



GOVERNOR GREGOIRE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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EDUCATION

Maintained with current funding. Levy equalization. All-day kindergarten. K-3 staffing enhancements. Gifted education. Funding for 3- and 4-year-olds in Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program. State Need Grant program for low- to moderate-income college students. Funding to current recipients of Washington Scholars award, Washington Award for Vocational Excellence.

Managed with reduced resources. Reduced funding for Career and Wage Ladder for child care providers. Reduced funding for Child Care Resource and Referral Network. Reduced overall funding for public 2- and 4-year colleges, universities. Reduced Work-Study program. Suspended future Washington Scholars, Washington Award for Vocational Excellence, other smaller financial aid programs.

Improvements. Reform measures to intervene in persistently underperforming schools; begin using teacher, principal evaluation systems that focus on student learning; create opportunities for new organizations to offer teacher, administrator preparation programs. Next steps for implementing new basic education formula. Worker retraining at community, technical colleges.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Maintained with current funding. No early release of offenders from prison. Flexibility in prison system for future incarceration needs. In-person verification of all registered sex offenders. Addition of 2 Neighborhood Corrections Initiative Officers to help track down dangerous felons.

Managed with reduced resources. Eliminated 25 non-trooper positions at Washington State Patrol. Reduced excess capacity in state prison, juvenile rehabilitation systems. Reduced offender re-entry program except for proven services. Reduced funding to juvenile courts by 10 percent.

Improvements. Safety measures to aid supervision of individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity due to mental illness. Community-based alternative sentencing program for prisoners who are parents. Statewide tracking system for non-prescription drugs that are precursors to meth. Close 2 prisons, downsize 2 others without any early release of offenders to save money.

HUMAN SERVICES

Maintained with current funding. Children's intensive in-home behavioral support services for kids with developmental disabilities at risk of out-of-home placements. Grants for participants in Individual and Family Support Program for persons with developmental disabilities. Eligibility for in-home Medicaid personal care services broader than eligibility for nursing home services. Housing, case-management services for homeless, in-crisis adolescents. Education advocacy services for children in foster care. Child care subsidy assistance through Working Connection Child Care Program.

Managed with reduced resources. Reduced funding for family preservation services for those served by child welfare system. Reduced funding for specialized behavioral rehabilitative services foster care. Reduced number of supervised visits between children in foster care and parents working on reunification. Reduced funding for Residential Habilitation Centers. Reduced funding for chemical dependency outpatient, detox services for low-income adults.

Improvements. Reformed General Assistance program as Disability Lifeline for temporarily disabled individuals unable to work. Revised Involuntary Treatment Act. Expanded child care authorization for low-income families participating in Early Childcare Assistance and Education Program, Head Start, Early Head Start. Residential services, support for 37 individuals with developmental disabilities. Employment services for 343 high school graduates with developmental disabilities enrolled in Medicaid waiver services.

HEALTH CARE

Maintained with current funding. Basic Health Plan coverage for 65,000 residents. Apple Health for Kids coverage for all children up to 300 percent of federal poverty level. Optional Medicaid services, including dental, vision, podiatry and hospice care, and physical, speech and occupational therapies. Interpreter services for Medicaid patients. Medicare Part D co-pay assistance for low-income seniors. Maternity support program.

Managed with reduced resources. Eliminated regional AIDSNET, transferred planning for HIV direct services and prevention to Dept. of Health. Reduced Medicaid adult dental services. Reduced tobacco prevention programs. Eliminated Dept. of Health professions survey. Reduced colon cancer screening.

Improvements. Require insurance plans to cover sales tax on durable medical equipment. Health insurance options for sole proprietors. Emergency cardiac and stroke care system enhancements. Washington Vaccine Association to assure universal access to childhood immunizations. Make it easier for those whose company goes out of business to obtain health insurance.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Maintained with current funding. Puget Sound Action Agenda implementation. Forest and fish adaptive management program. Food supply safety and livestock inspection improvements. Agriculture and Growth Management Act negotiations. Shellfish conservation improvements. Management of toxic cleanups. Watershed planning and assistance. Shoreline management program updates.

