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HOUSE INTRODUCES BUDGET - CUTS 695 BACKFILL

On the second day of the special session both Representatives Barry Sehlin and Helen Sommers introduced their joint budget to the capitol press in a press conference that was filled with questions about cuts in state employee salaries, medical care for the low income and 695 backfill. They explained that they did not have enough money to address all needs and that they would not use the LEOFF 1 reserves because it could not be sustained into future years.

The bad news for counties is that there is nearly an \$8 million cut in 695 backfill when compared to the Governor and Senate versions of the budget. The good news is that the House agreed with the Senate and Governor by agreeing to lower pension contribution rates resulting in a savings to counties of nearly \$27 million. However, some legislators are saying that by giving this to counties it justifies the cuts in 695 backfill.

In testifying before House Appropriations Committee WSAC staff said, "Pension rate assumption changes will help us and we appreciate it. Neither you nor we should continue to over-fund an adequately funded pension system. This will assist us as one component of the ongoing cost reductions we must make to absorb criminal justice cost increases of 8 to 10% per year in the face of 2% tax growth limits. Using this as a justification to cut our 695 backfill is equivalent to forcing you to reduce the 695-spending limit because pension rates have dropped. Lower pension rates are part of the solution to a larger problem – they should not be used as a justification for creating additional problems."

In the meantime, Representative Sandra Romero, D-22 District, is poised to run an amendment on the House floor that would restore the 695 backfill to the level adopted by the Governor and Senate. An email was sent out to all members asking you to call your House members in support of the amendment. While we don't know the success of this effort as we go to press, all members are urged to thank Rep. Romero for taking the lead to restore local government criminal justice funding.

It is important to recognize that while the House budget is not nearly as good for counties as the Senate budget, it is not the final budget. Assuming there are enough votes to pass it out of the House today, and at this time that is not a foregone conclusion, it will go back to the Senate for negotiations.

The Senate still strongly believes the LEOFF 1 reserve can be used to balance the budget and meet the needs of employee salaries, pay for increased medical care for low-income patients and provide full 695 backfill as promised in the 2000 supplemental budget.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF LEGISLATION

With the end of the regular session of the Legislature, Governor Locke now has until May 15 to act on bills passed during the session, or they will automatically become law. Most bills will become effective 90 days after the end of the regular session, on July 22. Bills with emergency clauses become effective immediately, or will contain an effective date other than July 22.

CERTIFICATION TRAINING PROGRAM KICKS OFF

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The Certification of Public Officials (CPO) development project is moving closer to reality. WSAC, WACO, CRAB, WCRP and WSU are partnering in this effort. We have entered into an agreement with Dema Harris, former Director of Administrative Services with Yakima County, to chair the Curriculum Committee and coordinate development of the program. The CPO will provide Elected and Appointed Officials with a highly cost-effective means of obtaining continuing education that is affordable, of high quality and within a reasonable distance from our home counties.

Earlier this year nearly 300 responses were received from the Training Needs Assessment, which was distributed by mail to our members. We would like to thank all of you who took the time to respond. We will use the data provided by you to design the curriculum for the CPO. The top ten educational topic areas identified are:

- Dealing Effectively with Press and other Media
- Conflict of Interest & Appearance of Fairness
- Open Meetings and Public Disclosure
- Conducting Effective Public Meetings/Making Meetings work
- Motivation in the Workplace
- Corrective Action and Discipline
- Developing an Effective Management Team
- Problem-solving techniques
- Managing the Budget Process
- Managing Organizational Change

During the coming months, we will continue to communicate updates as the program begins to take shape. While the program is not fully developed we will be offering a one-day workshop for CPO credit at the Summer WSAC Conference, June 12, in Yakima. The Workshop will focus on County Budgeting and Finance issues. The training will be especially helpful for newly elected or appointed officials but will also be valuable for any other county officials involved in the county budget process. Watch for more detailed information and the registration forms.

The partners for the CPO are very interested in your ideas, comments and suggestions. Please feel free to communicate with Association leadership, Directors or with Dema Harris directly. She can be reached by email at Demagh@aol.com, or by phone at 509-658-2633, 206-276-9181 or fax 509-658-1016.

