



## **WORKING TOGETHER: GOVERNOR GREGOIRE'S AND THE LEGISLATURE'S 2011 AND 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Early learning**

**2011:** Maintained the state preschool program ♦ Added licensure requirements ♦ Required school districts that receive all-day kindergarten support to use the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) ♦ Increased home visiting services with public and private matching funds

**2012:** Maintained state preschool program ♦ Improved professional development standards for early learning and youth professionals ♦ Scaled up implementation of WaKIDS

#### **K-12**

**2011:** Designated high school senior year as “launch year” when students begin earning college and technical credits that count toward postsecondary degrees and certificates ♦ Finalized mathematics and science graduation requirements ♦ Added technology literacy and fluency to basic education skills ♦ Authorized development of bullying and harassment prevention strategies

**2012:** Advanced implementation of new research-based, four-tier evaluation systems for teachers and principals ♦ Described performance expectations, student growth data components and probationary period provisions in new evaluation systems ♦ Provided for comprehensive evaluation system training for evaluators ♦ Adopted policy requiring evaluation results to be used as one of multiple factors in making personnel decisions beginning in 2015–16 school year ♦ Established creative partnerships between institutions of higher education colleges of education and school districts through Collaborative Schools for Innovation and Success Pilot Project to accelerate learning for at-risk students and develop school-based educator preparation programs ♦ Revised certification, certificate renewal standards for elementary teachers to include STEM skills integration ♦ Revised teacher certification assessments in teaching effectiveness, subject matter knowledge to integrate STEM skills ♦ Provided grants to build high school STEM and aerospace career course opportunities that lead to postsecondary technical certificates and degrees

## Higher education

**2011:** Granted tuition-setting authority to public, four-year colleges and universities ♦ Helped students complete degrees by improving the transfer process and recognizing credits earned ♦ Improved accountability through adoption of common measurements that allow national comparisons ♦ Increased access by establishing Western Governors University – Washington ♦ Streamlined higher education governance ♦ Established and provided funding for a public-private partnership for higher education scholarship endowment

**2012:** Created Student Achievement Council to improve educational attainment, boost innovations and smooth student transitions ♦ Increased efficiencies through streamlined business practices, fewer reporting requirements for colleges ♦ Maintained state support for institutions ♦ Continued financial aid support ♦ Added 850 slots for UW, WSU engineering students

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

### Economic development

**2011:** Passed one of the largest reforms of the workers' compensation system in its 100-year history to improve worker outcomes, boost the health of the system and reduce premium rate increases ♦ Reduced taxes for 80,000 small businesses ♦ Expanded training for unemployed workers and provided a temporary benefit increase of \$25 for about 140,000 unemployed workers ♦ Established a foreclosure mediation process for borrowers at risk of losing their homes ♦ Repurposed investments to create Innovate Washington to collaborate with industry to promote outcome-driven economic development

**2012:** Increased resources for international trade promotion to help more Washington companies export ♦ Created the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation to promote industry breakthroughs, increase opportunities for students, strengthen linkages between higher education and aerospace/advance materials manufacturing industry ♦ Provided more resources and tools for Innovation Partnership Zones that link research, government and businesses ♦ Provided local governments with more financing tools through creation of economic development finance authorities ♦ Set up employee lifelong learning programs through continuation of the self-employment training program ♦ Facilitated collaboration among local economic development organizations and the state to attract and grow businesses ♦ Enhanced services provided by the Office of Regulatory Assistance ♦ Extended the Customized Training Program for Washington businesses ♦ Required state agencies to offer electronic filing for business forms

### Transportation budget

**2011:** Signed a biennial budget that will put 30,000 people to work and invest \$5.6 billion in more than 800 transportation projects across the state ♦ Formed a Transportation Advisory Group to develop a 10-year investment and revenue strategy for the state's transportation system ♦ Authorized the construction and operation of express toll lanes on I-405 between Lynnwood and Bellevue to reduce congestion on the I-405 corridor ♦ Provided the option for King County to add a congestion reduction charge of up to \$20 per vehicle to avoid a 20 percent reduction in King County Metro services

