

Agency 380

**Western Washington University**

**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2007-09 Expenditure Authority</b>	1,769.5	136,633	195,280	331,913
<b>Supplemental Changes</b>				
Campus Safety - Community Alert		100		100
Emergency Relocation Scene Shop		264		264
Pension Plan 1 COLA Funding		12	2	14
PEBB Rate Reduction		(2,169)	(934)	(3,103)
<b>Subtotal - Supplemental Changes</b>		(1,793)	(932)	(2,725)
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	1,769.5	134,840	194,348	329,188
Difference		(1,793)	(932)	(2,725)
Percent Change	0.0%	(1.3)%	(0.5)%	(0.8)%

**SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES**

**Campus Safety - Community Alert**

One-time funding is provided for Western Washington University to create or expand community notification systems, enabling it to alert students and staff of on-campus emergencies through text messaging, paging, and emailing.

**Emergency Relocation Scene Shop**

Western Washington University's Armory building is unsafe, and the Theatre Arts Scenic Laboratory and Instructional Classroom must be moved for student and staff safety. Funding is provided to move the program from the Bellingham Armory Building to a 12,134 square foot warehouse that is located 1.6 miles from campus.

**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).

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