Managed with reduced resources. Reduced litter cleanup. Eliminated 5 of 8 quasi-judicial environmental hearings boards. Reduced 4 quasi-judicial agencies for environmental and land use matters to 1. Reduced funding to local conservation districts. Transferred Emergency Food Assistance Program to Dept. of Agriculture. Reduced funding for agricultural fairs.

Improvements. Funds for local stormwater projects. Mandatory recycling of mercury-containing lights. Faster processing of water rights applications. Ban on bisphenol A in food, beverage containers for children younger than 3 and sports bottles. Framework to ban copper, toxic components in brake pads. New process to design strategies for marine spatial planning to help manage coastal, ocean environments. Reconciled growth management plans and shoreline management plans. Dept. of Natural Resources forest biomass agreements. Green jobs designation, incentives for forest products industry.

JOBS AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Managed with reduced resources. Consolidated economic region services offices in Dept. of Commerce.

Improvements. Jobs Act to improve energy efficiency in school, higher education buildings, creating 36,000 jobs. Opportunity Express to train workers in community and technical colleges, creating 3,700 jobs. Data centers tax exemption for server equipment, power infrastructure, creating 3,000 jobs. Washington Works Housing Program to boost affordable housing stock, creating 1,100 jobs. LIFT to raise the limit for economic development demonstration projects, creating 700 jobs. Aluminum smelters extension of tax exemptions, preserving 500 jobs.

Funding for clean energy policies, financial incentives that promote economic recovery. Incentives for community solar projects. Strengthened oversight of state-chartered banks, credit unions.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Managed with reduced resources. Eliminated 68 boards and commissions through legislation, executive order. Transferred programs in Dept. of Commerce to other agencies to promote efficiencies. Eliminated subsistence, lodging, travel allowances for members of boards, commissions, councils, committees funded by state General Fund. Directed agencies with fewer than 176 FTEs to use Office of Financial Management's Small Agency Client Services for accounting, payroll, budgets. Eliminated supervisory, administrative, maintenance positions at Military Dept. Eliminated groups of painters, carpenters, electricians, transferred work to others. Eliminated gardeners, custodians, asset managers, others at Dept. of General Administration.

Improvements. Established certification for veteran-owned businesses for identification in state contracting.

TRANSPORTATION

Maintained with current funding. Routine maintenance, including pavement repair, cable guardrail, traffic signals. Funding commitments for: Alaskan Way Viaduct, State Route 520 Evergreen Floating Bridge replacement, Interstate 405 corridor improvement, Interstate 5 Tacoma high occupancy vehicle lanes, Interstate 90 Snoqualmie Pass, North Spokane corridor, State Route 40 Nile Valley landslide area. Funding for three new 64-car ferries.

Improvements. \$590 million in federal funds for high-speed passenger rail along I-5 corridor, 2 more daily round trips between Seattle and Portland. Payment options for SR 520 tolls. Tolling for entire SR 520 project costs.

Supports 24,000 jobs annually at peak of construction.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Maintained with current funding. A number of investments, including these projects: Aviation High School (Seattle), Museum of Flight Gallery (Seattle), Junior Achievement World Initiative (Yakima), Family Services Center (Spokane), Rainier Beach Medical and Dental Clinic (Seattle), Salishan (Tacoma), Skagit Valley Hospital Inpatient Behavior Health Center (Mount Vernon), Haselwood Family YMCA (Silverdale), Washington State Penitentiary (Walla Walla), generic community Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration facility (location TBD), Balmer Hall (University of Washington), Washington State University (student information system), UW – Tacoma (addition/remodel), distressed communities school grants (across the state), high-priority water quality projects (across the state), clean water drinking loans (across the state), Puget Sound restoration.

Managed with reduced resources. Redirected project, grant savings to other critical capital projects. Redirected fund transfers to support critical programs in operating budget. Reserved funding for future construction projects.

Supports additional 9,000 jobs above biennial budget total.