

Budget Savings Options 2025

Dollars in Thousands

Agency: Department of Commerce - 1030

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H	4	10% Administrative Position Reduction		(\$1,171)	(\$1,171)	(\$1,171)	(\$1,171)		(\$1,299)	(\$1,299)	(\$1,299)	(\$1,299)		(22.2)	(22.2)	(22.2)	(22.2)	Cost reduction to non-programatic, non-management positions.	7/25	Reduction would result in significant deterioration of core administrative support functions in IT, Finance, HR, Communications, program analysis, and administrative support.	N/A
H	4	10% Management Reduction		(\$940)	(\$940)	(\$940)	(\$940)		(\$1,262)	(\$1,262)	(\$1,262)	(\$1,262)		(14.1)	(14.1)	(14.1)	(14.1)	Cost reduction to management positions.	7/25	Reduction would result in significant deterioration of program delivery and oversight. Highly probably reduction would lead to non-compliance and program failure.	N/A
H	4	25% Administrative Position Reduction		(\$2,928)	(\$2,928)	(\$2,928)	(\$2,928)		(\$3,248)	(\$3,248)	(\$3,248)	(\$3,248)		(55.5)	(55.5)	(55.5)	(55.5)	Cost reduction to non-programatic, non-management positions.	7/25	Reduction would result in significant deterioration of core administrative support functions in IT, Finance, HR, Communications, program analysis, and administrative support.	N/A
H	4	25% Management Reduction		(\$2,351)	(\$2,351)	(\$2,351)	(\$2,351)		(\$3,154)	(\$3,154)	(\$3,154)	(\$3,154)		(35.3)	(35.3)	(35.3)	(35.3)	Cost reduction to management positions.	7/25	Reduction would result in significant deterioration of program delivery and oversight. Highly probably reduction would lead to non-compliance and program failure.	N/A
L	1	Terminate Leg Reporting Consulting Contracts	(\$2,142)	(\$300)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,500)	(\$250)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cancellation of consultant contracts to produce legislative reports.	3/25	Reduction would result in impacts to future activities and decisions for applicable study areas, mainly in ENG & LGD.	2024 SSB 5950 (129) (40) SB 5187 (2023) Sec. 132 (8) 2024 SSB 5950 (130) (34) 2024 SSB 5950 (130) (45) RCW 43.21F.090 RCW 36.70A.610 2024 SSB 5950 (128) (34) 2024 SSB 5950 (128) (33) ESSB 5950 Sect 131 (8)(a)
M	1	Reduce In-State Travel by 25%		(\$118)	(\$118)	(\$118)	(\$118)		(\$55)	(\$55)	(\$55)	(\$55)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cost reduction to instate travel.	7/25	Reduction would impact Commerce ability to conduct monitoring and oversight of contractors, and ability to conduct relationship maintenance work with Tribes.	N/A
M	2	Reduce Out-of-State Travel by 25%		(\$82)	(\$82)	(\$82)	(\$82)		(\$58)	(\$58)	(\$58)	(\$58)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cost reduction to out-of-state travel.	7/25	Reduction would impact Commerce ability to be present on national stage issues such as housing and energy, would also reduce ability to conduct economic development trade missions.	N/A
L	1	Housing - Reduce funding above ongoing passthrough and admin. needs		(\$1,850)	(\$1,850)	(\$1,850)	(\$1,850)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Housing Division did not contract out or allot to admin. of the GFS available. The intent was to contract out the funds in the last half of the year as part of the regular contract spending and admin reconciliation effort. Given budget shortfalls HD does not intend to commit this funding as originally planned	7/25	Reduces funds that would have otherwise been used to expand and support housing in this and future fiscal years	N/A
M	2	Housing - AHAH (Apple Health and Homes) - PSH Advisory Committee		(\$155)	(\$155)	(\$155)	(\$155)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Based on the Governor's budget reduction priorities, boards, commissions and committee reduction and required Leg. report	7/25	Legislatively directed effort to obtain recommendations/input	RCW 43.330.425
L	3	Housing - AHAH Recovery Residence Start-up funds		(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Interagency agreement to the Health Care Authority (HCA) to combine these funds with HCA's recovery residence start-up funds. HCA received significant funding under the Blake Bill/Opioid settlement agreement	7/25	Limited impact as Commerce completes an interagency agreement to the Health Care Authority for the funds.	N/A
M	1	Housing - Data and Performance Unit (DPU) - Youth Young Adult Data COM 5 1 FTE (vacant)		(\$49)	(\$49)	(\$49)	(\$49)		(\$49)	(\$49)	(\$49)	(\$49)		(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	Vacant position	7/25	Consolidate management positions	N/A
M	1	Housing - DPU - Coordinated Entry MA 5 1 FTE (vacant)		(\$49)	(\$49)	(\$49)	(\$49)		(\$49)	(\$49)	(\$49)	(\$49)		(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	Vacant position	7/25	Will not complete Coordinated Entry action items in the 24-29 State Homeless Housing Strategic Plan	N/A

