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Operating

5/20/2025 \$ in thousands - Biennialized FTEs

2025-27 Carryforward Level Base Budget

2025-27 Enacted Operating Budget 5/20/2025					
	FTE	GF-State	MTCA ¹	Other	Total
2025-27 Carryforward Level Base Budget	2,180.4	77,385	353,778	484,572	915,735
Maintenance Level Changes					
1 Manchester Lab Facility Costs			638	70	708
2 Pakootas v Teck Metals			700		700
3 HQ Parking Garage Renovation COP		74	320	222	616
4 Public Participation Grants			939		939
5 Minimum Wage Increases - Facilities		18	82	60	160
6 Lease Adjustments		24	100	76	200
7 Funding Adjustments ²	4.2	(1,892)	947	3,032	2,087
8 Drought Preparedness and Response ²				6,000	6,000
9 Other ML Changes ³		(356)	(1,232)	(1,478)	(3,066)
Policy Level Changes					
Fund Shifts and Reductions					
10 Tribal Capacity Funding ⁴				(5,000)	(5,000)
11 CCA Administration ⁴				(3,000)	(3,000)
12 Food Waste Reduction Grants ⁴				(3,000)	(3,000)
13 Surface Water Mapping ⁴				(3,000)	(3,000)
14 Coastal Hazards Assistance				(2,000)	(2,000)
15 Reduction in Water Resources Prog ⁵		(1,646)			(1,646)
16 Nutrient Credit Trading Development ⁵	(1.2)		(820)		(820)
17 Fluorinated Gases (HB 1050 Laws of 2021) ⁶		(483)			(483)
18 Floodplain Management Grants ⁵				(300)	(300)
19 Comm. Outreach and Env. Education ⁵	(1.2)			(290)	(290)
20 Climate Program Communication ⁵	(1.2)	(290)			(290)
21 Shorelands Program Planner ⁵	(1.2)		(278)		(278)
22 Salmon Recovery Projects (HB 1382 Laws of 2021)	(1.2)		(262)		(262)
23 PCB Local Source Control ⁵			(180)		(180)
24 EIM System Coordinator Position ⁵	(0.7)		(166)		(166)
25 Product Testing Lab Capacity ⁵			(160)		(160)
26 GSRO Direct Appropriation ⁷		(144)			(144)
27 LUST Cleanup Contract Funding ⁵			(120)		(120)
28 Fund Shift Litter Control for GFS ⁸		(4,000)		4,000	-
29 Fund Shift GF-S to MTCA		(2,779)	2,779		-
30 Construction Project Review Shift ⁵		(1,258)	1,258		-
31 Shoreline Protection & Mgmt Shift ⁵		(1,032)	1,032		-
32 Fund Shift GF-S to CCA		(710)		710	-
33 Air Quality Program Shift ⁵		(290)		290	-

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34	Laboratory Accreditation Auditors		2,091	(2,091)		-
35	Hanford Fund Shift ⁹				-	-
Reduce and Prepare for Climate Impacts*						
36	Tribal Capacity Grant Adjustment ¹⁰				3,000	3,000
37	Climate Resilience Workgroup	2.0			331	331
38	Washington Fuel Report System	0.8			1,316	1,316
39	Statewide Emissions Data (SB 5036)	2.3		670		670
40	Agricultural Fuel/CCA (HB 1912)	1.0			275	275
41	CCA Analysis and Rulemaking (HB 1975)	7.4			2,816	2,816
42	Clean Fuels Program (HB 1409)	3.1			1,115	1,115
43	Hydrofluorocarbons (HB 1462)	0.8			426	426
Prevent and Reduce Waste, Toxic Threats, and Pollution*						
44	Toxic Tire Chemicals	16.1		2,212	6,292	8,504
45	PFAS Response	10.9		3,908	100	4,008
46	Lead in Cookware (SB 5628)	2.1		419		419
47	Litter Control & Market Development	2.3			4,000	4,000
48	Hanford Cleanup Support	3.5			1,077	1,077
49	Hanford Unit Closure & Construction	1.8			418	418
50	Air Quality Industrial Inspectors	2.3			558	558
51	Air Operating Permit	0.6			182	182
52	Solid Waste Handling (HB 1154)	1.6		493		493
53	Waste Material Management (HB 1497)	0.8		261		261
54	Biosolids/PFAS Chemicals (SB 5033)	0.7		196		196
55	Solid Waste Management (SB 5284)	7.6			2,980	2,980
Protect and Manage Our State's Waters*						
56	Shoreline and GMA Updates	4.5			1,317	1,317
57	Aquatic Permitting and Aquaculture	2.3		671		671
58	European Green Crab Research	2.3			542	542
59	Small Oil Spills Prevention				430	430
60	WQ Grant & Loan Administration	2.3			604	604
61	Sewage-Containing Spills (HB 1670)	0.9		89		89
62	Nooksack Adjudication Grants		200			200
Other						
63	WCC Member Wages and Benefits			235	351	586
64	Environmental Justice	5.0		639	511	1,150
65	Federal Funding Adjustment ¹¹	14.6			96,512	96,512
66	DES Training Fee Increases			68	34	102
67	Environmental Incident Reporting	0.9			400	400

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		FTE	GF-State	MTCA ¹	Other	Total
68	Bridge Point Settlement ¹²	3.5			8,950	8,950
69	WFSE General Government ¹³		1,758	9,503	8,653	19,914
70	Non-Rep General Wage Increase ¹⁴		314	1,516	1,484	3,314
71	Non-Rep Targeted Pay Increases ¹⁵		87	120	146	353
72	Other PL Changes ³		487	1,158	1,006	2,651
Total Changes		101.1	(9,827)	25,644	142,218	158,035
Total Operating Budget		2,281.5	67,558	379,422	626,790	1,073,770

Notes:

* Goal in the Department of Ecology's 2025-30 Strategic Plan (<https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/strategic-plan/2025-30-strategic-plan>).

¹ Model Toxics Control Operating Account (23P-1, 23P-7), Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account (23R-1).

