

**Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee
Department of Labor and Workforce Development**

Members: Sen. Merrick, Sen. Bjorkman, Sen. Gray-Jackson, Sen. Myers

**Narrative Closeout Report
April 15, 2026**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development submits the following FY27 recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee:

Fund Group: (dollars are in thousands)	Senate Sub
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	25,501.6
Designated General Funds	26,799.6
Other Funds	17,438.1
Federal Funds	98,480.2
TOTAL FUNDS	168,219.2

Positions:	
Permanent Full-time	674
Permanent Part Time	32
Temporary	8
TOTAL POSITIONS	714

BUDGET ACTIONS:

The Senate Finance Subcommittee did not add new unrestricted general fund increments beyond those included in the Governor’s amended budget request. The Subcommittee accepted the majority of the Governor’s amended budget, which focused on technical adjustments, fund source corrections, and aligning receipt authority with projected revenues.

The Subcommittee also adopted language to allow for the carryforward of Workers’ Compensation account balances to ensure continued program operations.

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Amended Budget Request:

The Senate Finance Subcommittee accepted many items requested in the Governor’s Amended budget. These items include:

- \$1,405.0 increase in UGF to maintain Workers’ Compensation operations
- Multiple increments related to Information Technology Classification Study implementation across divisions

- \$200.0 STEP funding to support Labor Market Information

Organizational Changes:

- All structural changes.

ATTACHED REPORTS

The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development adopted the attached Budget Action Report. This report incorporates agency totals, transaction comparisons for the FY26 Management Plan to the Senate Subcommittee recommendation, FY27 Adjusted Base to the Senate Subcommittee recommendation, and FY27 Governor's Amended Budget to the Senate Subcommittee recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Merrick, Chair

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