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M	1	Housing - DPU - Community Based Rental Assistance (CBRA) Performance Monitoring MA 4 (.3 FTE only)		(\$30)	(\$30)	(\$30)	(\$30)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	See AHAA CBRA reduction. Serves less than 1,000. FTE restructured to work on legislatively required monitoring	7/25	Program may be less efficient and transparent due to no performance management. Performance monitoring for this program is not legislatively required	N/A
M	1	Housing - DPU - Reduce contract for research on homelessness		(\$87)	(\$87)	(\$87)	(\$87)		(\$87)	(\$87)	(\$87)	(\$87)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Eliminates research and analysis that is not required/does not add substantial value	7/25	Does not add substantial value	N/A
M	2	Housing - Homelessness Assistance Unit (HAU) Diversion Program (Proviso funds only, FTE absorbed)		(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Serves less than 1,000; move existing FTE to Compliance team	7/25	Program focused on providing funding to by and for organizations to support diversion from homelessness . Small scale program.	No (Budget Proviso)
L	2	Housing - HAU Homeless ID (Proviso funds only, FTE absorbed)		(\$80)	(\$80)	(\$80)	(\$80)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Serves less than 1,000; FTE stays on Compliance team	7/25	Does not add substantial value	No (Budget Proviso)
M	3	Housing - HAU Annual Point in Time Count MA 3 (.2 FTE only)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30		(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	HUD ONLY requires count every 2 years, align WA state with HUD requirements	7/25	Administrative efficiency; COM developed and ARL to accomplish this but it wasn't picked up, it's a significant administrative efficiency and would lessen the burden statewide	Yes: RCW 43.185c.030; see ARL
L	3	Housing - HAU Monthly HEN Client List Upload CS3 (.1 FTE only)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$17)	(\$17)	(\$17)	(\$17)		(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	Adds time & effort and complicates the delivery of services.	7/25	Does not add substantial value Need statute change (DSHS statute)	Yes; RCW 74.04.805, eliminate (7)
H	3	Housing - HAU WMS2 1 FTE (vacant)		(\$110)	(\$110)	(\$110)	(\$110)		(\$110)	(\$110)	(\$110)	(\$110)		(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	Adds mngmt position, Gov reducing, #1947	Immediate	Administrative efficiency;	N/A
L	3	Housing - HAU AA 2 1 FTE (anticipated retirement June 2025)		(\$50)	(\$50)	(\$50)	(\$50)		(\$50)	(\$50)	(\$50)	(\$50)		(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	Anticipated retirement, won't back fill #0799	7/25	Administrative efficiency;	N/A
M	1	Housing - AHAA CS3 FTE (PSH OMS program vacancy)		(\$158)	(\$158)	(\$158)	(\$158)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	Currently vacant position (#1822)	Immediate	Increased risk of audit findings	N/A
M	1	Housing - AHAA CS2 FTE (BH Liaison) within the AHAA-PSH unit		(\$141)	(\$141)	(\$141)	(\$141)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	Vacant position as of 2/1/25 (#1605) under AHAA-PSH Unit	7/25	Reduced coordination between behavioral health and housing systems	N/A
H	3	Housing - AHAA CBRA - serves less than 1,000 households		(\$11,844)	(\$11,844)	(\$11,844)	(\$11,844)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.7)	The CBRA program is a long-term tenant-based rent assistance program that serves complex vulnerable individuals with BH conditions. The program is estimated to serve approximate 600 households through a partnership with the BHASOs. AHAA-PSH unit is in the process of negotiating Medicaid HRSN funds to assist with the transition from inpatient settings to long-term rent assistance.	7/1	Would need one year to transition individuals off of the long-term rent assistance program. This would result in higher costs of emergency and inpatient usage as a result of the loss of the vouchers. There are not enough long-term rent assistance programs to serve this vulnerable complex population.	N/A
L	3	Housing - HOU Various pass-thru funding appropriations to WSHFC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$159	\$159	\$159	\$159		(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	Multiple appropriations in the operating and capital budgets that require Commerce to pass funding through to WSHFC take multiple staff time (contract drafter, accounting, budget) with no benefit to Commerce or the general public. Activity used to be housed in OFM unless Commerce had a role in partnership with WSHFC. This changed in 2024	7/1	Less administrative burden on Commerce for an activity that would be more efficient without Commerce as an intermediary	N/A
M	1	Housing - Multifamily Housing Unit (MHU) CS2 FTE Housing Program Coordinator (Vacated 01/01/25)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$141	\$141	\$141	\$141		(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	This position researches, extracts, and analyzes data and MHU contract and project records, corrects, maintains and improves data quality in the MHU systems, assists with reporting and presentation materials for the MHU programs, and assists with troubleshooting, enhancing and testing MHU data systems.	Immediate	Less output and outcome data, reporting delays and potential decrease in data quality	N/A
L	3	Housing - Housing Policy and Strategic Initiatives (HPSI) MA4 Reports Management & Review		(\$165)	(\$165)	(\$165)	(\$165)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	Currently filled FTE (across multiple positions; calculated savings using MA4 salary); manages proviso contracts for policy studies/reports/work; reviews/edits all HD legislative reports; eliminating this FTE assumes that all legislative reports are eliminated	7/25	Fewer reports regarding data, some of which include useful data and policy recommendations	N/A
H	4	Housing - Community Support Team (RCW 43.330.726, HB 1406)		(\$781)	(\$781)	(\$781)	(\$781)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	We can facilitate family reconciliation and multidisciplinary services, avoiding unnecessary duplication of services that are not effective. Do not duplicate existing funding.	Immediate	This program duplicate some existing services and it is subject to the amounts appropriated from the legislation for the purpose of the program.	