² Maintenance level (ML) adjustments provided by Ecology to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) with its 2025-27 operating budget request. These planned adjustments had been discussed with both OFM and legislative fiscal staff.

³ Statewide maintenance level (ML) and policy level (PL) items, including adjustments for archives/records management, state data center, legal services, audit services, workers' compensation, pension and PEBB rate adjustments, and central services (GOV, OFM, DES, WTS).

⁴ Reductions to balance to available Climate Commitment Act (CCA) revenue, as of December 2024.

⁵ Adjustments proposed by Gov. Ferguson in February 2025.

⁶ Removes "bridge" funding provided to begin implementation of the Refrigerant Management Program.

⁷ Funding for an ongoing interagency agreement (IAA) between the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) and Ecology is shifted into the Recreation and Conservation Office's budget to support the GSRO operations and mission.

⁸ One-time fund shift from General Fund-State (001-01) to the Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account (044).

⁹ Fund shift of \$826,000 from General Fund-Federal (001-2) to Radioactive Mixed Waste Account (20R-1).

¹⁰ One-time increase in available tribal capacity funding to allow projects started after January 2025 to continue to completion.

¹¹ General Fund-Federal appropriation to support increased federal funding applied for and/or received by Ecology through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

¹² General Fund-Private/Local spending authority to support settlement funding received from developers of a large warehouse facility in South Tacoma to reduce air quality impacts on nearby communities.

¹³ Funding for a general wage increase of 3%, effective July 1, 2025; a general wage increase of 2%, effective July 1, 2026; and targeted job classification base range increases for represented employees.

¹⁴ Funding for a general wage increase of 3%, effective July 1, 2025, and a general wage increase of 2%, effective July 1, 2026, for non-represented employees.

¹⁵ Funding for targeted job classification base range increases for non-represented employees.

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Protecting the Environment | Ensuring Public Health | Supporting Economic Growth & Jobs

As the state's lead environmental protection agency, Ecology is deeply committed to protecting, preserving, and enhancing Washington's environment for current and future generations. Through innovative partnerships, we are able to protect and sustain healthy land, air, and water in harmony with a strong economy. And we take great care to develop strategic plans that have a broad and holistic approach to what we do and how we do it.

Ecology's strategic goals are:

1. Support and engage our communities, customers, and employees.
2. Reduce and prepare for climate impacts.
3. Prevent and reduce waste, toxic threats, and pollution.
4. Protect and manage our state's waters.

Our agency's deep commitment to environmental justice is tied to each of our strategic goals and guides our work to accomplish those goals.

The following summarizes maintenance level and policy level adjustments to Ecology's 2025-27 operating budget, as enacted by Governor Ferguson on May 20, 2025. The number for each item below corresponds with their assigned number in the table on the previous pages. The funding duration detail (i.e., one-time or ongoing) is in accordance with the WinSum Outlook backup provided by the Office of Financial Management.

Maintenance Level

- 1. Manchester Lab Facility Costs. \$708,000.** Ecology shares space with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at their Manchester Environmental Laboratory in Kitsap County. Ecology has been notified by EPA that costs have increased as of January 2024. This ongoing maintenance level increase to cover the additional costs will ensure that core environmental laboratory analysis will continue to inform Ecology's important environmental work and the work of other state agencies, Tribes, and local partners. (Water Quality Permit Account and Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 2. Pakootas v. Teck Metals. \$700,000.** One-time funding is provided to support the continuation of Phase 3 of the Pakootas v. Teck Metals, Ltd. (Teck) litigation, where Washington and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation are co-plaintiffs in federal district court. The case has been ongoing since 2003, and Phases 1 and 2 of the litigation previously established Teck's liability for releases of metals and other chemicals

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into the Columbia River from its smelting complex in Canada. Phase 3 of the litigation is needed to recover natural resource injuries and damages because of pollution from the smelter operations. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

3. **HQ Parking Garage Renovation COP. \$616,000.** The 2022 Legislature authorized Ecology to finance and proceed with a major restoration project of the parking garage structure at Ecology's Headquarters building in Lacey. This ongoing maintenance level increase is for a Certificate of Participation (COP) for this restoration project. The anticipated total cost for the restoration project COP is approximately \$3,077,479 based on a financing schedule over 10 years. (Multiple funds)
4. **Public Participation Grants. \$939,000.** The Public Participation Grant (PPG) Program is a competitive grant program that funds individuals and nonprofit public interest organizations to conduct education and outreach work related to investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites and carry out recycling and waste management projects that improve recycling rates and waste management outcomes. An ongoing maintenance level adjustment keeps grant funding aligned with the mandated level of 1% of funds collected under RCW 82.21.030, Hazardous Substance Tax. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
5. **Minimum Wage Increases - Facilities. \$160,000.** Washington State's minimum wage has increased every year since 2011 and, under RCW 49.46.020, it is adjusted each year based on the U.S. Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers. These increases, along with changes in prevailing wage rates, continue to increase costs across Ecology's existing service and maintenance contracts, including janitorial and security services. An ongoing maintenance level increase is made to cover the increased costs associated with these minimum and prevailing wage changes in existing service and maintenance contracts for Ecology facilities. (Multiple funds)
6. **Lease Adjustments. \$200,000.** This is an ongoing maintenance level lease increase for Ecology's Central Region Office in Union Gap. This lease increase is negotiated by the Department of Enterprise Services Real Estate Services on behalf of Ecology. The work done at this facility benefits the public, other state agencies, Tribes, and local partners and helps protect, preserve, and enhance Washington's environment for current and future generations. (Multiple funds)
7. **Funding Adjustments. \$2,087,000, 4.2 FTEs.** This adjusts funding for several items from previous budgets to align with fiscal notes and decision packages for ongoing program needs. \$454,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Multiple funds)
8. **Drought Preparedness and Response. \$6,000,000.** This maintenance level increase provides the appropriation authority needed on an ongoing basis so revenue available in the

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Emergency Drought Response Account can be accessed and used to respond to impacts from drought conditions in each year where a declaration is issued. (Emergency Drought Response Account)