TRANSPORTATION

NO MOVEMENT ON A TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

The special session started on noon Wednesday with four committees representing members from both sides of the aisle and rotunda at the table attempting to hammer out unresolved issues in order to get a transportation package out of the legislature. The legislature is still grappling with how to solve the revenue questions on the transportation package and how to resolve the differences on the efficiency/accountability package. The major policy issues that need to be resolved are:

- Governor authority over the Secretary of Transportation
- Statewide revenue package
- Regional revenue package
- Environmental Permit Streamline Process

The four working committees of appointed Senate and House Transportation Committee members are: Environmental Permit & Streamlining, Revenue committee, Regional Issues, and Accountability, Efficiencies & Governance. This week there was very little progress made towards a final transportation package. Perhaps next week will be productive. For questions or comments, please contact Jackie White (WSAC staff).

TAXATION & FINANCE

PROPERTY TAX

Assessors should take a minute and send to Governor Locke letters of support for the Timber Tax rewrite, **SSB 5702**, and the two-year death window, **SHB 1450**. We do not expect there will be any letters of opposition, but it is good to have a little insurance in case there would be some concerns raised about some fiscal aspect in the measures.

HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE JUSTICE & HOUSING

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THREE-DAY STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING ANNOUNCED

The ninth annual affordable housing conference has been announced. The title is "Housing Washington 2001: Build on Success". The conference will be held October 15 – 17, 2001 at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel. It will explore the following themes:

- Celebrating affordable housing successes;
- Preserving existing housing, including historic;
- Providing defensible safe living spaces;
- Exploring rural and farm worker housing;
- Systemic and holistic approaches to making housing affordable and possible (infrastructure requirements, jobs, child care, transportation, energy, etc.); and
- Service supports for special populations.

The conference is sponsored by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission and Washington State Office of Community Development in partnership with the Washington Low Income Housing Network and Blue Mountain Action Council. For additional information contact www.wshfc.org/conf or e-mail: conf@wshfc.org or phone 1-800-767-HOME (4663) extension 773 or 360-357-8044.

LAW & JUSTICE

HOUSE PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The House Proposed Operating Budget includes the following: \$124,000 to WASPC for incident-based reporting for technical and training support; \$136,000 to WAPA for prosecutor training; \$233,000 to train local law enforcement to respond to methamphetamine crime; \$374,000 for implementation of **HB 1062**, certification of peace officers (if enacted, **HSB 1062** has been delivered to the Governor); and \$100,000 to WASPC for grants for electronic mapping of schools. The Criminal Justice Training Commission budget (House version) does not include \$65,000 for regionalized training programs on school safety issues. The Senate version did. The Office of Financial Management budget includes \$229,000 to WASPC for the jail reporting system.

The House Proposed Operating Budget, which passed out of committee today, also includes \$1,419,000 to the Washington State Patrol methamphetamine enforcement training, additional members of the incident response team, and two scientists and equipment to do methamphetamine related testing in the state crime laboratory. \$100,000 is allowed for DNA testing if **SB 5896** is enacted. **SB 5896** has been delivered to the Governor. Two scientists for the Spokane Toxicology Laboratory are also funded. They will be housed in Seattle until Spokane is completed.

CRIME LABORATORIES

Despite lobbying by prosecutors, law enforcement and the Forensic Investigations Council, the House Capital Budget (amendments to **HB 1359**) does not include funds for the land acquisition and preliminary design for the Vancouver Crime Laboratory. The budget does allow \$400,000 for the proposed Spokane Crime Laboratory at Eastern Washington University. That amount is \$100,000 less than **PSSB 5347**, the Senate Proposed Capital Budget.

DEATH INVESTIGATIONS

HOUSE PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

All programs funded from the Death Investigations Account are included in the House Proposed Operating Budget for 2001/03. They include: coroner training; autopsy reimbursement; forensic pathology specialist; state toxicology laboratory; multiple and catastrophic death investigations; Forensic Investigations Council; and the full autopsy reimbursement provided in **HB 1216**, SIDS, Chapter 82, Laws of 2001.

COURTS

JUROR COMPENSATION

\$600,000 is provided to the Office of the Administrator for the Courts (OAC) to increase the rate of juror pay from \$10 to \$15 per day beginning on the second day of service and an additional \$200,000 for grants to counties where jurors pay in excess of \$10.00 per day for parking.

JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Funding is provided to OAC in the amount of \$17, 894.00 to enhance and upgrade various Judicial Information Systems, of⁴ which \$410,000 will be used to upgrade audio systems in the appellate courts. The spending authority is based on the assumption that the Supreme Court will increase JIS assessments to \$12 from \$10.

MISCELLANEOUS

The OAC budget also includes \$138,000 in local court backlog assistance and \$750,000 to improve selected judicial programs, as determined by OAC in consultation with the Supreme Court. Unified family courts are among the programs to be considered.

ENVIRONMENT, LAND USE & RESOURCES

SHORELINES LEGISLATION BEACHED

Efforts by House Committee Chairs to fashion a workable shorelines compromise hit the (sea)wall toward the end of last week and discussions appear at an end for now. With the ending of the regular session, **ESSB 5378** was returned to Senate Rules giving the Senate another opportunity to fashion a solution.

Representatives Lynn Kessler (D-Grays Harbor County) and Joyce Mulliken (R-Grant County) proposed a committee amendment to the House Budget to relieve local government of its responsibility to update shorelines master programs given the lack of funding in the House budget, but withdrew it without offering it in House Appropriations due to apparent lack of support. It is expected that the amendment will be offered on the floor.

PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON OFFERS ESA SHORT COURSE

The Planning Association of Washington, along with several co-sponsors, is offering an ESA Workshop on May 16 and 17th at the Wenatchee Red Lion Hotel. Sessions include “Local Government Issues with ESA”, “Habitat Conservation Plans”, “Risk Evaluation” and case studies.

Registration is only \$25 for the first two people from a jurisdiction or organization and \$15 for each additional person. Register by contacting Michelle Velez at OCD-Growth Management 360-725-3000 or michellev@cted.wa.gov.

120-DAY LAND USE BILL (ESHB 1458)

Last week the House concurred with the Senate amendments and passed out this bill. The bill is now on the Governor’s desk for his consideration. The amendments clarify that local governments **should not** exceed 120 days in processing permits or setting project type deadlines, but may do so in other cases when written findings are made. The striking amendment also clarifies that the proposed new language doesn’t retroactively affect any local ordinances in effect prior to July 1, 2001-the effective date of this legislation. And, it establishes a 2-year study for the buildable land counties and the cities within to produce documentation on permit processing performance by project type. It makes this reporting due yearly instead of quarterly, and eliminates the requirement that it be maintained in perpetuity. Please contact Jackie White, WSAC staff, for question or comments.

ELECTIONS

BLANKET PRIMARY

Monday, April 23, was day one of the thirty days that the legislature has left to deal with Washington state’s blanket primary dilemma. If the legislature does not come up with a plan for the primary by the thirty-day deadline, the decision on how to conduct the primary will be left to the courts. If that occurs, the assistant attorney general for the office of the secretary of state will then respond to the proposed permanent injunction filed by the major political parties. The court will then make a determination on what type of primary Washington State voters will have.

ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT BILL

SB 5275, the absentee/mail ballot bill worked on by the county auditors for the past few years, finally got the green light from the legislature, passed both Houses, and is on its way to the governor’s office for his signature. The bill is both a WACO and WSACA priority bill that deals with mail and absentee ballots.

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

ESSB 5904, revising procedures for choosing conservation district supervisors, did not pass the legislature. The Senate would not concur with the House amendments and the House would not recede from them. If the issue is not addressed during the special session, then conservation district elections will fall under the provisions of Title 29 of the RCWs.

OF GENERAL INTEREST

MUNICIPAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

The final version of **SSB 5319**, which reduces the number of members on the Municipal Research Council from 23 to 14, ultimately passed without mention of the prosecuting attorneys and the notification process. Therefore, prosecutors will still receive notice of legal services provided by MRSC to county officials.

ELECTIONS LAW - 2000 LESSONS

The Government Lawyers Bar Association is holding a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminar on Elections Law, Tuesday, June 5, in the General Administration Building auditorium, in Olympia. The seminar will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m., providing six CLE credits. Topics will include "What Really Happened in Florida," "Bush v. Gore," and "The future of the Washington State Primary." Cost is \$50 for GLBA members, and \$70 for nonmembers, in advance. For further information, please call the Elections CLE Coordinator at (360) 705-8388.