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H	4	Housing - Ancillary Therapeutic Services (Senate Bill 5950, Page 69)		(\$1,400)	(\$1,400)	(\$1,400)	(\$1,400)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Providing behavioral health support services in licensed youth shelters, HOPE centers, and crisis residential centers has limitations due to the short length of stay (15 to 30 days) for minors (ages 12 to 17) in these facilities, as well as barriers to accessing behavioral health services in a short period of time.	7/25	Grantees are experiencing barriers with the behavioral health system, and we need to change the RCW and the law to expand ancillary therapeutic services for young adults (ages 18-25) in shelters, as well as in housing programs. This change will help align spending with the scope of work and address the existing issues. Currently, the program is underspent.	We need a change in the law to serve young adults (18-24), no only youth (12-17) with this program to be more efficient.
L	3	CSD - Retired Senior Volunteer Program		(\$375)	(\$375)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	RSVP maintains and promotes senior involvement in community programs and gives priority to place Retired and Senior Volunteers in the areas of education, tutoring, English as a Second Language, drug abuse education, housing, and homeless and respite care, according to RCW 43.63A.275.	7/25	Reduction of some statewide volunteer services. Potential impact to the stability of the Washington RSVP Director association and statewide infrastructure of volunteer networks with loss of GF5 support.	N/A
M	3	CSD - Family Prosperity Account		(\$234)	(\$234)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Asset Building Program supports community based organizations agencies statewide working to assist low-and-moderate income residents build, maintain & preserve assets through investments in education, homeownership, personal savings, and entrepreneurship	7/25	This funding helps to leverage general fund state funding at Commerce for the asset building program. Losing this general fund state dollars weakens the overall work of financial services for low income families in Washington	N/A
L	3	CSD - Cultural & Job Training Program		(\$150)	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Direct appropriation to ASHHO Cultural Community Center to provide a trauma-informed cultural and job training program for people of color and those facing barriers to employment. ASHHO had hoped federal funds would also be awarded to help launch this new program, federal funds have not been awarded yet. This program began in July 2024.	7/25	Reduces services to an employment training and economic self sufficiency program that plans to support BIPOC workers. Number of workers supported will first be reported in June 2025.	n/a proviso
M	2	CSD - Poverty Reduction & Racial Equality Comm		(\$100)	(\$100)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Direct appropriation to Solid Ground to support 18-member committee of people with lived experience to inform agency leaders and legislators on policy changes intended to end poverty. COM submitted a 2025-27 request to increase this funding in coordination with DSHS and other WorkFirst Subcab partners.	7/25	Elimination would defund support for people with lived experience to receive travel reimbursements, child care, and staff support to participate in the Economic Justice Alliance and WorkFirst Subcabinet.	n/a proviso
Low	2	Energy - Clean Energy Pilot		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Gov Inslee team new budget proviso - (15) \$3,000,000 of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to develop and implement a pilot program that provides state match funds to local governments in areas hosting clean energy projects, where a clean energy developer has entered into a community benefits agreement with the hosting community.	7/25	the CEDO ARL/(potential proviso) includes community benefit agreement support and can be addressed somewhat through that bill	budget proviso - new program
Low	1	Energy - Energy Audit Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Total Approp is \$20,592,000 - can reduce by \$2.5M/year = \$5M for biennium	7/25		N/A
Med	1	Energy - Clean Energy Development Office (CEDO)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$1,250)	(\$1,250)	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Align with reduced fiscal note currently under discussion w/Gov's office. Reduce by 50%; total appn is \$4,944,000	7/25		N/A
M	1	OEDC - Employee Ownership Program		(\$300)	(\$300)	(\$300)	(\$300)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(1.0)	(1.0)	N/A	N/A	Administration funding to support the employee ownership program, including TA grants, Admin for Governor appointed board. TA grants assist with accessing an unfunded revolving loan fund. This reduces the grant funding level while maintaining program.	7/25	TA grants not awarded to date. There would remain a reduced bucket of funds to implement grants.	Sec. 131 (12), Proviso