- 9. Other ML Changes - Reduction. (\$3,066,000).** This reflects several maintenance level items, including various duration adjustments for legal services, audit services, archives/records management, state data center, and central services (OFM, GOV, DES, CTS). (Multiple funds)

Policy Level

Fund Shifts and Reductions

- 10. Tribal Capacity Funding - Reduction. (\$5,000,000).** Available Tribal capacity funding is reduced on an ongoing basis in response to reduced Climate Commitment Act revenue. (Climate Investment Account)
- 11. CCA Administration - Reduction. (\$3,000,000).** This is a one-time reduction in Climate Commitment Act administration funding to balance to available Climate Commitment Act auction revenue. The reduction will slow the implementation of activities related to implementation of the Climate Commitment Act. (Climate Investment Account)
- 12. Food Waste Reduction Grants - Reduction. (\$3,000,000).** Funding for Food Waste Reduction Grants is reduced on an ongoing basis to balance to available Climate Commitment Act revenue. (Climate Commitment Account)
- 13. Surface Water Mapping - Reduction. (\$3,000,000).** This one-time reduction in funding for surface water mapping work will balance the available Climate Commitment Act revenue. This reduction will slow the development of updated hydrological maps for Washington State. (Natural Climate Solutions Account)
- 14. Coastal Hazards Assistance - Reduction. (2,000,000).** Funding from the Natural Climate Solutions Account provided in 2023-25 for coordination and assistance to coastal communities for coastal hazards, such as flooding and sea level rise, is reduced one-time for the 2025-27 biennium. (Natural Climate Solutions Account)
- 15. Reduction in Water Resources Prog - Reduction. (\$1,646,000).** Funding is reduced on an ongoing basis for the Water Resources Program. (General Fund-State)
- 16. Nutrient Credit Trading Development - Reduction. (\$820,000), (1.2 FTEs).** Funding is removed on an ongoing basis for the study of the viability and design of a nutrient credit trading program in Puget Sound. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

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- 17. Fluorinated Gases - Reduction. (\$483,000).** Funding that was provided through fiscal year 2024 to implement a refrigerant management program, pursuant to HB 1050 (Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fluorinated gases, Laws of 2021), is reduced on an ongoing basis. (General Fund-State)
- 18. Floodplain Management Grants - Reduction. (\$300,000).** Each biennium, RCW 86.26.007 requires \$4 million to be transferred from General Fund-State to the Flood Control Assistance Account, which is used for grants to local governments for flood control management plans and similar purposes. Funding for these grants is reduced on an ongoing basis, and General Fund-State savings are achieved by amending the statute in the operating budget bill to reduce this transfer. (Flood Control Assistance Account)
- 19. Comm. Outreach and Env. Education - Reduction. (\$290,000), (1.2 FTEs).** The Air Quality Program currently has two community outreach and environmental education positions that provide information to overburdened communities about Ecology's efforts to reduce air pollutants in these communities. This item eliminates one of the positions on an ongoing basis. (Climate Investment Account)
- 20. Climate Program Communication - Reduction. (\$290,000), (1.2 FTEs).** Funding is reduced on an ongoing basis for communications work on various climate-related policies that Ecology is responsible for implementing, including the Clean Fuel Standard and Zero Emission Vehicles Program. (General Fund-State)
- 21. Shorelands Program Planner - Reduction. (\$278,000), (1.2 FTEs).** Funding is reduced on an ongoing basis for the Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program, which will impact Ecology's efforts around performance measure development and reporting, strategic alignment mapping, data stewardship, and steering committee work. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 22. Salmon Recovery Projects - Reduction. (\$262,000), (1.2 FTEs).** Ongoing funding and FTE authority are removed for the completion of the four-year Habitat Recovery Pilot Program created by SB 1382 (Streamlining the environmental permitting process for salmon recovery projects, Laws of 2021). (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 23. PCB Local Source Control - Reduction. (\$180,000).** Funding is eliminated on an ongoing basis for work that has been completed for the development of best practices in identifying polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in stormwater discharges. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 24. EIM System Coordinator Position - Reduction. (\$166,000), (0.7 FTE).** Funding is reduced on an ongoing basis for an Environmental Information Management (EIM) system coordinator who trains new system users, provides quality checks on datasets, loads datasets, and

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assists the agencywide EIM Data Coordinator and others on user guidelines and business rules. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

- 25. Product Testing Lab Capacity - Reduction. (\$160,000).** Funding is reduced on an ongoing basis for the programs that conduct laboratory analysis and testing for toxics in consumer products. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 26. GSRO Direct Appropriation - Reduction. (\$144,000).** The Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) was moved to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) in the 2009 legislative session. This included the historic GSRO funding from interagency agreements with Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The three agencies have identified that a direct appropriation would be more efficient than continuing to maintain the agreements. Funding is transferred on an ongoing basis to RCO, and the funds will be used for the original intent of the agreements to directly support the GSRO operations and mission. (General Fund-State)
- 27. LUST Cleanup Contract Funding - Reduction. (\$120,000).** Funding is reduced on an ongoing basis for contract funding supporting Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) program sampling, cleanup, and investigation. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 28. Fund Shift Litter Control to GFS. \$4,000,000 Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account / (\$4,000,000) General Fund-State.** Funding is shifted one-time in 2025-27 for Ecology's administrative activities from General Fund-State to the Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account. (Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account, General Fund-State)
- 29. Fund Shift GF-S to MTCA. \$2,779,000 Model Toxics Control Operating Account / (\$2,779,000) General Fund-State.** Funding for multiple activities is shifted on an ongoing basis from General Fund-State to the Model Toxics Control Operating Account, including protecting and managing shorelines, managing solid waste, monitoring water quality and stream flows, reducing nonpoint water pollution, and preventing point source water pollution. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account, General Fund-State)
- 30. Construction Project Review Shift. \$1,258,000 Model Toxics Control Operating Account / (\$1,258,000) General Fund-State.** Funding for work conducted in Ecology's Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program is shifted on an ongoing basis from General Fund-State to the Model Toxics Control Operating Account. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account, General Fund-State)
- 31. Shoreline Protection & Mgmt. Shift. \$1,032,000 Model Toxics Control Operating Account / (\$1,032,000) General Fund-State.** Funding to support the Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program and provide assistance to local governments for shoreline protection

