc. Requiring an accounting showing a 10% improvement without any reduction in service should be easy. We did this with any government contract we had at Boeing.	4/5/2017 3:08 PM
25	Highly in favor of capital gains tax, prefer an income tax with reduction in sales tax and property taxes, higher property taxes impact the middle class way too much	4/5/2017 3:04 PM
26	It is time to come together and make some compromises to get business done. We are all tired of the no-action or overtime sessions. Get your work done during the regular session.	4/5/2017 1:46 PM
27	I favor a state income tax and reduction in sales tax.	4/5/2017 12:48 PM
28	There is a great deal of mega-wealth in this area as well as people earning \$100K+/year. The impact of ANY tax increase should fall upon those most able to pay and least upon families with incomes under \$75K and retirees on fixed incomes. Continual general property tax increases (however laudable the purpose) result in higher housing prices and rising rents that can drive moderate and low-income residents out.	4/5/2017 12:31 PM
29	Do not let the Republicans follow our President's lead and un-do years of progress.	4/5/2017 12:21 PM
30	I don't see any ideas from the House how to minimize spending, but only ideas how to collect more taxes.	4/5/2017 12:19 PM
31	Thank you for using this format to gather constituent input.	4/5/2017 12:06 PM
32	Voters have rejected an income tax over and over again. The capital gains tax is an income tax and will be a step to more. The House needs to stop defying the voters on this subject now and for the foreseeable future.	4/5/2017 11:58 AM
33	This is a VERY slanted survey. The information and choices are too limited. Question one would not allow me to select the same for both budgets. i.e. could not select neutral for both, which is my choice. I'd prefer not to answer the question but your format won't allow me to deselect. VERY POORLY DONE!	4/5/2017 11:36 AM
34	Absolutely opposed to a capital gains tax as that will create the infrastructure to incorporate a state income tax.	4/5/2017 11:32 AM
35	I think this is a completely biased attempt to con voters into blindly believing the Democrats that have taxed & spent us over a cliff,	4/5/2017 11:22 AM
36	I think there is a large amount of waste in the school system and an audit could skim some of this waste away if the unions would stop their strong arm tactics. Why are there kids in High school wearing diapers? This is merely a babysitting service for parents with uneducable children. Eliminate some of the administrators too. DIG in and find the WASTEFULNESS and you will be shocked at how much extra money there is.	4/5/2017 11:19 AM
37	I think the State needs to better use the dollars they have. Stop all funding to aid illegal trespassers in our Country. Verify income of all persons getting any reduced housing and all welfare, subsidized daycare and free health benefits. Enforce laws on people continuously selling high dollar items on sites such as Craig's List, Offer up, etc sales tax possibilities here?	4/5/2017 11:16 AM
38	do not finance early earning as this is something the parents should pay for. You need to look for ways to reduce taxes not increase them. You need to repeal ST3.	4/5/2017 11:14 AM
39	Fund state employees raises that the governor has agreed to!	4/5/2017 11:08 AM
40	The Republicans with their Reagan-era "no new taxes" pledge need to wake up and join the 21st century.	4/5/2017 11:06 AM
41	We favor capital gains tax on stock transactions.	4/5/2017 11:02 AM
42	Real decisions in this issue have been delayed for so long, that it is time to finally fix it.	4/5/2017 10:56 AM

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43	The difference is so clear. The House speaks for all the people and protects those that need our help. The Senate is deaf to the voice of the most vulnerable.	4/5/2017 10:54 AM
44	Thanks for the details and including both sides statements on their proposals. Please fight for our students and families for as long as it takes!	4/5/2017 10:51 AM
45	Fully fund education without shortchanging social services. Increase revenue (but not increasing regressive taxes) to do it.	4/5/2017 10:51 AM
46	We have reached a time of stand and fight in this state and country.	4/5/2017 10:50 AM
47	I would like to cut taxes overall and government services. Smaller government with less red tape is better for all. It might hurt some right away but we can correct it all gradually if we all work together on the local level.	4/5/2017 10:49 AM
48	I don't like additional taxes, but I do realize that we have underfunded education in this state too long. It has to come from somewhere. That being said our representatives have been way too partisan and lost the ability to negotiate as a whole (there have been exceptions) This has cost the taxpayer additional funds and is a disservice to the citizens of this state.	4/5/2017 10:48 AM
49	You guys have to meet somewhere in the middle and not drag this out. I'm fine with taxes, what I am always wary of is when you do a new tax and tell us that it'll just be for a specific period of time (stadiums ring a bell?) and then instead you continue raising it. I have learned we need more revenue, but you have to learn to keep your word.	4/5/2017 10:45 AM