ARCHIVES

The House proposed Capital Budget passed out of committee today and includes monies for design and construction of an eastern Washington facility for the storage of electronic records contingent upon the passage of **SHB 1926**. **SHB 1926** removes the sunset on the current county auditors' surcharge for recording documents and increases the surcharge to \$2.00, with the second dollar to fund construction of the facility. The Senate budget had located the new facility in Spokane at Riverpoint Park. The House budget locates it at Cheney at Eastern Washington University.

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WACO members receive the *Notes from the Hill* during the Legislative Session every Thursday evening by e-mail or fax. The entire *Legislative Bulletin* (with WSAC articles) is available every Friday afternoon online at <http://www.wacounties.org>. Older editions are archived there as well.

ASK MRSC

NEW WEB SITE WITH INFORMATION ON PREPARING FOR DROUGHT CONDITIONS

In addition to water and energy shortages, local governments are also faced with increased fire risk due to potential drought conditions. To help counties and cities plan for the drought emergency situation this summer, MRSC has assembled sample ordinance provisions and other information that may assist local governments. Information topics covered are wildfire prevention, including Yakima County's new Urban-Wildland Interface Code, emergency fireworks regulations, open burning regulations, and sample provisions related to fire season weed abatement. There are also examples of emergency ordinance provisions enacted during the drought of 1992. The Web address is: <http://www.mrsc.org/environment/drought.htm> If you have other examples or are aware of information that should be added to this site to assist other jurisdictions, please contact Lynne De Merritt, Municipal Research & Services Center. E-mail: ldemerritt@mrsc.org or call 206-625-1300.

COMING EVENTS

May

- 7-9 Washington State Association of County Auditors' Elections Conference, Yakima.
- 16-18 Association of County Human Services (ACHS), Walla Walla.
- 21-24 Washington State Association of Sheriffs' and Police Chiefs' (WASPC) Spring Meeting, Sheraton Hotel, Tacoma.
- 23-26 National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference, Hilton Waikoloa Village, Hilo, Hawaii.

June

- 3-6 Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 10-14 International Association of Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.
- 11-13 Washington State Association of County Assessors' Annual June Conference, Olympia.
- 12-15 Washington State Association of Counties' (WSAC) Summer Conference, Cavanaugh's at Columbia Center, Kennewick.
- 15-21 International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers' Annual Conference, Billings, Montana.
- 18-22 Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Annual Conference, Red Lion Hotel, Wenatchee.
- 19-20 Washington Association of Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Annual Spring Training, Moses Lake.
- 19-22 Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Annual Conference, Bellevue.
- 20-22 Washington State Association of County Auditors' Annual Conference, Quality Inn, Clarkston.
- 20-22 Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' (WAPA) Summer Training Program, Campbell's Lodge, Chelan.

COURTHOUSE RAMBLINGS

Yakima County Commissioners have appointed **Coralee "Corky" Mattingly** as the new Yakima County Auditor, replacing Doug Cochran, who resigned March 31. Corky brings a variety of political and community experience to the position and takes office on May 1.

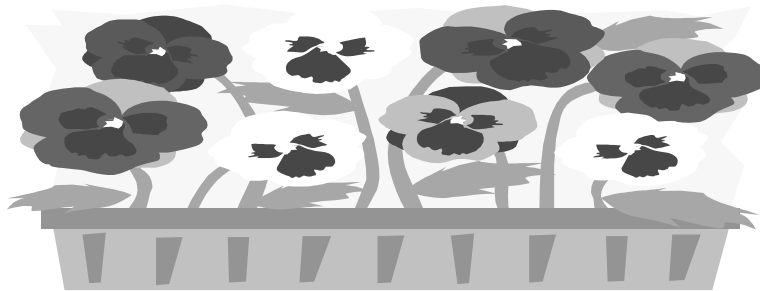
JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging, Olympia, WA – Fiscal Manager. Key management position in independent government agency, budget, accounting, federal grant management, computer operations, supervision, BA in related field, 4 years management experience, including federal grants. Good benefits, salary \$3,627 - \$4,823 DOQ. Open until filled. Call (360) 664-2168 for application package. EOE