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and management is shifted on an ongoing basis from General Fund-State to the Model Toxics Control Operating Account. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account, General Fund-State)

32. Fund Shift GF-S to CCA. \$710,000 Climate Commitment Account / (\$710,000) General Fund-State. Funding for zero-emission vehicle rulemaking support and participation on the interagency Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council is shifted on an ongoing basis from General Fund-State to the Climate Commitment Account. (Climate Commitment Account, General Fund-State)

33. Air Quality Program Shift. \$290,000 Climate Investment Account / (\$290,000) General Fund-State. Funding is shifted on an ongoing basis from General Fund-State to the Climate Investment Account for work supporting a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory. (Climate Investment Account, General Fund-State)

34. Laboratory Accreditation Auditors. \$2,091,000 General Fund-State / (2,091,000) Model Toxics Control Operating Account. Ecology's Laboratory Accreditation Unit audits environmental and drinking water labs, which is part of the lab accreditation process to help ensure analyses are conducted properly and according to prescribed methods based on credible, defensible data. This item shifts on an ongoing basis Ecology's base funding for this work so it aligns with where lab accreditation fees are deposited. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account, General Fund-State)

35. Hanford Fund Shift. \$826,000 Radioactive Mixed Waste Account / (\$826,000) General Fund - Federal. Expenditure authority is shifted on an ongoing basis from General Fund-Federal to the Radioactive Mixed Waste Account to align funding sources with changes in Ecology's workload at the Hanford site, as the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) continues to ramp up mixed waste permitting and mixed waste management activities. (Radioactive Mixed Waste Account, General Fund-Federal)

Reduce and Prepare for Climate Impacts

36. Tribal Capacity Grant Adjustment. \$3,000,000. This represents a one-time increase in available Tribal capacity funding to allow projects started after January 2025 to continue to completion during the 2025-27 biennium. (Climate Investment Account)

37. Climate Resilience Workgroup. \$331,000, 2.0 FTEs. The 2024 update to the state's Climate Resilience Strategy recommended a governance structure to support interagency coordination. This ongoing funding increase will support Ecology staff to participate in the state agency resilience workgroup and support capacity for and participation of

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overburdened communities, vulnerable populations, and Tribes. (Natural Climate Solutions Account)

- 38. Washington Fuel Report System. \$1,316,000, 0.8 FTE.** The Clean Fuel Standard requires fuel suppliers to reduce the carbon intensity of their products by 20% below 2017 levels by 2038. The Washington Fuels Reporting System—the online market platform allowing entities to register for the program, report fuel transactions, and calculate compliance progress—is built on aging technology. Ecology was provided funding to collaborate with the state of California on developing a new market platform system. California was delayed but now anticipates reinitiating the project in the summer of 2025. Funding unused during the 2023–25 biennium (\$1,316,000) is provided again for the 2025-27 so Ecology has the resources needed to support the project. \$1,158,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Clean Fuels Program Account)
- 39. Statewide Emissions Data. \$670,000, 2.3 FTEs.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided for implementing the provisions of SB 5036 (Statewide emissions data, Laws of 2025), which requires annual, rather than biennial, reporting of emissions data. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 40. Agricultural Fuel/CCA. \$275,000, 1.0 FTE.** One-time funding is provided for HB 1912 (Exemption for fuels used for agricultural purposes in the climate commitment act, Laws of 2025), including maintaining a directory of fuel sellers who sell agricultural fuel exempt from the impacts of the Climate Commitment Act and publishing an online guide for users of exempt agricultural fuel. (Climate Investment Account)
- 41. CCA Analysis and Rulemaking. \$2,816,000, 7.4 FTEs.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided for HB 1975 (Amending the climate commitment act, Laws of 2025), including data and analysis on the market for Climate Commitment Act allowances and rulemaking. \$1,735,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Climate Investment Account)
- 42. Clean Fuels Program. \$1,115,000, 3.1 FTEs.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided for HB 1409 (Clean fuels program, Laws of 2025), including rulemaking related to changes in the carbon intensity of fuel, compliance efforts, and an analysis of the market for clean fuel credits. \$441,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Clean Fuels Program Account)
- 43. Hydrofluorocarbons. \$426,000, 0.8 FTE.** Ongoing funding is provided for HB 1462 (Reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons, Laws of 2025), including rulemaking related to limits on newly produced hydrofluorocarbons and a Refrigerant

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Transition Task Force. \$1,558,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Climate Commitment Account)

Prevent and Reduce Waste, Toxic Threats, and Pollution

- 44. Toxic Tire Chemicals. \$8,504,000, 16.1 FTEs.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided for continued analysis on the effects of 6PPD-Q, including identifying effective stormwater treatments, finding safer alternatives, monitoring the environment, and developing laboratory methods to analyze its presence in water and sediment. \$5,572,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account, Water Quality Permit Account, Hazardous Waste Assistance Account)
- 45. PFAS Response. \$4,008,000, 10.9 FTEs.** Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a family of more than 12,000 synthetic organic chemicals used in many products. Recent significant regulatory changes include new federal drinking water standards and proposed federal PFAS waste regulations that will affect some cleanup sites. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding and staff resources are provided to enhance testing and monitoring of PFAS contamination throughout the state, identify sites requiring remediation and areas where clean drinking water is threatened, work to reduce or eliminate the use of PFAS by businesses around the state, and research PFAS in stormwater and municipal and industrial wastewater. \$3,808,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Water Quality Permit Account, Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 46. Lead in Cookware. \$419,000, 2.1 FTEs.** In 2024, the Legislature banned the manufacture, sale, and distribution of cookware that contain lead or lead compounds exceeding five parts per million, effective January 1, 2026. A combination on one-time and ongoing funding is provided for staff to develop compliance and testing programs, conduct outreach to cookware manufacturers and sellers, and educate consumers—especially those in overburdened communities—about the dangers of lead in cookware and how to purchase safer pots, pans, and bakeware. \$272,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 47. Litter Control & Market Development. \$4,000,000, 2.3 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided for additional investments in the state’s Recycling Market Development Center, including continuation of its business accelerator program and furthering innovation in the recycling market. Additionally, funding will increase on an ongoing basis to support local governments, nonprofits, and state agency litter collection and prevention programs, including cleaning up roadways and highway interchanges. (Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account)

