

Agency 365

**Washington State University**

**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

|  | Annual FTEs | General Fund State | Other Funds | Total Funds |
|--|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>2007-09 Expenditure Authority</b>   | 6,308.9     | 472,280            | 716,731     | 1,189,011   |
| <b>Supplemental Changes</b>            |             |                    |             |             |
| Ruckelshaus Center                     |             | 175                |             | 175         |
| Pension Plan 1 COLA Funding            |             | 30                 | 10          | 40          |
| PEBB Rate Reduction                    |             | (7,414)            | (2,779)     | (10,193)    |
| Technical Corrections                  |             | 1,936              |             | 1,936       |
| <b>Subtotal - Supplemental Changes</b> |             | (5,273)            | (2,769)     | (8,042)     |
| <b>Total Proposed Budget</b>           | 6,308.9     | 467,007            | 713,962     | 1,180,969   |
| Difference                             |             | (5,273)            | (2,769)     | (8,042)     |
| Percent Change                         | 0.0%        | (1.1)%             | (0.4)%      | (0.7)%      |

**SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES**

**Ruckelshaus Center**

Chapter 353, Laws of 2007, requires the William Ruckelshaus Center to explore practical and effective ways to resolve or reduce conflict associated with land use requirements and property rights. Initial and progress reports are due in the fall of 2007 and 2008, and a final report will be submitted on September 1, 2009. The 2007-09 budget provided funding to begin the project in Fiscal Year 2008. One-time funding is added to continue this effort in Fiscal Year 2009.

**Pension Plan 1 COLA Funding**

Funding was provided in the 2007-09 budget for the additional employer contributions to retirement systems required by modifications to the eligibility criteria for the uniform COLA in the Public Employees' Retirement System Plan 1 (PERS 1) and the Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 (TRS 1) in Senate Bill 5175. This item moves that funding from the State Employee Compensation Adjustments agency into individual agency budgets. (General Fund-State, other funds)

**PEBB Rate Reduction**

The state contributes 88 percent of the total weighted average of the employee health care premium and also pays for the cost of dental, life and long-term disability insurance. Total Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) expenditures for the 2007-09 Biennium are anticipated to be lower than budgeted because (1) health plan costs for calendar year 2008 are lower than expected, which will benefit both the state and its employees; (2) the Uniform Medical Plan continues to perform better than projected; and (3) funding was removed from the PEBB administrative cost allocation for an information technology system replacement due to the restrictive nature of federal funding. The state employer contribution rate will be reduced from \$732 per month to \$575 per month. This one-time reduction will leave an unrestricted fund balance of \$19.2 million at the end of Fiscal Year 2009. (General Fund-State, various other funds).

**Technical Corrections**

Technical corrections are made to the pension and salary funding provided in the 2007-09 Biennial Budget.

**HIGHER EDUCATION**