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Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Assistant state physical anthropologist

Maintain the assistant state physical anthropologist position and continue funding to the Skeletal Human Remains Assistance Account. This will ensure timely recovery of human remains and repatriation to affected tribes. It will also continue grant assistance for removal of human remains to avoid lengthy construction project delays. (\$206,000 General Fund-State; \$140,000 Skeletal Human Remains Assistance Account-State)

Office of the Attorney General

Child permanency

Increase staff in Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Vancouver and Spokane to address an increase in child welfare-related litigation proceedings. Additional attorneys and legal support staff in these locations will help the Department of Social and Health Services to protect children from abuse and neglect and to achieve timely permanency for children. (\$4.5 million Legal Services Revolving Fund-State).

Ratepayer advocacy

Add legal staff and funding for expert witness analysis to represent ratepayers in regulatory proceedings before the Utilities and Transportation Commission. Ratepayers will benefit from advocacy and expert testimony in utility rate increases, service delivery,

environmental initiatives and other regulatory issues. (\$1.4 million Public Service Revolving Account-State).

Public Disclosure Commission

Legal services

Increase legal support. Growth in complex campaign finance litigation and citizen action complaints has led to higher legal costs, which are expected to continue into the 2017–19 biennium. Additional funding ensures the commission has the resources to enforce campaign finance and disclosure laws. (\$45,000 GF-S)

Secretary of State

Voter registration and elections information

Upgrade the voter registration database and elections information system. The database is used to manage voter registration and ensure accuracy of voter rolls. The elections information system provides online services for voters and candidates, including electronic voter registration, voter guides, candidate filing and election results reporting. These 10-year-old systems are reliable, but need to be upgraded to ensure long-term stability and to take advantage of new technologies to efficiently implement changes in law and best practices. (\$5.9 million GF-S)

Census and redistricting

Participate in the U.S. Census Bureau's Redistricting Data Program and prepare for

redistricting. Participation in the program improves the accuracy of the census and lays the foundation for the work the Washington State Redistricting Commission will conduct in 2021. (\$204,000 GF-S)

Department of Commerce

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Provide more low-income households with energy payment assistance. LIHEAP assists households at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level, or at or below 60 percent of the area median income, with utility payments. LIHEAP provides an energy assistance grant directly to the energy provider on behalf of the eligible household. The program may also help repair or replace unsafe, dysfunctional or inoperative heating systems. LIHEAP is currently funded with federal dollars and served more than 75,000 households in fiscal year 2016. Additional state funding will provide assistance to about 29,500 more eligible households each fiscal year. (\$25.0 million Carbon Pollution Reduction Account-State)

Reduce homelessness

Expand temporary rent assistance for homeless families with children, expand permanent housing with wraparound services for harder-to-serve chronically homeless families and individuals, and increase the number of youth who exit a state system, such as juvenile detention, to safe, stable housing. The state has made progress in

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reducing the number of people who experience homelessness. However, a lack of affordable housing stock, chronic mental illness and chemical dependency continue to be barriers to people staying stably housed. These new investments will reduce the incidence of homelessness throughout the state. (\$20.0 million GF-S)

Economic development

Maintain a sector-based approach to economic development and expand economic “gardening” grants. Sector-based economic development increases the output of industry sectors vital to Washington’s economy: aerospace, clean energy, forest products, information and communications technology, life sciences, maritime and the military. Economic gardening grants, an entrepreneur-based approach to economic development, help small companies advance to the next stage of business development, remain in their community and hire local workers. (\$1.9 million GF-S)

Lead-based paint abatement

Protect Washingtonians against poisoning from lead-based paint. Lead-based paint has been safely removed from many of the estimated 1.5 million residential properties in the state built before the paint was banned. Higher fees for lead-based paint abatement certifications will fund more technical assistance services and compliance staff. (\$376,000 Lead Paint Account)

Consolidated Technology Services Infrastructure for cloud services

Invest in core technologies to ensure the state network is ready for more cloud services usage. These investments include identity management (to ensure users are able to access the right services and data, and to ensure access is terminated when no longer necessary), network capacity (to establish a connection with sufficient bandwidth to a cloud aggregation vendor that will provide direct access to cloud service providers) and information security (to mitigate the risk of storing state data outside the state network). (\$5.7 million Consolidated Technology Services Revolving Account Nonappropriated)

IT master contracts

Provide technology expertise to the Department of Enterprise Services. The Office of the Chief Information Officer will help DES to establish IT master contracts that keep up with changing technology and reflect current technology and security policy. (\$550,000 Consolidated Technology Services Revolving Account-State)

Office of Financial Management One Washington

Continue development of One Washington, the comprehensive business transformation program to modernize and improve aging administrative systems and related business processes that are common across state government. Funding will be

used to design the long-term program blueprint that will detail the readiness, planning and implementation activities of the next four biennia. (\$4.5 million Statewide Information Technology System Development Revolving Account-State)

Military Department

Access and functional needs coordinator

Work with state agencies, political subdivisions, school districts and nonprofit organizations to get vital emergency information to populations that are otherwise difficult to reach. This could include ensuring evacuation orders are provided in appropriate languages for populations with limited English proficiency and developing evacuation and response plans that account for residents with disabilities or who need special assistance. (\$234,000 GF-S)

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Needs assessment

Assess Washington’s Asian American and Pacific Islander communities about education, health and human services and economic development to inform the public, state agencies and policymakers about needs. Funding will also allow the commission to hold some of its meetings in Eastern Washington and fund additional translation and interpretation services. (\$50,000 GF-S)

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Reductions

Department of Commerce

Walla Walla Community College Environmental Center

Terminate Commerce's management of a grant to the community college for the operation of its water and environmental center. The grant assists the center with program and curriculum development, outreach and strategic planning for the school. (save \$750,000 GF-S)

Retired Senior Volunteer Program

Terminate the state match for RSVP, which contracts annually with 17 nonprofit organizations to recruit about 7,900 volunteers who provide a variety of community services in 32 counties. (save \$612,000 GF-S)

Northwest Agriculture Business Center

Terminate Commerce's contract with the Northwest Agriculture Business Center. This terminates business assistance for farms, value-added agriculture businesses and farm-based businesses in Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties. The center will continue to offer assistance to agricultural-based businesses in these counties with funding from other sources, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture. (save \$600,000 GF-S)

Washington State Arts Commission

Arts in Education grants

Reduce grant investments to local arts organizations and K-12 schools. Fewer grants will be awarded for Arts in Education partnerships, and to professional arts organizations and local governments that sponsor activities for the public. (save \$350,000 GF-S)