

Senate Finance / Department of Labor and Workforce Development Subcommittee

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

Narrative Closeout Report April 15, 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development submits the following FY26 recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee:

Fund Group: (dollars are in thousands)	Senate Sub
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	22,336.4
Designated General Funds	32,795.7
Other Funds	17,793.9
Federal Funds	92,620.4
TOTAL FUNDS	165,546.4

Positions:	
Permanent Full-time	679
Permanent Part Time	40
Temporary	16
TOTAL POSITIONS	735

BUDGET ACTIONS:

In recognition of the constraints on currently available revenue, the Senate Finance Subcommittee denied all requests for General Fund increments. The Subcommittee made no additions to the Governor Amended budget request and made a decrement to eliminate the Office of Citizenship Assistance. The Subcommittee also recommends a fund source change to unallocated STEP Grant revenue to fund one AVTEC instructor for expanding electrical and plumbing workforce programs.

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:

- \$119.4 increase to add a long-term, nonpermanent programmer to support unemployment insurance mainframe replacement (Other funds)
- \$266.5 decrement in interagency receipt authority that was no longer needed
- \$2,400.0 decrement that eliminates authority for an unrealized partnership with the Department of Transportation (Other funds)

- \$2,150.0 decrement to eliminate pandemic-related federal receipt authority

Organizational Changes:

- The Senate Finance Subcommittee approved 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 FY25 Management Plan to the Senate Subcommittee recommendation, FY26 Adjusted Base to the Senate Subcommittee recommendation, and FY26 Governor's Amended Budget to the Senate Subcommittee recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Merrick", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Senator Merrick, Chair

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