Budget Savings Options 2025
Dollars in Thousands
Agency: **Department Services for the Blind (3150)**

Agency Priority H, M, L	Impact 1-5	Program/Activity	GF-S					Brief Description and Rationale	Effective Date (MM/YY)	Impacts of Reductions and Other Considerations	Law/Reg. Change Required (cite)
			FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29				
Low	1	Admin	$200,000					Savings reflected in the proposed budget			
Low	1	Travel Reduction		$17,500	$17,500	$17,500	$17,500	Reduce for training and conference attendance	7/25	Training for new staff will be impacted and attendance to in state conferences such as the National Federation of the Blind of Washington and the Washington Council of the Blind will be reduced	None
Low	1	Partner with Oregon State Blind on attending Young Adult Training programs (Pre-ETS)		$13,000	$13,000	$13,000	$13,000	Training programs for young adults in Vancouver will be expanded to include eligibility for Oregon residents on a space available basis	7/25	Priority will be given to Washington Residents which may impact the achievability of the savings	None
Low	2	Re-align Business Enterprise Program management costs to the VR Fed. Grant		$65,250	$65,250	$65,250	$65,250	Align the Business Enterprise Program costs to be 100% funded by the Federal VR grant	7/25	This will reduce the funding available to our customers for VR services and young adult programs	None
Low	2	Replacement of Safety Equipment, Office Supplies, and Replacement Furniture		$48,990	$48,990	$48,990	$48,990	This funding is used to support VR related costs above the grant amount.	7/25	This funding can be cited to seek needed VR federal funding.	
Low	2	Reduction in VR related equipment for labs		$38,000	$38,000	$38,000	$38,000	This funding is used to support VR related costs above the grant amount.	7/25	This funding can be cited to seek needed VR federal funding.	
Low	2	Reduction in IT Software		$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	This funding is used to support VR related costs above the grant amount.	7/25	This funding can be cited to seek needed VR federal funding.	
Low	2	Reduction in Professional Development		$13,000	$13,000	$13,000	$13,000	This funding is used to support VR related costs above the grant amount.	7/25	This funding can be cited to seek needed VR federal funding.	
High	2 & 4	Independent Living Program to support older individuals that are blind/low-vision or deaf blind		$121,260	$121,260	$121,260	$121,260	This reduces the $367K funding proviso in the SFY 25 budget to fund additional contractor support in the independent living program.	7/25	The Leg adopted and placed a $367K funding proviso in the SFY 25 to reduce/eliminate the 6 month customer wait list in the independent living program. The older blind population is expected to continue to grow and without this funding the number of individuals on the wait list and the time they must wait for services will increase. This program is critical in promoting individuals to continue to live in their homes instead of transferring to an assisted nursing facility. The IL program has also been successful in transitioning individuals from assisted nursing facilities to establishing their own homes.	None
Low	1	Deferred Hiring		$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	This defers the hiring of Outreach and Fiscal Staff	7/25		
				$387,000	$387,000	$387,000	$387,000				
					$774,000		$774,000				
				Proposed	$162,490						

Priority:

L = Low priority agency activity or program
M = Medium priority agency activity or program
H = High priority agency activity or program

Impact:
1 = Allows continuation of the program/activity at a reduced level
2 = Eliminates the ability to perform program objectives
3 = Eliminates agency function
4 = Long term implications (moves the problem to next biennium)
5 = Short term (reduction to one time increase)