Thurston County Internal Auditor - Dept/Div: Auditor/Financial Services Salary Range:\$3,934 to \$5,245 per month.. Closing Date: May 11, 2001. Brief Description of the duties: Responsible for independently analyzing, evaluating, and reporting internally on Thurston County's systems of fund accounting, financial record keeping, financial management, financial accountability, and internal financial controls. This position provides highly responsible analytical and system support, including contract and legal compliance auditing, to the County Auditor through the Deputy Auditor of Finance.. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor degree in Accounting. Three years of experience in auditing of financial accounting. Substitutions for the above qualifications include: Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and/or Certified Public Accountant (CPA), knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) or Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS), ability to work cooperatively and diplomatically with department and agency managers and staff. Application Procedures: Submit a completed Thurston County employment application and current resume to the Information Desk, Building #1, Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502-6090 by 5:00pm, closing date. Contact Person: Gary Alexander, Deputy Auditor of Finance (360) 754-3355 ext. 6225. Selection Process: Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Planner Position Available With Adams County - Information on: Nature of work, assignments, minimum qualifications, special requirements/working conditions, salary/range & step can be obtained by calling (509)-488-9441 and requesting Position Announcement. Closing Date: May 25, 2001.

Director, Skamania County Department of Planning & Community Development - Salary Range: \$3,524 - \$4,200/month plus benefits. Duties: Plans, directs, administers and performs land use planning activities and community development projects and activities. Develops and administers the departmental budget, directly supervises planning staff, assists and serves as a resource to the Board of County commissioners, Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment and performs substantial liaison and policy work with state and federal agencies, county officials and general public. Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Community Development, Planning or related field. Five years of experience in land use planning, community development or related field within the public sector is required. Master's degree desirable and may be substituted for 2 years work experience. Application Package: Skamania County Commissioners, Skamania County Courthouse, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, P.O. Box 790, Stevenson, WA, telephone (509) 427-9447. Applications due May 25, 2001 at 5 p.m. EOE



COMPARISON OF KEY BUDGET ISSUES

Issue	Governor*	Senate	House Co-Chair Proposal
GENERAL			
I-695 Backfill	Fully funded continuation of backfill with inflation and population growth.	Same as Governor, except for offsets for judges benefits in some counties and 10% cut in Sea-King health funds.	Eliminated growth factor for criminal justice, 50% cut for counties losing 2% or less of unrestricted revenue, Public Health same as Senate, judges benefit provision eliminates all I-695 backfill for counties not paying benefits in the current year.
Pension Rates	Proposed increasing rate of return assumptions. Endorsed Senate use of LEOFF surplus	Proposed changes in rate setting assumptions and used LEOFF surplus.	Assumed pension rate changes. Did not use LEOFF 1 surplus
Archives	Facility for storage of electronic records with county auditors surcharge increase	Same facility, same funding, location at River Point location in Spokane	Same facility, same funding, location at Cheney at EWU
ENVIRONMENT (see also public health)			
Shorelines/GMA	\$6 million grants for shorelines and \$5.5 million for critical areas ordinance updates.	\$6 million grants for shorelines and \$3 million for GMA updates.	No shorelines or GMA funding.
Watershed Planning	\$12.1 million for HB 2514 planning	\$7 million for HB 2514 planning; \$1.9 million for watershed planning not under HB 2514	\$12.1 million for HB 2514 planning
Water Rights Permitting	\$1.5 million for changes	\$2.5 million for permitting	\$6 million for changes, including TA for conservancy boards
Water Compliance	\$1.1 million	\$2.3 million	\$1.1 million
SRF Board Grants	\$55 million	\$55.6 million	\$54.6 million with one million dedicated to People for Salmon for volunteer efforts
HB 2496 Lead Entity	\$4 million	\$2.6 million	\$3.75 million
Limiting Factors Analysis HB 2496	\$2.1 million	\$1.6 million	\$1.6 million
DFW Local Technical Assistance	\$2.1 million	\$2.5 million	\$1.7 million

