

WEIAOB 2025 WEIA Expenditures Summary—May 8, 2025

Overview of 2025–27 Operating Budget

The 2025–27 operating budget passed by the Legislature ([SB 5167](#)) appropriated **\$77.9 billion** from Near General Fund-Outlook (NGF-O) accounts—General Fund-State (GF-S), Workforce Education Investment Account (WEIA), Education Legacy Trust Account (ELTA), and Washington Opportunity Pathways Account (WOPA)—and **\$150.4 billion** in total budgeted funds. This included net increases of \$4.4 billion in NGF-O funds and \$6.8 billion in total budgeted funds at maintenance level for current programs and statutory obligations. Policy level changes had a net impact of \$1.0 billion in NGF-O funds and \$5.0 billion in total budgeted funds.

WEIA expenditures made up **\$1.6 billion** of the appropriated \$77.9 billion from NGF-O accounts and went to the following agencies and institutions (listed in descending order by amount):

Sector / Agency or Institution	WEIA Expenditures
Higher Education	\$1.6 billion
<i>UW</i>	<i>\$544.9 million*</i>
<i>WSAC</i>	<i>\$453.7 million</i>
<i>SBCTC</i>	<i>\$368.2 million</i>
<i>WSU</i>	<i>\$77.1 million</i>
<i>WWU</i>	<i>\$36.7 million</i>
<i>EWU</i>	<i>\$32.3 million</i>
<i>CWU</i>	<i>\$25.1 million</i>
<i>TESC (Evergreen)</i>	<i>\$14.8 million</i>
Special Appropriations / Office of the Governor	\$13.9 million
Other Human Services	\$13.2 million
<i>Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)</i>	<i>\$13.1 million</i>
<i>Employment Security Department (ESD)</i>	<i>\$26,000</i>
Other Education / Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTB)	\$3.0 million
Governmental Operations / Caseload Forecast Council (CFC)	\$367,000
Total	\$1.6 billion

*includes fund source alignment of \$400 million from GF-S to WEIA

Carryforward, Maintenance, and Policy Level WEIA Expenditures in 2025–27

Biennial budgets contain carryforward level (CFL), maintenance level (ML), and policy level (PL) expenditures:

- CFL—estimated cost of existing appropriations
- ML—estimated cost of providing currently authorized services in the ensuing biennium (i.e., adjustments for forecasted changes in entitlement caseloads/enrollments and other mandatory expenses)
- PL—discretionary changes in expenditures for the next biennium (i.e., creating or eliminating programs)

\$852.5 million in CFL expenditures (53.3%), **\$240.5 million** in ML expenditures (15.0%), and **\$490.2 million** in PL expenditures (30.6%) from WEIA were included in the 2025–27 operating budget passed by the Legislature:

Table 1: CFL, ML, and PL WEIA Expenditures by Agency or Institution in 2025–27 (numbers in thousands)

Agency or Institution	2025–27 CFL	2025–27 ML	2025–27 PL
UW	84,406	85,167	544,868*
WSAC	306,658	527,851	453,678
SBCTC	296,296	299,407	368,202
WSU	48,646	48,646	77,057
WWU	23,606	23,642	36,713
EWU	23,658	24,776	32,328
CWU	15,732	17,894	25,115
TESC	5,482	5,482	14,789
GOV—Sp. Approps.	8,400	17,871	13,871
DCYF	22,764	25,458	13,166
ESD	14,482	14,466	26
WTB	2,030	2,037	3,032
CFC	360	357	367
Total	\$852,520	\$1,093,054	\$1,583,212

*includes fund source alignment of \$400 million from GF-S to WEIA

Table 2: Changes in ML and PL WEIA Expenditures by Agency or Institution in 2025–27
(numbers in thousands)

Agency or Institution	Total ML Changes	Total PL Changes
UW	761	459,701*
WSAC	221,193	(74,173)
SBCTC	3,111	68,795
WSU	-	28,411
WWU	36	13,071
EWU	1,118	7,552
CWU	2,162	7,221
TESC	-	9,307
GOV—Sp. Approps.	9,471	(4,000)
DCYF	2,694	(12,292)
ESD	(16)	(14,440)
WTB	7	995
CFC	(3)	10
Total	\$240,534	\$490,158

*includes fund source alignment of \$400 million from GF-S to WEIA

Notable WEIA Expenditures in 2025–27

The following ML and PL expenditures represent the largest new appropriations from WEIA in 2025–27:

- **WA Grant caseload adjustments (WSAC):** \$221.2 million (ML)
- **Compensation/collective bargaining agreements (public four-year institutions and SBCTC):** \$176.7 million (ML)
- **WA Grant MFI adjustments, 56–60% (WSAC):** \$21.6 million (PL)
- **Center for Behavioral Health Learning (UW):** \$15 million (PL)
- **WA State Opportunity Scholarship State Match Account (GOV—Special Appropriations):** \$9.1 million (ML)

Overview of 2025 Supplemental Operating Budget

The 2025 supplemental operating budget passed by the Legislature ([SB 5167](#)) included a net increase of **\$855.3 million** in NGF-O funds and **\$2.5 billion** in total budgeted funds at maintenance level. Policy level changes had a net impact of -\$103.5 million in NGF-O funds and -\$1.0 billion in total budgeted funds.

WEIA expenditures made up **\$75.2 million** of the newly appropriated \$855.3 million from NGF-O accounts and went to the following agencies and institutions (listed in descending order by amount):

Sector / Agency or Institution	WEIA Expenditures
Higher Education	\$90.8 million
WSAC	\$60.0 million
SBCTC	\$28.8 million
CWU	\$1.1 million
EWU	\$559,000
UW	\$392,000
WWU	\$18,000
TESC (Evergreen)	-
WSU	-
Special Appropriations / Office of the Governor	(\$221,000)
Other Human Services	(\$15.4 million)
Employment Security Department (ESD)	(\$8.3 million)
Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)	(\$7.1 million)
Total	\$75.2 million

New Maintenance and Policy Level WEIA Expenditures in 2023–25

The 2025 supplemental operating budget passed by the Legislature modified the current 2023–25 biennium to include an additional **\$62.6 million** in ML expenditures and **\$12.6 million** in PL expenditures from WEIA, bringing total WEIA expenditures for 2023–25 to **\$1.03 billion**.

The following ML and PL expenditures represent the largest new appropriations from WEIA in the 2025 supplemental operating budget:

- **WA Grant caseload adjustments (WSAC):** \$60.0 million (ML)
- **I-732 cost of living adjustment (SBCTC):** \$28.0 million (PL)*
- **College in the High School enrollments (CWU):** \$1.1 million (ML)
- **College in the High School enrollments (EWU):** \$559,000 (ML)
- **College in the High School enrollments (UW):** \$392,000 (ML)

**exceeds total PL expenditures due to offsetting reductions for ESD and DCYF*