

Department of Agriculture Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2015-17 Estimated Expenditures	777.1	34,134	151,281	185,415
2017-19 Maintenance Level	851.3	33,029	155,929	188,958
Difference from 2015-17	74.3	-1,105	4,648	3,543
% Change from 2015-17	9.6%	-3.2%	3.1%	1.9%
Policy Other Changes:				
1. Asian Gypsy Moth Eradication	5.6	180	543	723
2. Food Safety Lab Accreditation	0.0	334	0	334
3. Produce Safety Federal Agreement	10.0	0	3,332	3,332
4. Edible Marijuana Inspections *	1.0	0	200	200
5. Voluntary Marijuana Certification *	4.6	0	900	900
6. Reduce Spartina Eradication	0.0	0	-400	-400
Policy -- Other Total	21.1	514	4,575	5,089
Policy Comp Changes:				
7. State Public Employee Benefits Rate	0.0	154	684	838
8. WFSE General Government	0.0	24	1,744	1,768
9. State Represented Emp Benefits Rate	0.0	88	1,145	1,233
10. WPEA General Government	0.0	425	368	793
11. Non-Rep General Wage Increase	0.0	317	1,373	1,690
12. Non-Rep Targeted Pay Increases	0.0	2	19	21
13. Non-Rep Minimum Starting Wage	0.0	1	1	2
14. WFSE Orca Transit Pass	0.0	0	22	22
15. Orca Transit Pass-Not WFSE	0.0	6	8	14
Policy -- Comp Total	0.0	1,017	5,364	6,381
Policy Central Services Changes:				
16. Archives/Records Management	0.0	0	1	1
17. Legal Services	0.0	2	9	11
18. CTS Central Services	0.0	32	147	179
19. DES Central Services	0.0	19	91	110

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20. OFM Central Services	0.0	-113	-510	-623
Policy -- Central Svcs Total	0.0	-60	-262	-322
Total Policy Changes	21.1	1,471	9,677	11,148
2017-19 Policy Level	872.4	34,500	165,606	200,106
Difference from 2015-17	95.4	366	14,325	14,691
% Change from 2015-17	12.3%	1.1%	9.5%	7.9%

POLICY CHANGES

1. Asian Gypsy Moth Eradication

In the spring of 2016, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Plant Pest Program conducted Asian Gypsy Moth eradication in western Washington. Additional post-treatment monitoring is required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to determine the effectiveness of these treatments. WSDA will conduct two additional calendar years of post-treatment, high-density trapping. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal)

2. Food Safety Lab Accreditation

The department's Food Safety and Consumer Services Laboratory is the state's central lab to test for pathogens in food, feed and dairy products. This testing is used to protect public and animal health. Additional resources will allow the laboratory to maintain its International Standard Organization (ISO) accreditation that protects consumers from contaminated food and feed and will ensure faster recalls and fewer challenges from the responsible firms. (General Fund-State)

3. Produce Safety Federal Agreement

The federal Food Safety and Modernization Act (FSMA) was signed into law in 2011. The goal of this law is to prevent food contamination before it occurs. In 2013, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration adopted a Produce Safety rule, and Washington is a major grower of produce covered by this rule. Using federal funding, WSDA will develop a program to educate and train producers and to develop inspection and testing procedures to ensure the safety of produce grown in Washington. This will benefit Washington residents and consumers in other states and nations. (General Fund-Federal)

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4. Edible Marijuana Inspections *

Marijuana-infused edible products are now being sold in the state. The Liquor and Cannabis Board currently contracts with the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to ensure marijuana edibles are produced under appropriate sanitary conditions. Funding is provided for proposed agency request legislation to grant WSDA direct statutory authority to regulate the sanitary processing of marijuana-infused edible products to protect consumers. (Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appr)

5. Voluntary Marijuana Certification *

Funding is provided for proposed agency request legislation allowing WSDA to establish a new voluntary program to certify state-licensed marijuana producers and processors who use "natural" and "sustainable" production practices. This will help producers and processors to differentiate themselves in the marketplace and meet consumer demand for such assurances. (Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appr)

