

Agency 340

Student Achievement Council**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2013-15 Expenditure Authority	95.3	505,397	262,444	767,841
Total Maintenance Level	98.8	529,790	254,788	784,578
Difference	3.5	24,393	(7,656)	16,737
Percent Change from Current Biennium	3.7%	4.8%	(2.9)%	2.2%
Performance Changes				
Coordinate Need Grant and College Bound			(23,606)	(23,606)
Targeted Health Profession Funds			3,000	3,000
Opportunity Scholarship		100,000		100,000
Reinvest Coordination Savings		23,600		23,600
Suspend Future Teachers Program		(2,000)		(2,000)
Suspend WAVE and Washington Scholars		(8,422)		(8,422)
Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Savings		(7,650)		(7,650)
Surplus Aerospace Loan Funds		(2,000)		(2,000)
Suspend Small Grant Programs		(1,032)		(1,032)
Office of Chief Information Officer		1	1	2
CTS Central Services		14	14	28
DES Central Services		1	1	2
Core Financial Systems Replacement		2	2	4
Time, Leave and Attendance System		3	4	7
Self-Insurance Liability Premium		(4)	(4)	(8)
State Public Employee Benefits Rate		54	66	120
Nonrepresented Job Class Specific Increases		6	8	14
General Wage Increase for State Employees		293	288	581
Subtotal		102,866	(20,226)	82,640
Total Proposed Budget	98.8	632,656	234,562	867,218
Difference	3.5	127,259	(27,882)	99,377
Percent Change from Current Biennium	3.7%	25.2%	(10.6)%	12.9%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Higher Education Coordination	73.2	5,003	4,825	9,828
Administration	2.3	1,179	(8,104)	(6,925)
Student Financial Aid Programs	23.4	626,474	237,841	864,315
Total Proposed Budget	98.8	632,656	234,562	867,218

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PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Coordinate Need Grant and College Bound

In accordance with the intent of RCW 28B.118.110(8), students in the College Bound program will be granted the maximum State Need Grant award prior to receiving a College Bound award. The Student Achievement Council will ensure that sufficient State Need Grant funding is reserved for the number of College Bound students forecasted for the upcoming academic year. This coordination change will create savings in the College Bound program. (Education Legacy Trust Account-State)

Targeted Health Profession Funds

The Health Professional Loan Repayment program encourages licensed health professionals to serve in critical shortage areas in Washington state. Additional funds are provided to expand the number of primary care providers working in Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) sites, and mental health providers working with adolescents in schools or the community. Approximately 65 additional health professionals will be added to underserved communities in the 2015-17 biennium. Up to \$75,000 each year may be used to contract for services to recruit providers and coordinate with other agencies to ensure a comprehensive approach to health care workforce planning.

Opportunity Scholarship

The Opportunity Scholarship program is a public-private partnership that provides scholarships to students who have received their high school diploma or GED in Washington state and are pursuing a four-year degree in science, math, technology, engineering or health care. To date, the state has provided \$30 million to match private contributions to the program. Additional funding is provided to expand the scholarships available and match private contributions.

Reinvest Coordination Savings

Savings realized from full coordination of the State Need Grant and College Bound programs is reinvested to serve approximately 2,300 students with State Need Grant awards.

Suspend Future Teachers Program

The Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship and Loan Repayment program was suspended in the 2011-13 and 2013-15 biennia. The 2015-17 budget continues the suspension. Funds restored in 2015-17 carry forward level are captured as savings.

Suspend WAVE and Washington Scholars

The Washington Scholars and the Washington Awards for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) programs were suspended in the 2011-13 and 2013-15 biennia. The 2015-17 budget continues the suspension. Funds restored in 2015-17 carry forward level are captured as savings.

Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Savings

The majority of the funding for the Health Professional Loan Repayment program was suspended in the 2011-13 and the 2013-15 biennia. The 2015-17 budget captures most of these funds as savings. A separate step provides targeted funding for loan repayments for primary care providers and adolescent mental health providers.

Surplus Aerospace Loan Funds

The Aerospace Loan Program provides low-interest loans to students who are enrolled in authorized aerospace training or education programs. The program was designed to be self-sustaining after initial funding as loan recipients finished training and began repayment. The annual appropriation for aerospace loans increased from \$250,000 to \$1.25 million beginning in fiscal year 2013. Appropriations for the 2015-17 biennium are reduced to \$250,000 per fiscal year. This funding, combined with repayments from earlier loan recipients, provide sufficient support for the program.

Suspend Small Grant Programs

Since fiscal year 2011, the state has suspended funding for the Community Scholarship Matching Grants, Professional Student Exchange through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, and the Foster Care Endowed Scholarship. The 2015-17 biennial budget continues the suspension. Funds restored in the 2015-17 carry forward level are captured as savings.

Office of Chief Information Officer

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to reflect increased billing levels for software subscriptions and office relocation.

CTS Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges from Consolidated Technology Services (CTS) to reflect an increase in business continuity/disaster recovery costs and a new allocated charge for state data network costs.

DES Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to align with anticipated billing levels from the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) in the 2015-17 biennium, including changes to the enterprise systems fee, personnel services, and small agency financial services.

Core Financial Systems Replacement

Agency budgets are adjusted to align with anticipated billings from the Office of Financial Management in the 2015-17 biennium for core financial systems replacement planning through the One Washington project.

Time, Leave and Attendance System

Agency budgets are adjusted to align with anticipated billings for the Time, Leave and Attendance system, including debt service and project completion costs.

Self-Insurance Liability Premium

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect updated premium rates and a reduction in billings for the 2015-17 biennium.

State Public Employee Benefits Rate

Health insurance funding is provided for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. Insurance for employees covered by the health insurance coalition is included in funding for their respective collective bargaining agreements. The insurance funding rate is \$913 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2016 and \$947 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2017. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

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Nonrepresented Job Class Specific Increases

Funding is provided for classified state employees who are not represented by a union for pay increases in specific job classes in alignment with other employees. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

General Wage Increase for State Employees

Funding is provided for wage increases for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. It is sufficient for a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; and a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016. This item includes both higher education and general government workers. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Higher Education Coordination

The Council coordinates policy for higher education to ensure a seamless post-secondary education system from K-12 to higher education, and from community and technical colleges to baccalaureate institutions.

Administration

Provide executive leadership (executive director, deputy director, and executive assistant) and overhead services for the agency.

Student Financial Aid Programs

The agency administers a number of state financial aid programs, including direct grants and scholarships, reimbursement to qualifying organizations that employ eligible students, and scholarships or loan repayments tied to a service requirement in a qualified teaching or health profession position.