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- 48. Hanford Cleanup Support. \$1,077,000, 3.5 FTEs.** In 2024, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency, and Ecology signed a new settlement agreement laying out a realistic and achievable course for cleaning up radioactive and chemical waste from underground tanks at the Hanford Site. Ongoing funding for permitting and engineering support necessary to ensure safe and effective cleanup operations will allow Ecology to support DOE cleanup deadlines agreed upon in the settlement agreement. (Radioactive Mixed Waste Account)
- 49. Hanford Unit Closure & Construction. \$418,000, 1.8 FTEs.** New Dangerous Waste Management Units (DWMUs) will close at the Hanford Site as required by closure plans. DWMU closure is an increasing workload, with 32 additional units that meet closure criteria. The Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order also require construction of the Contact Handle Facility, a new group of DWMUs that will allow for processing, shipment, and disposal of radioactive and hazardous waste. Ongoing funding will support new permitting and closure specialists for permitting and oversight of DWMU closure and construction at Hanford. (Radioactive Mixed Waste Account)
- 50. Air Quality Industrial Inspectors. \$558,000, 2.3 FTEs.** Ecology inspectors monitor industrial facilities located across Central and Eastern Washington to ensure compliance with state and federal air quality regulations and permits. Ongoing funding will support additional industrial inspectors, which will allow Ecology to meet inspection targets, improve compliance, protect air quality and public health, and ensure consistent application of pollution reduction strategies in overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution. \$836,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Air Pollution Control Account)
- 51. Air Operating Permit. \$182,000, 0.6 FTE.** Federal and state laws define the scope and content of the Air Operating Permit Program. Under these laws, industrial facilities that emit large amounts of air pollution are required to comply with and pay the full cost of the program. State law requires Ecology to use a workload analysis model to determine the budget necessary to administer the program each biennium. In June 2024, Ecology published its final workload analysis, projecting an increased workload for the 2025-27 biennium, based on current costs and workload projections. Additional ongoing spending authority is provided to match the revenue levels already set by the 2025-27 workload analysis. (Air Operating Permit Account)
- 52. Solid Waste Handling. \$493,000, 1.6 FTEs.** One-time funding is provided for rulemaking costs resulting from HB 1154 (Solid waste handling, Laws of 2025), which requires Ecology to approve solid waste handling facility permits. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 53. Waste Material Management. \$261,000, 0.8 FTE.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided for HB 1497 (Waste material management, Laws of 2025), including

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technical assistance to local governments on waste collection and compiling a list of businesses that are required to manage organic materials. \$216,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

54. Biosolids/PFAS Chemicals. \$196,000, 0.7 FTE. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to implement the provisions of SB 5033 (Biosolids/PFAS chemicals, Laws of 2025), pertaining to chemical sampling and testing of biosolids and submitting a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2029. \$182,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

55. Solid Waste Management. \$2,980,000, 7.6 FTEs. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to implement the provisions of SB 5284 (Solid waste management, Laws of 2025), which creates an extended producer responsibility program for certain packaging and paper and to expand recycling and reuse targets and minimum recycled content standards. \$2,974,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account, Responsible Recycling Management Account)

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56. Shoreline and GMA Updates. \$1,317,000, 4.5 FTEs. In 2023, the Legislature added climate change resilience and environmental justice goals to the state's Growth Management Act (GMA) and required updates be made to local comprehensive development plans and shoreline master programs. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding will support Ecology to provide guidance to municipalities to complete these new requirements, address implementation challenges, and build climate resilience. The new staff will provide technical assistance, build review capacity, and support implementation of new shoreline master program provisions. \$994,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Natural Climate Solutions Account)

57. Aquatic Permitting and Aquaculture. \$671,000, 2.3 FTEs. Since March 2024, shellfish aquaculture projects that had previously been authorized by Nationwide Permit 48 now require Ecology to review, carry out a public notice, and issue a decision for each operation. Ongoing funding is provided for staff to manage this new workload, safeguard Washington waters, and ensure project proponents understand and comply with water quality certification conditions. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

58. European Green Crab Research. \$542,000, 2.3 FTEs. European green crab is an invasive species threatening Washington's coastal resources with long-term ecological and economic damage. Ongoing funding is provided to research the crab's behavior to inform long-term strategic management and monitoring to help natural resource managers better predict the crab's impacts on coastal resources. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account)

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- 59. Small Oil Spills Prevention. \$430,000.** The Washington Sea Grant Small Spill Prevention Education Program targets small spills from commercial fishing vessels, ferries, cruise ships, ports, and marinas. Authorized in 1991, the program has not received an increase in funding since inception. An ongoing funding adjustment will allow the program to increase its ability to provide outreach throughout Washington on preventing oil spills. (Oil Spill Prevention Account)
- 60. WQ Grant & Loan Administration. \$604,000, 2.3 FTEs.** This technical adjustment moves ongoing funding for two current FTEs for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program from the capital budget to the operating budget, aligning funding for these positions with the rest of the funding and staff administering these loans. (Water Pollution Control Revolving Administration Account)
- 61. Sewage-Containing Spills. \$89,000, 0.9 FTE.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided for HB 1670 (Sewage-containing spills, Laws of 2025), including tracking and posting information on sewage spills. \$74,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 62. Nooksack Adjudication Grants. \$200,000.** One-time funding is provided for technical assistance grants to water users impacted by the Nooksack adjudication process. (General Fund-State)