**2012:** Signed SR 520 legislation that will prevent the loss of 900 jobs in Grays Harbor, Pierce County and Seattle ♦ Authorized tolling on the SR 99 tunnel to complete the funding plan for replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct ♦ Designated the Columbia River Crossing an eligible toll

facility to leverage federal funding to replace the I-5 crossing ♦ Signed a supplemental budget that provides \$57 million in new spending, including \$9.5 million for the Washington State Patrol to operate an extra class of cadets and fight auto theft, \$9 million in aid to regional and local transit agencies and \$8 million in preliminary spending for highway projects

## Capital budget

**2011:** Funding supports 14,800 jobs per year ♦ Maintained funding for a number of projects, including Aviation High School (Burien), American Lake Veterans' Golf Course (Lakewood), Mt. Vernon Flood Protection (Mt. Vernon), Skagit Valley Hospital (Mt. Vernon), Tacoma Hilltop Health Center (Tacoma), Tulalip Water Pipeline (Everett), YWCA Yakima (Yakima), Vancouver Waterfront Park pre-construction (Vancouver), Washington State Penitentiary (Walla Walla), Spokane Falls Community College campus classrooms (Spokane Falls), Washington State University Riverpoint biomedical and health sciences (Spokane), University of Washington Odegaard Undergraduate Learning Center (Seattle), housing assistance, weatherization and affordable housing (across the state), clean drinking water loans (across the state), stormwater retrofit and low-impact development grants (across the state), K-12 construction (across the state), Puget Sound restoration ♦ Redirected project, grant savings to other critical capital projects ♦ Redirected fund transfers to support critical programs in operating budget

**2012:** Funding supports up to 18,000 jobs ♦ Provided funding for a number of projects, including clean drinking water loans (across the state), stormwater retrofit and low-impact development grants (across the state), K-12 construction (across the state), Puget Sound cleanup, Washington State University Riverpoint Biomedical and Health Sciences facility (Spokane), University of Washington Bothell Phase 3, hatchery improvements (across the state), aquatics center roof replacement (Covington), medical clinic (Everett), downtown corridor project (Longview), main street improvement project (Edmonds), pedestrian and bike path (Seattle), railroad bridge replacement (Benton), heritage industrial rail extension (Pasco), Puyallup River bridge replacement (Tacoma), centennial industrial park infrastructure (Vancouver), warehouse infrastructure project (Walla Walla) ♦ Increased housing resources for the homeless ♦ Provided energy efficiency and weatherization improvements facilities for K-12, higher education, local government ♦ Redirected savings to other critical projects ♦ Redirected fund transfers to support critical programs in the operating budget

## HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### Health

**2011:** Laid foundation for the state health benefits exchange required by the federal Affordable Care Act ♦ Consolidated state health care purchasing into a single agency ♦ Conformed state law to the Affordable Care Act by extending coverage to dependents younger than 26, prohibiting lifetime benefit caps and preventing coverage denials to people younger than 19 because of a pre-existing condition ♦ Imposed new requirements for exempting a child from immunizations ♦ Created a public-private collaborative to identify evidence-based, best practices to improve quality and reduce variation in health care services ♦ Enhanced legal protections for vulnerable adults ♦ Established higher standards and sustainable financing for long-term care programs ♦ Encouraged the adoption of innovative health care payment and delivery models to achieve better outcomes at lower cost ♦ Supported the state's application to the federal government for a more innovative Medicaid program ♦ Provided greater public access to health insurance rate increase information ♦ Enhanced the state program for those with traumatic brain injury ♦ Maintained the Insurance Commissioner's authority to review rate requests for individual health insurance ♦ Increased the transparency of the state's

health professions disciplinary process ♦ Created a statewide medical provider network and expanded the use of Centers of Occupational Health and Education to return more injured workers to work quickly ♦ Required employers to correct serious safety issues while appealing citations from the Department of Labor and Industries ♦ Provided protection to workers who handle chemotherapy drugs ♦ Improved protections for workers exposed to blood-borne pathogens