6. Reduce Spartina Eradication

Spartina is a nonnative cordgrass that grows in estuaries on the coast and Puget Sound which can take over shellfish growing areas. Over the last several biennia, the department has been successful in eliminating Spartina from most areas of the state. Funding for monitoring and eradication efforts is reduced to align better with the amount of Spartina in state waters. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)

7. State Public Employee Benefits Rate

Health insurance funding is provided for state employees who are not represented by a union, who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination, or who are not part of the coalition of unions for health benefits. The insurance funding rate is \$970 per employee per month for fiscal year 2018 and \$1029 per employee per month for fiscal year 2019. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State; other accounts)

8. WFSE General Government

Funding is provided for a collective bargaining agreement and arbitration award with Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE), which includes a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective July 1, 2017; a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective July 1, 2018; a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective January 1, 2019; salary adjustments for targeted classifications; a minimum starting wage of \$12 an hour; and changes to vacation leave accruals. Employee insurance included in the agreement is displayed in a separate item. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State; other accounts)

9. State Represented Emp Benefits Rate

This provides health insurance funding as part of the master agreements for employees who bargain as part of the coalition of unions for health benefits. The insurance funding rate is \$970 per employee per month for fiscal year 2018 and \$1029 per employee per month for fiscal year 2019. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State; other accounts)

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10. WPEA General Government

Funding is provided for a collective bargaining agreement with Washington Public Employees Association (WPEA), which includes a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective July 1, 2017; a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective July 1, 2018; a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective January 1, 2019; salary adjustments for targeted classifications; and changes to vacation leave accruals. Employee insurance included in the agreement is displayed in a separate item. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appr; other accounts)

11. Non-Rep General Wage Increase

Funding is provided for wage increases for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. It is sufficient for a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective July 1, 2017; a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective July 1, 2018; and a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective January 1, 2019. This item includes both higher education and general government workers. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State; other accounts)

12. Non-Rep Targeted Pay Increases

Funding is provided for classified state employees who are not represented by a union for pay increases in specific job classes in alignment with other employees. (General Fund-State; Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appr; State Toxics Control Account-State)

13. Non-Rep Minimum Starting Wage

This provides resources to increase the starting wage for non-represented employees to \$12 an hour, effective July 1, 2017, and for wage increases for classified state employees who work in job classes where the pay is aligned with job classes affected by the minimum starting wage. (General Fund-State; Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appr)

14. WFSE Orca Transit Pass

This funds transit passes (ORCA cards) for state employees outside of higher education who work in King County, who are represented by the Washington Federation of State Employees. (General Fund-Federal; Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appr; Grain Inspection Revolving Account-Non-Appr)

15. Orca Transit Pass-Not WFSE

This funds transit passes (ORCA cards) for state employees outside of higher education who work in King County, other than those represented by the Washington Federation of State Employees. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appr)

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16. Archives/Records Management

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect each agency's allocated share of charges for the state archives and state records center (Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appr)

17. Legal Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect each agency's anticipated share of legal service charges. The Attorney General's Office will work with client agencies to implement stricter policies and best practices regarding usage of legal services to achieve lower bills. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appr; other accounts)

18. CTS Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect each agency's allocated share of charges from the Consolidated Technology Services Agency (WaTech) for the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Cyber Security, state network, enterprise systems, security gateways, and geospatial imaging services. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State; other accounts)

19. DES Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect each agency's allocated share of charges from the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) for campus rent, utilities, parking, and contracts; a capital project surcharge; financing cost recovery; public and historic facilities; real estate services; risk management services; small agency financial and human resource services; personnel service rates; the Perry Street child care center; and the department's enterprise applications. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State; other accounts)

20. OFM Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect each agency's allocated share of charges from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) for the One Washington project and support for OFM's enterprise applications. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal; Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State; other accounts)