Other

- 63. WCC Member Wages and Benefits. \$586,000.** The Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) collaborates with organizations to complete environmental restoration and recreation enhancement projects statewide. As the state minimum wage continues to increase, WCC must increase the living allowances and benefits package for its AmeriCorps members to remain competitive with other opportunities, retain members for their full terms, and allow anyone eligible the opportunity to serve, regardless of socioeconomic background. This ongoing funding provides an adjustment in the living allowance to ensure it is comparable to, and consistent with, the state minimum wage law. \$878,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account, General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Local)
- 64. Environmental Justice. \$1,150,000, 5.0 FTEs.** This item provides ongoing funding to fill capacity gaps in implementation of environmental justice requirements in the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act and state and federal environmental justice and equity mandates. (Multiple funds)

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- 65. Federal Funding Adjustment. \$96,512,000, 14.6 FTEs.** Additional federal spending authority via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act will allow Ecology to leverage seven new funding opportunities that have been awarded as of August 1, 2024. This federal funding supports climate resilience projects on Washington coastlines, ambient air monitoring, assessment of toxics in fish, replacement of diesel school buses with electric buses, and assistance to businesses to reduce use and release of pollutants. \$94,282,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (General Fund-Federal)
- 66. DES Training Fee Increases. \$102,000.** The cost of procuring training from the Department of Enterprise Services and contracted instructors has increased due to rising administrative fees. To cover these increased costs, ongoing funding is provided to continue training for Ecology staff. (Multiple funds)
- 67. Environmental Incident Reporting. \$400,000, 0.9 FTE.** Communities impacted by environmental health inequities face disproportionate harms from environmental violations, systemic barriers to reporting, and access to determining whether any enforcement action was taken. One-time funding is provided for Ecology to consult with state agencies, local governments, and community-based organizations to develop a report analyzing equity and accessibility considerations for environmental incident reporting and resolution and provide recommendations for changes and improvements. (Climate Commitment Account)
- 68. Bridge Point Settlement. \$8,950,000, 3.5 FTEs.** Ecology has obtained one-time settlement funding from developers of a large warehouse facility in South Tacoma to reduce air quality impacts on nearby communities. Ecology will establish a healthy indoor air program to provide improvements to residences and install an air monitoring station in the areas most impacted by the warehouse operations. (General Fund-Local)
- 69. WFSE General Government. \$19,914,000.** Funding is provided for a collective bargaining agreement with the Washington Federation of State Employees on behalf of general government employees, which includes a general wage increase of 3% on July 1, 2025, and 2% on July 1, 2026; targeted job classification increases; wildfire disaster leave; expanded bereavement; paid vaccine travel time during pandemic emergencies; and other premiums for some specific employee categories. \$23,379,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Multiple funds)
- 70. Non-Rep General Wage Increase. \$3,314,000.** Funding is provided for a general wage increase of 3% on July 1, 2025, and 2% on July 1, 2026, for state employees who are not represented by a union or are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. \$4,114,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Multiple funds)

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- 71. Non-Rep Targeted Pay Increases. \$353,000.** Funding is provided for classified state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement not subject to financial feasibility determination for pay increases in specific job classes in alignment with other employees beginning July 1, 2025. \$350,000 is projected for the 2027-29 biennium. (Multiple funds)
- 72. Other PL Changes. \$2,651,000.** This reflects several policy level items, including various duration adjustments for legal services, audit services, archives/records management, and central services (OFM, GOV, DES, WTS). (Multiple funds)

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Capital

5/20/2025 \$ in thousands

		2025-27 Enacted Capital Budget 5/20/2025			
		SBCA ¹	MTCA ²	Other	Total
Prevent and Reduce Waste, Toxic Threats, and Pollution*					
1	Protect Investments in Cleanup Remedies		4,450		4,450
2	Remedial Action Grant Program		84,425		84,425
3	Reducing Diesel Greenhouse Gases and Toxic Emissions		7,816		7,816
4	PFAS Response		7,000		7,000
5	Eastern Washington Clean Sites Initiative		4,250		4,250
6	Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant Program		11,000		11,000
7	Swift Creek Natural Asbestos Flood Control and Cleanup	4,000			4,000
8	Product Replacement Program		2,000		2,000
9	ASARCO Everett Smelter Plume Cleanup		7,239		7,239
10	Reducing Toxic Wood Stove Emissions		4,164		4,164
11	Clean Up Toxic Sites-Puget Sound Initiative		3,000		3,000
12	Waste Tire Pile Cleanup and Prevention			1,000	1,000
13	Cleanup Settlement Account Projects			650	650
Protect and Manage Our State's Waters*					
14	Water Pollution Control Revolving Program			614,000	614,000
15	Centennial Clean Water Program		40,000		40,000
16	Floodplains by Design	59,629		16,154	75,783
17	Stormwater Financial Assistance Program		60,000		60,000
18	Columbia River Water Supply Development Program	55,385		5,000	60,385
19	Yakima River Basin Water Supply	52,020			52,020
20	Chehalis Basin Strategy	73,029		2,000	75,029
21	Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant Program	5,000	5,000		10,000
22	Streamflow Restoration Program			40,000	40,000
23	State Match – Water Pollution Control Revolving Program			41,000	41,000
24	Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Water Conservation	3,320			3,320
25	Stormwater Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships		3,000		3,000
26	Freshwater Algae Grant Program			468	468
27	Freshwater Aquatic Invasive Plants Grant Program			1,300	1,300
28	Coastal Wetlands Federal Funds			10,000	10,000
29	North Shore Levee	17,000			17,000
30	Yakima Tieton Irrigation Canal	8,500			8,500
31	Capitol Lake-Deschutes Estuary Project	8,750			8,750
Total Capital Budget		286,633	243,344	731,572	1,261,549

Transportation

5/20/2025 \$ in thousands

		2025-27 Enacted Transportation Budget 5/20/2025			
		SBCA ¹	MTCA ²	CERA ³	Total
Prevent and Reduce Waste, Toxic Threats, and Pollution*					
1	Electric School Buses (Reapprop.)		15,715	23,340	39,055
2	Additional Electric School Buses			15,000	15,000
3	Alternative Jet Fuel Support			1,500	1,500
Total Transportation Budget		-	15,715	39,840	55,555

Notes:

* Goal in the Department of Ecology's 2025-30 Strategic Plan (<https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/strategic-plan/2025-30-strategic-plan>).