**2012:** Provided flexibility for school nurses to train staff to administer limited medication to students ♦ Clarified licensure policy for midwives, nurses working with midwives, dental anesthesia assistants, reflexologists, medical assistants ♦ Modernized terminology by updating the term “boarding homes” to “assisted living facilities” ♦ Established method to certify evidence-based decision aids to provide patients better information about treatment options ♦ Required hospitals to disclose top executive compensation and complete community needs assessment to maintain nonprofit status ♦ Required certain health professions to complete training in suicide prevention ♦ Strengthened Medicaid fraud detection and prosecution ♦ Updated training requirements for long-term care workers ♦ Provided additional authority needed for timely implementation of a state-administered Health Benefit Exchange, called for under the federal Affordable Care Act to help individuals and small businesses choose affordable, high-quality health insurance coverage ♦ Provided flexibility to regional support networks to run more efficiently ♦ Reformed how state hospital system works with jails to evaluate competency of mentally ill offenders ♦ Required transparency in patient billing for hospitals that charge an added facility fee ♦ Agreed to implement a comprehensive policy to reduce inappropriate emergency room visits ♦ Closed tax loophole for roll-your-own cigarette establishments ♦ Improved health purchasing transparency, equity between employee-only and full-family health premiums in public schools

## Human services

**2011:** Established requirements for elder and vulnerable adult referral agencies on fees and refunds, recordkeeping, disclosure statements and intake forms ♦ Clarified legal requirements for placement of an Indian child in foster care ♦ Extended foster care to provide stable housing, medical care and mental health counseling for youth finishing high school who would otherwise age out of care ♦ Established new requirements for triage facilities to divert those with mental illness from incarceration ♦ Updated the Uniform Parentage Act to reflect Washington’s state-registered domestic partnership law ♦ Provided protection from fraud for homeowners under the Consumer Loan Act ♦ Allowed military experience to satisfy requirements for licensure in various professions ♦ Recognized same-sex marriage formed in other states under Washington’s state-registered, domestic partner law ♦ Improved regulation of the immigration-related service industry ♦ Improved restrictions on the use of electronic benefit transaction cards ♦ Created housing and medical services for individuals who are disabled and unable to work ♦ Closed Frances Haddon Morgan School ♦ Stopped admitting clients to the Yakima Valley School ♦ Stopped admitting clients younger than 21 to Residential Habilitation Centers beginning 2012 ♦ Developed new community capacity for crisis and respite care

**2012:** Instituted performance-based contracting to reform delivery of child welfare services ♦ Created new approach to respond to allegations of child abuse and neglect ♦ Allowed Department of Social and Health Services to reinvest savings from decreases in the foster care caseload into prevention activities ♦ Created Fair Tenant Screening Act that provides prospective tenants with better information about how landlords screen rental applications ♦ Extended surcharge paid on real estate transactions to provide funding for homelessness and housing programs ♦ Provided people

with developmental disabilities the choice between supported employment and individualized community access programs ♦ Expanded public assistance fraud and accountability protections ♦ Allowed DSHS to waive collection of overpayment from public assistance recipients in certain cases ♦ Expanded eligibility authorization period for the subsidized child care program ♦ Allowed military spouses or domestic partners to place professional license(s) in inactive status during deployment ♦ Became the 7th state to legislate marriage equality

## **Public safety**

**2011:** Responded to recommendations of the National Institute of Corrections report to deploy body alarms and pepper spray, improve camera coverage, form statewide safety advisory committees for state correctional facilities ♦ Increased the penalty for harassing a criminal justice participant ♦ Increased the penalty for mail theft used to commit identity theft crimes ♦ Amended the definition of Assault in the Second Degree to include suffocation ♦ Strengthened DUI laws by requiring a 12-hour hold on a vehicle impound and required installation of an ignition interlock device even if a defendant pleads down to a lesser crime ♦ Increased penalty for vehicular homicide to same level as manslaughter

