

**SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR**

Agency 076

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**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2007-09 Expenditure Authority</b>	95.1	48,473	145,345	193,818
<b>Supplemental Changes</b>				
Disaster Response Account			12,000	12,000
Fire Contingency		4,500	4,500	9,000
Federal Audit Determination		11,000		11,000
County Controlled Substance Funds		100		100
Insurance Accounting System		20,845	249	21,094
Information Technology Pool - Technical Adjustment			(2,742)	(2,742)
Water Quality Capital Account Transfer			(2,875)	(2,875)
Housing		6,000		6,000
Online Recruiting Service		68	15	83
<b>Subtotal - Supplemental Changes</b>		42,513	11,147	53,660
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	95.1	90,986	156,492	247,478
Difference		42,513	11,147	53,660
Percent Change	0.0%	87.7%	7.7%	27.7%

**SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES**

**Disaster Response Account**

Funds are appropriated into the Disaster Response Account for expected expenses related to flood and storm damage. (Public Safety and Education Account-State)

**Fire Contingency**

The fire contingency pool was created in 1999 to address fire mobilization costs and fire suppression costs in excess of the amounts appropriated directly to agencies. Funds are appropriated from the General Fund to the Disaster Response Account to replenish the contingency pool. The pool provides allocations to the Washington State Patrol for any Washington State Fire Service Resource Mobilization costs incurred in response to an emergency or disaster authorized under RCW 43.43.960 through 43.43.964. (General Fund-State, Disaster Response Account-State)

**Federal Audit Determination**

The United States Department of Health and Human Services has determined that a portion of funds transferred from the Public Employees' and Retirees' Insurance Account to the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2006 and Fiscal Year 2007 pursuant to Chapter 372, Laws of 2006, Section 805 and Section 806, contained federal funds that were not authorized to be included in the transfer. This one-time repayment of funds includes the amount of the transfer that is attributable to federal participation in the funding of benefits by employer agencies plus interest from the date of the transfer.

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### **County Controlled Substance Funds**

Chapter 339, Laws of 2006 (ESSB 6239) expressed the Legislature's intent to provide \$100,000 per year to counties that imposed the one-tenth of 1 percent sales tax for chemical dependency or substance abuse treatment, starting in Fiscal Year 2008 and ending in Fiscal Year 2010. In addition to Clallam, Jefferson, Spokane, Okanogan, Clark, and Skagit counties funded in the enacted 2007-09 budget, Island County has imposed the tax and is now eligible for funding.

### **Insurance Accounting System**

In a September 13, 2007 letter from the Department of Health and Human Services to all states, the federal government reasserted its prohibition on using federal resources to pay, either directly or indirectly, for large, enterprise-wide central services information technology systems. The Health Care Authority's insurance accounting system replacement project is currently funded out of an administrative account supported by transfers from the Public Employees' and Retirees' Insurance Account. Because expenditures in the account are supported by federal resources, this financing arrangement is not allowable under federal regulations. As an alternative, funding is provided to the project from state funds that support Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB)-eligible employees. The level of the transfer is based on head-count data used to determine statewide allocation of PEBB contribution rates. (General Fund-State, Public Safety and Education Account, Water Quality Account, Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement Account, Health Services Account)

### **Information Technology Pool - Technical Adjustment**

A technical correction is needed to properly fund projects assumed in the Information Technology pool funded in the 2007-09 budget. General Fund-Federal and General Fund-Private/Local expenditures are moved to the Department of Social and Health Services, Department of Health, and Health Care Authority. Other dedicated accounts were included in the 2007-09 appropriations bill as revenue transfers, not expenditures. (General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Private/Local, various other accounts)

### **Water Quality Capital Account Transfer**

The Water Quality Capital Account is used to fund water quality projects and activities. Its sole revenue source is an appropriation from the Water Quality Account. The dollar amount of this appropriation is reduced and \$3 million is shifted from Fiscal Year 2008 to Fiscal Year 2009 to coincide with anticipated expenditure levels in the Water Quality Capital Account and expected revenue in the Water Quality Account during the 2007-09 Biennium. (Water Quality Account-State)

### **Housing**

Funds are appropriated to the Homeless Families Services Account to be used by the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development for transitional housing through the Washington Families Fund.

### **Online Recruiting Service**

To support the state's online recruitment tool (E-Recruiting), additional funds are provided for a one-time charge from the Department of Personnel. This will improve the ability of agencies to manage their recruitment and hiring processes as required by the Personnel System Reform Act of 2002.