¹ State Building Construction Account

² Model Toxics Control Capital Account (23N-1), Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account (23R-1) .

³ Carbon Emissions Reduction Account (26A).

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Protecting the Environment | Ensuring Public Health | Supporting Economic Growth & Jobs

As the state's lead environmental protection agency, Ecology is deeply committed to protecting, preserving, and enhancing Washington's environment for current and future generations. Through innovative partnerships, we are able to protect and sustain healthy land, air, and water in harmony with a strong economy. And we take great care to develop strategic plans that have a broad and holistic approach to what we do and how we do it.

Ecology's strategic goals are:

1. Support and engage our communities, customers, and employees.
2. Reduce and prepare for climate impacts.
3. Prevent and reduce waste, toxic threats, and pollution.
4. Protect and manage our state's waters.

Our agency's deep commitment to environmental justice is tied to each of our strategic goals and guides our work to accomplish those goals.

The following summarizes Ecology's new appropriations included in the 2025-27 capital and transportation budgets enacted by Governor Ferguson on May 20, 2025. The number for each item below corresponds with their assigned number in the table on the previous page.

Capital Budget

Prevent and Reduce Waste, Toxic Threats, and Pollution

1. **Protect Investments in Cleanup Remedies. \$4,450,000.** Funding is provided to meet legal requirements, protect public investments in cleanup, and protect human health and the environment from remedy failure under the Superfund State Contract that provides financial assurance and a legal commitment for the state to share costs. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
2. **Remedial Action Grant Program. \$84,425,000.** This appropriation funds pass-through grants for ready-to-proceed projects for the 2025-27 biennium. Grants support cleanup at contaminated industrial sites that affect the air, land, and water resources of the state and the continued cleanup of Puget Sound. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
3. **Reducing Diesel Greenhouse Gases and Toxic Emissions. \$7,816,000.** This appropriation funds a pass-through grant program to transition from fossil-fueled to zero-emission school

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buses and support zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, other fossil-fueled vehicle replacement, and zero-emission vehicle vocational training programs. Ecology will prioritize projects that replace the oldest diesel-fueled vehicles, especially those that operate in or near vulnerable populations and overburdened communities. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)

4. **PFAS Response. \$7,000,000.** This project will decontaminate fire engines across the state and conduct sampling to identify contaminated sites, initiate the cleanup process, and provide safe drinking water during cleanups. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
5. **Eastern Washington Clean Sites Initiative. \$4,250,000.** This initiative funds remediation activities on contaminated sites with hazardous wastes that have been abandoned or have owners unwilling or unable to pay for site investigation and cleanup. Includes cleanup work related to metals contamination, leaking underground storage tanks, landfills, salvage yards, and wood treatment facilities. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
6. **Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant Program. \$11,000,000.** This funding will allow Ecology to work directly with affordable housing developers on cleanup projects that support the Governor's priorities on housing and homelessness. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
7. **Swift Creek Natural Asbestos Flood Control and Cleanup. \$4,000,000.** This funding will continue the next phase of work on the Swift Creek cleanup and flood control. This includes design, construction, and maintenance of a series of flood control and sediment management measures to reduce these threats. The Swift Creek landslide is a long-term, slow-moving debris slide that contains naturally occurring asbestos and heavy metals, affecting residents in the downstream floodplain east of Everson. (State Building Construction Account)
8. **Product Replacement Program. \$2,000,000.** This program provides financial incentives to Washington businesses to remove or replace consumer products containing toxic chemicals through technology and infrastructure upgrades, best management practices, disposal programs, and use of safer chemicals. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
9. **ASARCO Everett Smelter Plume Cleanup. \$7,239,000.** This funding continues the cleanup and remediation of contaminated soil from operation of the ASARCO smelter site in Everett. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
10. **Reducing Toxic Wood Stove Emissions. \$4,164,000.** This funding will replace wood stoves with cleaner home heating options and deploy cleaner-burning emission control solutions. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)

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- 11. Clean Up Toxic Sites-Puget Sound Initiative. \$3,000,000.** This funding supports projects that integrate shoreline habitat restoration opportunities with cleanup projects to protect public and environmental health, create jobs, and promote economic development. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 12. Waste Tire Pile Cleanup and Prevention. \$1,000,000.** Illegally dumped tires in Washington remain a significant threat to public health and the environment. Tire piles release pollutants into the environment, create breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other disease carriers, and increase the risk of dangerous fires. Funding is provided to sustain efforts in preventing and removing waste tire piles, as well as to enhance enforcement and education regarding tire storage and hauling regulations. (Waste Tire Removal Account)
- 13. Cleanup Settlement Account Projects. \$650,000.** This funding will support cleanup work associated with one toxic site previously operated by ASARCO. The account ensures settlement funds are used to support specific site cleanup activities or address injuries to natural resources from the settled liability. (Cleanup Settlement Account)

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- 14. Water Pollution Control Revolving Program. \$614,000,000.** This program provides funding to plan, design, acquire, construct, and improve water pollution control facilities and related non-point source activities to meet state and federal water pollution control requirements. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund is a low-interest loan program that finances water quality facilities and activities. The state matches and administers federal funding, providing loans to local governments, special purpose districts, and federally recognized Tribes for high-priority water quality projects statewide. (Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund-Federal, Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund-State)
- 15. Centennial Clean Water Program. \$40,000,000.** Funding is provided for grants to public entities for constructing water pollution control facilities and planning and implementing nonpoint pollution control activities. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 16. Floodplains by Design. \$75,783,000.** This funding will continue flood-hazard reduction efforts addressed by the Floodplains by Design grant program. These projects restore natural floodplain conditions by preserving floodplain open space, correcting problems created due to past actions to control floods, improving long-term flood resilience, reducing flood risks to infrastructure and development, and improving habitat conditions for salmon and other fish and wildlife species. (State Building Construction Account, Natural Climate Solutions Account)