**2012:** Increased penalty for a DUI with a minor in the vehicle ♦ Authorized juvenile gang courts ♦ Added commercial sexual abuse of a minor to racketeering statute ♦ Made advertising the commercial sexual abuse of a minor a crime ♦ Increased penalties for patronizing a prostitute ♦ Placed substantial parameters on discovery process when child pornography images are involved ♦ Enhanced laws and procedure governing DUI cases ♦ Enabled civil forfeiture in commercial sexual abuse of a minor cases ♦ Added commercial sexual abuse of a minor to the list of criminal street gang activities ♦ Controlled legal costs in sexually violent predator cases ♦ Increased penalty for metal theft ♦ Enhanced rules on domestic violence protection orders ♦ Expanded list of people who are mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect ♦ Improved timeliness and efficiency of conducting evaluations for mentally ill offenders

## **GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY**

**2011:** Consolidated several state agencies into new Department of Enterprise Services to deliver central services more effectively and economically ♦ Created Central Technology Services to consolidate and deliver IT services more efficiently ♦ Required ballots to be mailed to overseas and military voters at least 30 days before each special election and at least 45 days before each primary or general election ♦ Authorized overseas and military voters to return ballots by fax or email ♦ Required all counties to conduct elections by mail and provide a voting center in each county auditor's office for those voting in person and those with disabilities ♦ Eliminated the 2012 presidential primary ♦ Extended timelines for local governments to complete growth management plan updates and shoreline master program amendments ♦ Created process for fire districts to join regional fire services and for cities to purchase water systems to serve residents ♦ Allowed cities to use current federal census data to determine population for annexation ♦ Incentivized installation of home sprinkler systems ♦ Consolidated central service agencies ♦ Eliminated 10 boards and commissions ♦ Consolidated 3 boards and commissions ♦ Restructured 20 boards and commissions

**2012:** Simplified and consolidated state agency procurement processes to improve efficiency and transparency ♦ Reformed election method of precinct committee officers ♦ Expanded political advertising laws to include advertising in support of, opposition to ballot measure

## NATURAL RESOURCES

**2011:** Reached agreement to shut down the state’s last coal-fired power plant and replace it with cleaner power ♦ Banned the use of coal tar to maintain roads and parking lots in favor of less toxic products ♦ Established the “Discover Pass” to fund and allow access to state parks and other state-owned lands ♦ Established the Voluntary Stewardship Program to protect and enhance critical areas while promoting better agricultural practices ♦ Provided revenue for hunting, fishing and other programs through higher hunting and fishing license fees ♦ Provided financial incentives to cities to participate in transfer of development right programs to conserve working farms and forests ♦ Increased safety for skiers and emergency responders through stronger enforcement of skiing closed areas ♦ Boosted protection for imperiled shark populations through penalties for illegal trafficking in shark fins ♦ Increased food safety by establishing an animal disease traceability program for cattle in Washington ♦ Continued protection against invasive species through the Invasive Species Council ♦ Required the best-available equipment to respond quickly and effectively to oil spills

**2012:** Allowed transferability of the Discover Pass from one family-owned vehicle to a second ♦ Provided expedited permitting and funding to establish aviation biofuel production facilities ♦ Eliminated duplicate permitting for installing stormwater treatment equipment in existing boatyard ♦ Extended affordable pollution insurance to homeowners with heating oil tanks and small businesses with underground fuel tanks ♦ Authorized, funded planning for renewable energy, fishing, other uses for Washington’s outer coast ♦ Recognized electrical energy generated with biomass as renewable power under state law ♦ Provided additional time for cities and counties to comply with stormwater permit requirements ♦ Consolidated environmental permit requirements for forest practices ♦ Secured additional funding for protection of fish and their habitat