Stormwater	\$1.55 million Technical Assistance	\$750,000 for Phase II implementation in Western Washington	\$1 million for manual updates, permits and Phase II Technical Assistance
LAW AND JUSTICE			
Statutory CJ Funds	\$50 M (per RCW 82.14.310) distributed to counties for criminal justice, based on statutory formula. \$1.8 M from the Impaired Driver Safety Account distributed by statutory formula to counties to assist with implementation of drunk driving laws.	Same as Governor.	Same as Governor and Senate, except for slight decrease to \$49 M in statutory criminal justice assistance per RCW 82.14.310.
Drug Courts	Pass-thru \$991 K federal Byrne Grant funds for county drug courts still participating in the Byrne program. \$826 K from state PSEA for county adult drug courts that have exhausted Byrne grant opportunities. (Includes 3-yr limit on state support.)	Same as Governor.	Same pass-thru Byrne funds as Governor and Senate. \$1,083,000 state PSEA for county adult and juvenile drug courts that have exhausted federal funding opportunities. (Includes 3-yr. Limit on state support.)
Indigent Defense	\$1.4 M to continue state pilot projects on funding local indigent defense in dependency/termination cases.	\$1.2 M to continue dependency/termination pilot projects. \$235,000 for capital defense assistance center.	\$600 K to continue dependency/termination pilot project; does not fund third year of the study.
Extraordinary CJ	\$975 K for seven counties that have applied and been found eligible based on need to pay for unusually costly aggravated murder cases. The seven counties are: Franklin, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skagit, Spokane, Thurston, Yakima.	Same as Governor.	Same as Governor and Senate.
Juror Compensation	No extra.	\$1.6 M to increase juror pay by \$15 to a total \$25 per day.	\$1.2 M to increase juror pay by \$5 to a total \$15 per day. \$400 K to pay for juror parking where that cost exceeds \$10/day.
WSP Crime Labs - Capital Budget	\$500,000 for Spokane, \$500,000 for Vancouver - land and pre-design	\$500,000 for Spokane, Vancouver not included	\$400,000 for Spokane, Vancouver not included
School Safety For Local Law Enforcement	Funding directed to school districts	\$65,000 regionalized training for schools and law enforcement	No training monies, \$100,000 to WASPC for grants for mapping of schools

Prosecutors	\$136,000 for training of prosecutors to CJTC for the biennium	\$136,000 for training	\$136,000 for training
Death Investigation	Full funding from Death Inv. Account for autopsies, training, tox lab, Forensic Inv.	Same	Same with \$34,000 for HB 1216, SIDS full autopsy reimbursement
Jails	No extra.	No extra.	\$3 M in competitive grants for local jail facility needs, to be administered by DCTED. In addition, establishes a joint select study of local jail funding issues, including both capital and operating costs.
LEOFF 1 Medical	Endorsed Senate proposal.	Proposed making \$90 to \$115 million available to fund retiree health care costs.	No use of LEOFF surplus
HUMAN SERVICES			
Chemical Dependency	1. Funds 35 inpatient beds for Eastern Washington; 2.\$5.1 million for methamphetamine treatment and drug courts; 3. \$6.1 million for treatment for those coming out of state mental hospitals; 4. Adds \$310,000 for treating SSI clients.	1. Funds 35 inpatient beds for Eastern Washington; 2.\$802,000 for drug courts only; 3. \$2.8m for community treatment for those coming out of state mental hospitals; 4. Adds \$310,000 for treating SSI clients.	1. Does not fund inpatient facility in Eastern Washington; 2. \$2.6m for methamphetamine treatment and \$1.083m for drug courts; 3. No identified money for community treatment for those coming out of state mental hospitals; 4. Adds \$3.5m for treating SSI clients
Other Human Services	1. Cuts county-contracted beds in detention facilities; 2. Eliminates Family Policy Council & community network funding; 3. Cuts medically indigent, adult dental and vision; 4. No ratable in Medical Assistance; 5. No fund shift from Health Services Account.	1. Cuts county-contracted beds in detention facilities; 2. Reduces Family Policy Council & community networks; 3. Restores all but \$3 million of medically indigent and restores adult dental and vision; 4. No ratable in Medical Assistance; 5. Shifts \$123 m from Health Services Account to the State General Fund.	1. Restores county-contracted beds in detention facilities; 2. Eliminates Family Policy Council & community networks; 3. Reduces medically indigent by \$12 mil., restores partial adult dental program and all vision; 4. Requires \$82.7 million reduction in Medicaid without specifying cuts. If the Savings cannot be realized, ratable reductions in vendor rates are required. 5. Shifts \$127 m from health services account into the State General Fund.
Developmental Disabilities	1. Does not fund fully transition; 2. Funds community placements for Olmstead at \$10.8m; 3. Does not increase long-term care worker wages; 4. Funds DD persons coming out of DOC and state mental hospitals at \$11.7m.	1. Partially funds transition at \$2 m; 2. Funds community placements for Olmstead at \$8.3m; 3. Increases long-term care worker wages by \$11.2m; 4. Funds DD persons coming out of DOC and state mental hospitals at \$8.7m for community placements and county services.	1. Partially funds transition at \$1.989m but in Vocational Rehabilitation budget not through DDD; 2. Funds Olmstead at \$4m; 3. No worker wage increase; 4. Funds DD persons from DOC and state mental hospitals at \$8.7.