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- 17. Stormwater Financial Assistance Program. \$60,000,000.** This funding continues to support constructing stormwater retrofit projects and implementing associated source control activities with high water quality and ecological benefit. This program provides a streamlined grant and loan application process for local governments seeking state funding for water quality improvement projects. (Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account)
- 18. Columbia River Water Supply Development Program. \$60,385,000.** This funding will continue projects currently implemented and new projects managed through the Office of Columbia River. These projects include pursuing water supplies to benefit both instream and out-of-stream uses through storage, conservation, and voluntary regional water management agreements. (State Building Construction Account, Columbia River Basin Water Supply Revenue Recovery Account)
- 19. Yakima River Basin Water Supply. \$52,020,000.** This funds financing assessments and constructing new water projects and water conservation measures for the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan. These infrastructure investments will expand the available water supply, grant new water rights, and enhance instream flows in the Yakima River and its tributaries. (State Building Construction Account)
- 20. Chehalis Basin Strategy. \$75,029,000.** Funding is provided to design and implement flood reduction and habitat restoration projects prescribed by the Chehalis Basin Strategy, including new grants, contracts, interagency agreements, and staff. (State Building Construction Account, Natural Climate Solutions Account)
- 21. Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant Program. \$10,000,000.** This funding will build on initial planning grants to Puget Sound municipalities. It will be directed to municipalities and provide grant assistance to those that move forward with planning and implementing necessary infrastructure improvements to reduce nutrient discharges and offset financial impacts that increase sewer rates. (State Building Construction Account, Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 22. Streamflow Restoration Program. \$40,000,000.** This program will continue implementing the Streamflow Restoration Act, which provides for actions in watersheds to offset potential impacts to instream flows associated with permit-exempt domestic water use. Funding is provided for competitive grants for projects that include water acquisition, storage, and retiming; aquifer storage and recharge; habitat improvement; water use; and streamflow monitoring. (Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Bond Account)
- 23. State Match – Water Pollution Control Revolving Program. \$41,000,000.** The 20% state match requirement for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund annual federal capitalization grant is funded. (Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund-State)

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- 24. Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Water Conservation. \$3,320,000.** This item funds the state's share of the Sunnyside Division Water Rights Settlement Agreement in the Yakima River Basin Water Rights Adjudication. This project will implement water conservation measures that reduce diversions from the Yakima River to the Sunnyside Division. Meeting reduction requirements will provide an additional 100 cubic feet per second per year for instream flows in the Lower Yakima River. (State Building Construction Account)
- 25. Stormwater Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships. \$3,000,000.** This program provides pass-through funding to local governments for pilot stormwater projects that include either a private or community partnership to maximize water quality and other public benefits. This funds phase 3 of a multi-phase approach to program development. (Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account)
- 26. Freshwater Algae Grant Program. \$468,000.** This will fund grants and technical assistance to local and state governments, Tribes, and special purpose districts to prevent and manage blue-green algae, with priority for treating lakes where harmful blooms have occurred within the past three years. Includes public education, technical assistance, a toxicity-testing program, and pass-through grants that address toxic freshwater blooms. (Aquatic Algae Control Account)
- 27. Freshwater Aquatic Invasive Plants Grant Program. \$1,300,000.** Funding is provided for grants and technical assistance to local and state governments, Tribes, and special purpose districts to reduce the propagation of freshwater aquatic invasive plants and manage the problems they cause. (Freshwater Aquatic Weeds Account)
- 28. Coastal Wetlands Federal Funds. \$10,000,000.** Expenditure authority is provided for National Coastal Wetland Conservation Program grants to protect coastal and estuarine areas. (General Fund-Federal)
- 29. North Shore Levee. \$17,000,000.** Additional grant funds are provided for passing through to the cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam for the Aberdeen-Hoquiam flood protection construction project, North Shore Levee, and North Shore Levee-West segments. (State Building Construction Account)
- 30. Yakima Tieton Irrigation Canal. \$8,500,000.** Funding is provided for a grant to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District for repair and replacement of the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District canal. Funds must be used to leverage nonstate funds to ensure water delivery to agricultural and municipal customers, protect and enhance fishery resources, and ensure fire suppression water supply is available to the region. (State Building Construction Account)

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- 31. Capitol Lake-Deschutes Estuary Project. \$8,750,000.** Funding is provided for Ecology to consult with the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) and the Office of the Governor and transfer the management of the Deschutes Estuary Restoration project from DES to Ecology. Ecology is directed to use past reports and studies, consider existing stakeholder input, and critically consider elements of the current but incomplete design. The updated design must include a recommended series of projects phased over several biennia with defined deliverable outcomes that move the state forward to a completed estuary. (State Building Construction Account)

Transportation Budget

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- 1. Electric School Buses (Reapprop.). \$39,055,000.** A reappropriation is provided for Ecology's Clean Diesel Grant Program, which provides pass-through grant funding to Washington school districts to reduce greenhouse gases and protect residents from toxic diesel emissions. This grant program's primary purpose is to fund the replacement of fossil-fueled buses with electric buses. Ecology received \$19,715,000 for this program in the 2024 supplemental transportation budget. Department of Transportation (DOT) also received \$20,000,000 for the same purpose in the 2024 supplemental transportation budget. Ecology and DOT entered into an interagency agreement for Ecology to administer the \$20,000,000 appropriation. Because electric school bus delivery can take 12 or more months, Ecology could not expend these funds prior to the end of the 2023-25 biennium. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account, Carbon Emissions Reduction Account)
- 2. Additional Electric School Buses. \$15,000,000.** Additional funds are appropriated to Ecology to provide pass-through grant funding to Washington school districts to reduce greenhouse gases and protect residents from toxic diesel emissions via the Clean Diesel Grant Program described above. (Carbon Emissions Reduction Account)
- 3. Alternative Jet Fuel Support. \$1,500,000.** Funding is provided for one or more non-project environmental impact statements for alternative jet fuel production pathways, including blending and distribution infrastructure. (Carbon Emissions Reduction Account)

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