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H	3	OEDC - Thrive!		(\$80)	(\$80)	(\$80)	(\$80)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Small business scale-up tools and customized consulting services for entrepreneurs looking to grow. This is an originally developed OEDC program.	7/25	Eliminates a small business tool that supports growth and potential market expansion	N/A
H	3	OEDC - StartUp 365 Centers		(\$70)	(\$70)	(\$70)	(\$70)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Develops services delivered virtually and in person to support small business startups. Funding used to build our entrepreneur academies, sponsorships, and attend tradeshow for small businesses.	7/25	Eliminates a core agency function in supporting entrepreneurs that start a new business - This is an originally designed OEDC program	N/A
L	3	OEDC - Off-Shore Wind Studies		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$375)	(\$375)	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	nonregulatory coalition that supports the strategic development and activation of Washington state's participation in the West Coast offshore wind supply chain	7/25	(CCA Funding) Eliminates supply chain convenings, workshops, and studies - This looks out of alignment with new administration	Sec. 131 (13), Proviso
H	1	OEDC - Associate Development Organizations (ADOs)		(\$700)	(\$700)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	ADO operational funding for economic development activities / Includes match funding requirement. Reduced funds maintain the program at reduced grant levels	7/25	Less funding for local economic development partners	Sec. 131 (1), Proviso
L	5	LGD - Port District Noise Abatement Program	(\$67)	(\$67)	(\$67)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	New proviso received in the 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget. As of 1.29.25, the program has not been implemented and no funds have been awarded. There was a \$1 million GF-S transfer associated with these funds that was taken out of the Gov's budget. (28Q-6 Port District Equity Fund-Non-Appr)	7/25	Funds not awarded to-date and would impact Port of Seattle and area residents that would benefit from the Port's process to update sound proofing from airport noise	RCW 43.330.610
L	3	LGD - Walla Walla Environmental Center		(\$375)	(\$375)	(\$375)	(\$375)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Walla Walla Center for Environment has received an ongoing appropriation for various uses that change slightly year over year, including to cultivate partnerships, provide education on emerging environmental issues, and to develop facilities, projects and demonstration areas	7/25	Walla Walla Environmental Center would no longer have ongoing state support to enhance their partnership building and facilities	N/A
L	5	LGD - Special Purpose District Integration Report		(\$149)	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	This activity is to complete the currently underway Special Purpose District Integration study, phase IV of the Collaborative Roadmap project that seeks to update the growth management act. The preliminary report is due by end of FY25	7/25	These funds are intended to complete the final report of considerations to integrate special purpose districts into the Growth Management Act (GMA). The preliminary report will not have concrete proposals to amend the GMA, which could prove valuable to local government coordination and planning efficiency.	N/A
M	3	LGD - Emergency Rapid Response		(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Although extremely needed and helpful to support local emergency response, these funds are not identified for a specific entity or use. It is an unawarded pool of funding available, if an eligible emergency situation arises. This reduction is in addition to the cuts already in the Gov's 25-27 budget. This would leave \$1.5 million per FY for assistance and \$153 thousand for administration.	7/25	This severely reduces a one of a kind resources designed to move fast and fill funding gaps during a declared emergency situation. This will impact local governments and Tribes that experience these types of emergency situations in the future, if funds are depleted as need still exists.	N/A

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L	3	LGD - Local Revitalization Financing (LRF)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$2,280)	(\$2,280)	(\$2,280)	(\$2,280)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	LRF provides a contribution from the state share of sales and use tax, credited against the General Fund, to local tax-increment financing. The local improvement area leverages local sales and use tax, and property tax increases for dedicated infrastructure improvements that can grow the local economy. This program was created and is managed by the Department of Revenue. In 2016, the authority to approve awards was transferred to Commerce, but wasn't effective until 2022. We do not have the subject matter expertise, an administrative budget, or any dedicated operating resources to administer LRF. Commerce currently has authority to award \$2.28 million annually, per DOR but no resources to do it.	7/25	Commerce has yet to exercise its authority under LRF, but has explored the opportunity to transfer it back to the Department of Revenue via ARL. That effort has stalled and if Commerce were to exercise its LRF authority, it has the potential to drain an additional \$57 million from the GF-S over 25 years.	RCW 39.104.100 RCW 82.14.510