<p>Mental Health</p>	<p>1. Governor increased funding overall for mental health due to caseload growth; 2. Does not include funding formula change; 3. Continues funding emergency inpatient pool; 4. Continues funding for atypicals pilot; 5. Shows savings of \$34 m from downsizing state hospitals</p>	<p>1. Senate increases funding for mental health overall due to caseload growth; 2. Requires 4-year phase-in of new funding formula and no prevalence study, authorizes the use of local funds to match federal funds to mitigate RSNs with losses from change but only up to 2.1% in 2002 and 2.3% in 2003; 3. Continues emergency inpatient pool; 4. discontinues atypicals pilot; 5. Shows savings of \$2.5 m net from downsizing state hospitals.</p>	<p>1. House increases overall mental health funding due to caseload growth; 2. Phases-in new funding formula over 6 years, requires prevalence study, same use of local funds as Senate but authorized to completely replace loss in 02/03. 3. Discontinues emergency inpatient pool; 4. Shows savings of \$2.5 m net form downsizing state hospitals.</p>
<p>PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</p>	<p>Local Toxics Control Account</p> <p>\$2,154,000 transfer to state toxics control account for meth lab cleanup. \$2,400,000 transfer to state toxics control account for area-wide soil contamination problems. \$1,500,000 transfer to Oil Spill Prevention Account to partially fund rescue tug.</p>	<p>\$11,000,000 transfer to state toxics control account for meth lab clean-up, to address area-wide soil contamination problems, & clean-up of contaminated sites as part of the clean sites initiative. \$3,180,000 transfer to Oil Spill Prevention Account to partially fund rescue tug.</p>	<p>\$6,845,000 transfer to state toxics control account for meth lab clean-up, to address area-wide soil contamination problems, storm water, agricultural pesticides strategy, Puget Sound Action Team, & clean-up contaminated sites as part of the clean sites initiative.</p>
<p>Local Toxics Acct. Appropriation</p>	<p>\$37,885,873</p>	<p>\$42,000,000</p>	<p>\$50,000,000</p>
<p>Bioaccumulative Toxics Strategy</p>	<p>\$1,216,000 from State Toxics Control Account to provide funding for the development of a strategy to eliminate releases and reduce the existence of persistent bioaccumulative toxic chemicals (PBTs).</p>	<p>\$800,000 from State Toxics Control Account. Same purpose as Governor's Budget.</p>	<p>Not included in House Budget.</p>
<p>Assess Hazardous Waste Liability</p>	<p>\$500,000 in one time funding from State Toxics Control Account to assess the limits of current statutes and regulations governing hazardous waste management, facilities, identify potential improvements in finance assurance regulatory control, and evaluate long term funding options.</p>	<p>Same as Governor's Budget.</p>	<p>Same as Governor's Budget.</p>

