



## Department of Ecology 2025-27 Operating Budget Comparison

**Operating**  
12/17/2024 \$ in thousands - Biennialized FTEs

**2025-27 Carryforward Level Base Budget**

	2025-27 Biennium Budget Request 9/10/2024					Governor Inslee's Budget Proposal 12/17/2024					Difference				
	FTE	GF-State	MTCA <sup>1</sup>	Other	Total	FTE	GF-State	MTCA <sup>1</sup>	Other	Total	FTE	GF-State	MTCA <sup>1</sup>	Other	Total
	2,180.4	77,385	353,778	484,572	915,735	2,180.4	77,385	353,778	484,572	915,735					
<b>Maintenance Level Changes</b>															
1			235	351	586			235	351	586					-
2			638	70	708			638	70	708					-
3			700		700			700		700					-
4		74	320	222	616		74	320	222	616					-
5			939		939			939		939					-
6				-	-				-	-					-
7		18	82	60	160		18	82	60	160					-
8	0.6			182	182	0.6			182	182					-
9		24	100	76	200		24	100	76	200					-
10					-	5.5			12,892	12,892	5.5			12,892	12,892
11					-	4.2	(1,892)	947	3,032	2,087	4.2	(1,892)	947	3,032	2,087
12					-				6,000	6,000				6,000	6,000
13					-		657	3,066	2,755	6,478		657	3,066	2,755	6,478
<b>Policy Level Changes</b>															
<b>Reduce and Prepare for Climate Impacts</b>															
14	3.5	1,158			1,158	3.5			580	580		(1,158)		580	(578)
15	0.8			1,316	1,316	0.8			1,316	1,316					-
16	2.9	852			852					-	(2.9)	(852)			(852)
17					-	2.6			816	816	2.6			816	816
18					-	1.8			731	731	1.8			731	731
19					-		(710)		710	-		(710)		710	-
20					-				(3,000)	(3,000)				(3,000)	(3,000)
21					-				(5,000)	(5,000)				(5,000)	(5,000)
22					-				3,000	3,000				3,000	3,000
<b>Prevent and Reduce Waste, Toxic Threats, and Pollution</b>															
23	5.8	4,025	(2,091)		1,934	5.8	4,025	(2,091)		1,934					-
24	16.1	6,656	1,496	822	8,974	16.1		2,212	6,292	8,504		(6,656)	716	5,470	(470)
25	10.9	3,908		100	4,008	10.9		3,908	100	4,008		(3,908)	3,908		-
26	1.2	291		115	406	1.2		291	115	406		(291)	291		-
27	2.1		604		604	2.1		419		419			(185)		(185)
28	2.3			5,000	5,000	2.3			4,000	4,000				(1,000)	(1,000)
29	3.4			1,077	1,077	3.5			1,077	1,077	0.1				-
30	2.3			558	558	2.3			558	558					-
31	1.8			418	418	1.8			418	418					-
32					-	1.0		774	(76)	698	1.0		774	(76)	698
33					-				(1,000)	(1,000)				(1,000)	(1,000)
34					-	7.8			3,462	3,462	7.8			3,462	3,462
<b>Protect and Manage Our State's Waters</b>															
35	4.5	1,317			1,317	4.5			1,317	1,317		(1,317)		1,317	-
36	2.3	1,122			1,122	2.3			1,122	1,122		(1,122)		1,122	-
37		2,000			2,000					-		(2,000)			(2,000)
38	4.6	1,280			1,280					-	(4.6)	(1,280)			(1,280)
39	1.7	2,000			2,000					-	(1.7)	(2,000)			(2,000)
40	2.3	671			671	2.3		671		671		(671)	671		-
41	1.2	378			378	1.2	378			378					-
42	2.3	702			702					-	(2.3)	(702)			(702)
43	4.5	1,895			1,895	3.0			1,197	1,197	(1.5)	(1,895)		1,197	(698)



