



WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL

2018 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

2018 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (SSB 6032)

Affordability

- \$18.5 million in additional funds provided for the State Need Grant (with \$116 million assumed over 3 years). This represents the largest effort to reduce the unserved population in the program's history. One-quarter of the unserved, over 4,600 students, are served in FY 2019, with an additional quarter served in each of 2020 and 2021. The legislature affirms that they intend to fully fund the program by 2022.
- \$19.1 million in state funding to match private donations for the Opportunity Scholarship program.
- Opportunity Scholarship eligibility expanded to include sub-baccalaureate programs in high-demand fields, advanced degrees in health care, and high-demand programs at the community college level in rural counties.
- \$50 million for the College Bound Scholarship program, ensuring all eligible students can receive a grant.

Workforce

- \$3 million to the University of Washington to expand computer science enrollments.
- \$2 million for Western Washington University to start two new programs: one in early childhood education and the other in marine science.

Additional investments in postsecondary education

- \$9 million for compensation funding at the University of Washington.
- \$1.8 million to Washington State University for research in earth-abundant materials and for renewable energy incentives.
- \$2 million in state funding added to the College Affordability Program to adjust tuition backfill amounts for inflation.
- \$444,000 to WSAC to better regulate for-profit institutions operating in Washington, with an additional \$126,000 to increase WSAC's consumer protection functions.

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