The Clean Sites Initiative	\$9,365,000 from State Toxics Control account to clean up sites contaminated by toxic chemicals that present a serious threat to human health and the environment.	\$4,000,000 from State Toxics Control Account to clean up sites contaminated by toxic chemicals that present a serious threat to human health and the environment.	Same as Governor's Budget.
Area-Wide Soil Contamination	\$2,400,000 (a \$500,000 increase) from the state toxics control account is provided to DOE, in conjunction with affected local governments, to address emergent area-wide soil contamination problems.	\$500,000 for the same purpose as Governor's Budget.	\$1,200,000 for the same purpose as the Governor's budget.
Basic Health Plan	Enrollment capacity maintained. Increase in adult visit and pharmacy co-pay. Adjustment to the premium subsidy level.	Enrollment capacity maintained at 133,000. Increase pharmacy co-pays \$2. Increase premium \$2.50 - \$5.00/month for incomes below 125% of Federal Poverty Level. Reduce state subsidy for enrollees between 125% - 200% of Federal Poverty Level by 10%.	Appropriation frozen at current biennium levels. Increased health insurance costs will be funded by reducing enrollment through attrition. It is estimated that enrollment will drop from 131,000 individuals to 100,000 individuals in the first 7 months of the new biennium.
Child Care & Early Learning	\$61,635,000 - Consolidates child care and early learning programs from DSHS, DOH, & OFM into a new division in DSHS Economic Services Administration for a more focused, coordinated approach.	\$59,817,000 - To do same as Governor's budget.	\$59,817,000 - To do same as Governor's Budget.
Expand Access to Child Care	No additional funds	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000
Medical Assistance Vendor Rate Increases	\$46,185,000 2.2% on 7/1/01 and 2.5% on 7/1/02	\$70,599,000	\$73,662,000
Family Planning Waiver	Not included.	Included in budget - waiver would enable state to provide family planning services to any uninsured resident with an income at or below 200% of poverty. The federal government covers 90% of the cost.	Not included.
Breast & Cervical Cancer	Not included.	\$2,578,000 to implement SHB 1058 (SSB 5820) for treatment.	Same as Senate Budget.
Child Health Enhancement	\$13,763,000 for immunizations (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine) and Child Profile.	\$10,610,000 for immunizations (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine). No Child Profile.	Same as Senate Budget.

Safe Drinking Water	\$2,100,000 in new funding for local public health working with Group B Water System to assist in compliance with Federal Drinking Water requirements.	Same as Governor's Budget.	No additional funding.
Teen Pregnancy Grants	Reduced \$1,116,000 - Eliminates grant support for 9 or 10 teen pregnancy prevention projects in urban and rural communities.	Reduced \$1,116,000 in DOH budget, but similar efforts funded at \$1,116,000 from TANF block grant funding from DSHS.	Same as Governor's Budget.
Tobacco Control & Prevention Plan	\$29,992,000	\$35,000,000	\$29,992,000
Child Death Review	Eliminated	Maintained Child Death Review	Eliminated
Dental Sealants	Not included.	\$72,000 to implement SSB 6020. DOH to develop a training and certification program for dental hygienists & dental assistants who want to apply dental sealants & fluoride varnishes in schools with a significant percentage of low-income students.	Same as Senate Budget.
AIDS Prescription Drugs Increase	\$1,885,000	\$1,839,000	\$1,839,000
Technical help for Meth Lab	\$125,000 increase to DOH to increase ability to provide technical assistance and training to WSP, local law enforcement, local health jurisdictions regarding public health hazards associated with clean-up.	Same as Governor's Budget.	Not included.
Infant & Child Product Safety	Not included.	Not included.	\$150,000 to implement SHB 1365 - DOH establish and maintain a safety education program.
Workplace Breastfeeding Policy	Not included.	Not included.	\$83,000 to implement SHB 1590 DOH develop & implement infant-friendly designations for state and local governments & businesses who support a workplace breastfeeding policy.

<p>Reduced EMS Coordination</p>	<p>Reduced \$378,000 in DOH activities - funds no longer provided to the Regional EMS & Trauma Care Councils to promote emergency medical dispatch training; or to support quality improvement initiatives. Also a 15% reduction to State Trauma Administration.</p>	<p>Reduced \$214,000.</p>	<p>Same as Governor's Budget.</p>
<p>Total Budget</p>	<p>\$22.725 billion General Fund - State</p>	<p>\$22.843 billion General Fund - State</p>	<p>\$22.722 billion General Fund -State</p>
<p>Total Reserves</p>	<p>\$590 million (\$157 mil. unrestricted)</p>	<p>\$750 Million (\$252 mil. unrestricted)</p>	<p>\$790 million (\$293 mil. unrestricted)</p>

* Note: The Governor did not update his budget as part of the March update of revenues and caseloads. Both the House and the Senate proposals address these issues.

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