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44 European Green Crab Research	2.3	542			542	2.3			542	542		(542)		542	-
45 Addressing Harmful Algae Blooms	1.2	451			451					-	(1.2)	(451)			(451)
46 Small Oil Spills Prevention				600	600				600	600					-
47 WQ Grant & Loan Administration	2.3			604	604	2.3			604	604					-
48 Environmental Hazards Reporting					-	0.9			400	400	0.9			400	400
49 Spills Program Swap					-			(548)	548	-		(548)		548	-
50 Salmon Recovery Projects <sup>11</sup>					-	(1.2)	(262)			(262)	(1.2)	(262)			(262)
51 GSRO Direct Appropriation Transfer <sup>12</sup>					-		(144)			(144)		(144)			(144)
52 Surface Water Mapping <sup>13</sup>					-				(3,000)	(3,000)				(3,000)	(3,000)
53 Coastal Hazards Assistance <sup>14</sup>					-				(2,000)	(2,000)				(2,000)	(2,000)
<b>Other</b>															
54 Environmental Justice Capacity	6.9	528	882	704	2,114	6.9		882	704	1,586		(528)			(528)
55 Federal Authority for BIL/IRA Grants <sup>4</sup>	9.1			83,620	83,620	9.1			83,620	83,620					-
56 DES Training Fee Increases		12	68	34	114			68	34	102		(12)			(12)
57 Bridge Point Settlement <sup>15</sup>					-				8,950	8,950				8,950	8,950
58 WFSE General Government <sup>16</sup>					-		1,758	9,503	8,653	19,914		1,758	9,503	8,653	19,914
59 Non-Rep General Wage Increase <sup>17</sup>					-		314	1,516	1,484	3,314		314	1,516	1,484	3,314
60 Non-Rep Targeted Pay Increases <sup>18</sup>					-		87	120	146	353		87	120	146	353
61 Other PL Changes <sup>5</sup>					-		589	1,767	1,277	3,633		589	1,767	1,277	3,633
<b>Total Changes</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>29,904</b>	<b>3,973</b>	<b>95,929</b>	<b>129,806</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>4,916</b>	<b>26,519</b>	<b>145,937</b>	<b>177,372</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>(24,988)</b>	<b>22,546</b>	<b>50,008</b>	<b>47,566</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>2,279.3</b>	<b>107,289</b>	<b>357,751</b>	<b>580,501</b>	<b>1,045,541</b>	<b>2,287.6</b>	<b>82,301</b>	<b>380,297</b>	<b>630,509</b>	<b>1,093,107</b>					

<b>Transportation Budget Reappropriation</b>																
1	Electric School Bus Program			15,715	4,000	19,715			15,715	4,000	19,715					-

**Notes:**

- <sup>1</sup> Model Toxics Control Operating Account (23P-1, 23P-7), Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account (23R-1), Model Toxics Control Capital (23N-1).
- <sup>2</sup> Reflects a fund shift of \$826,000 from General Fund-Federal (001-2) to Radioactive Mixed Waste Account (20R-1).
- <sup>3</sup> Reflects maintenance level adjustments that the Office of Financial Management (OFM) included in the Governor's 2025-27 operating budget proposal, based on information provided by Ecology with its 2025-27 operating budget request. These planned adjustments had been discussed with both OFM and legislative fiscal staff.
- <sup>4</sup> 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).
- <sup>5</sup> Reflects 13 statewide maintenance level (ML) and 10 policy level (PL) items, including adjustments for archives/records management, legal services, audit services, employee benefits, workers' compensation, pension and PEBB rate adjustments, state employee benefits, and central services (OFM, DES, CTS).
- <sup>6</sup> Funding for Zero-emission Vehicle rulemaking support and participation on the Interagency Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council are shifted from General Fund-State to the Climate Commitment Account (CCA).
- <sup>7</sup> A one-time reduction in CCA administration funding to balance to available CCA auction revenue. The reduction will slow the implementation of some activities related to linkage.
- <sup>8</sup> Reduction in available tribal capacity funding in response to reduced CCA revenue. Reduction aligns total funding level with the amount available in the 2023-25 biennium.
- <sup>9</sup> One-time increase in available tribal capacity funding to allow projects started after January 2025 to continue to completion.
- <sup>10</sup> Ongoing reduction of Food Waste Reduction Grants to balance to available CCA revenue.
- <sup>11</sup> Funding is removed for the completion of the four-year Habitat Recovery Pilot Program created by ESSB 1382 (Salmon recovery projects) in the 2021 session.
- <sup>12</sup> 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.
- <sup>13</sup> One-time reduction in funding for surface water mapping work to balance to available CCA revenue. This reduction will slow the development of updated hydrological maps for Washington state.
- <sup>14</sup> One-time reduction in funding for coordination and assistance to coastal communities for resilience to climate change to balance to available CCA revenue.
- <sup>15</sup> 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.
- <sup>16</sup> Funding is provided 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.
- <sup>17</sup> Funding is provided 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.
- <sup>18</sup> Funding is provided for targeted job classification base range increases for non-represented employees.

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