



Department of Ecology 2025-27 Operating Budget Comparison

Operating

4/27/2025 \$ in thousands - Biennialized FTEs

2025-27 Carryforward Level Base Budget

	Governor Inslee's Budget - with Jan. Update 1/14/2025 (Incl. Gov. Ferguson's Recommendations)					Senate Floor Budget Proposal 3/29/2025					House Floor Passed Budget Proposal 3/31/2025					Conference Passed Operating Budget 4/27/2025				
	FTE	GF-State	MTCA ¹	Other	Total	FTE	GF-State	MTCA ¹	Other	Total	FTE	GF-State	MTCA ¹	Other	Total	FTE	GF-State	MTCA ¹	Other	Total
Maintenance Level Changes	2,180.4	77,385	353,778	484,572	915,735	2,180.4	77,385	353,778	484,572	915,735	2,180.4	77,385	353,778	484,572	915,735	2,180.4	77,385	353,778	484,572	915,735
1 Manchester Lab Facility Costs			638	70	708			638	70	708			638	70	708			638	70	708
2 Pakootas v Teck Metals			700		700			700		700			700		700			700		700
3 HQ Parking Garage Renovation COP		74	320	222	616		74	320	222	616		74	320	222	616		74	320	222	616
4 Public Participation Grants			939		939			939		939			939		939			939		939
5 Minimum Wage Increases - Facilities		18	82	60	160		18	82	60	160		18	82	60	160		18	82	60	160
6 Lease Adjustments		24	100	76	200		24	100	76	200		24	100	76	200		24	100	76	200
7 Funding Adjustments ²	4.2	(1,892)	947	3,032	2,087	4.2	(1,892)	947	3,032	2,087	4.2	(1,892)	947	3,032	2,087	4.2	(1,892)	947	3,032	2,087
8 Drought Preparedness and Response ²				6,000	6,000				6,000	6,000				6,000	6,000				6,000	6,000
9 Other ML Changes ³		657	3,066	2,755	6,478		(363)	(1,262)	(1,497)	(3,122)		(363)	(1,262)	(1,497)	(3,122)		(356)	(1,232)	(1,478)	(3,066)
Policy Level Changes																				
Fund Shifts and Reductions																				
10 Tribal Capacity Funding ⁴				(5,000)	(5,000)				(5,000)	(5,000)				(5,000)	(5,000)				(5,000)	(5,000)
11 CCA Administration ⁴				(3,000)	(3,000)					-				(3,000)	(3,000)				(3,000)	(3,000)
12 Food Waste Reduction Grants ⁴				(3,000)	(3,000)				(1,580)	(1,580)				(3,000)	(3,000)				(3,000)	(3,000)
13 Surface Water Mapping ⁴				(3,000)	(3,000)				(4,054)	(4,054)				(3,000)	(3,000)				(3,000)	(3,000)
14 Coastal Hazards Assistance					-				(1,414)	(1,414)				(2,000)	(2,000)				(2,000)	(2,000)
15 Reduction in Water Resources Prog ⁵					-		(1,646)			(1,646)					-		(1,646)			(1,646)
16 Nutrient Credit Trading Development ⁵	(1.2)		(820)		(820)	(1.2)		(820)		(820)	(1.2)		(820)		(820)	(1.2)		(820)		(820)
17 Fluorinated Gases (HB 1050 Laws of 2021) ⁶					-		(483)			(483)		(483)			(483)		(483)			(483)
18 Floodplain Management Grants ⁵				(300)	(300)				(300)	(300)				(300)	(300)				(300)	(300)
19 Comm. Outreach and Env. Education ⁵	(1.2)			(290)	(290)					-	(1.2)			(290)	(290)	(1.2)			(290)	(290)
20 Climate Program Communication ⁵	(1.2)	(290)			(290)	(1.2)	(290)			(290)					-	(1.2)	(290)			(290)
21 Shorelands Program Planner ⁵	(1.2)		(278)		(278)	(1.2)		(278)		(278)	(1.2)		(278)		(278)	(1.2)		(278)		(278)
22 PCB Local Source Control ⁵			(180)		(180)			(180)		(180)			(180)		(180)			(180)		(180)
23 EIM System Coordinator Position ⁵	(0.7)		(166)		(166)	(0.7)		(166)		(166)	(0.7)		(166)		(166)	(0.7)		(166)		(166)
24 Product Testing Lab Capacity ⁵			(160)		(160)			(160)		(160)			(160)		(160)			(160)		(160)
25 GSRO Direct Appropriation ⁷		(144)			(144)		(144)			(144)		(144)			(144)		(144)			(144)
26 LUST Cleanup Contract Funding ⁵			(120)		(120)			(120)		(120)			(120)		(120)			(120)		(120)
27 Fund Shift Litter Control for GFS ⁸					-		(4,000)		4,000	-					-		(4,000)		4,000	-
28 Fund Shift GF-S to MTCA					-					-		(2,779)	2,779		-		(2,779)	2,779		-
29 Construction Project Review Shift ⁵		(1,258)	1,258		-					-		(1,258)	1,258		-		(1,258)	1,258		-
30 Shoreline Protection & Mgmt. Shift ⁵		(1,032)	1,032		-					-		(1,032)	1,032		-		(1,032)	1,032		-
31 Fund Shift GF-S to CCA		(710)		710	-					-		(710)		710	-		(710)		710	-
32 Air Quality Program Shift ⁵		(290)		290	-					-		(290)		290	-		(290)		290	-
33 Laboratory Accreditation Auditors	5.8	4,025	(2,091)		1,934	5.8		1,934		1,934		2,091	(2,091)		-		2,091	(2,091)		-
34 Hanford Fund Shift ⁹					-					-					-					-
35 PFAS Alternatives Assessment ⁵	(0.7)		(270)		(270)					-					-					-
36 Spill Response Capacity ⁵	(1.2)		(296)		(296)					-					-					-
37 Water Resources Administration ⁵	(1.2)	(236)			(236)					-	(1.2)	(236)			(236)					-
38 Water Resources Communication ⁵	(1.2)	(266)			(266)					-	(1.2)	(266)			(266)					-
39 Water Resources IT Support ⁵	(1.2)	(390)			(390)					-	(1.2)	(390)			(390)					-
40 Water Rights Processing ⁵	(1.2)	(350)			(350)					-					-					-

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41 Water Rights Compliance ⁵	(0.6)	(176)			(176)					-					-					-
42 Trust Water Coordinator ⁵	(1.2)	(350)			(350)					-	(1.2)	(350)			(350)					-
Reduce and Prepare for Climate Impacts																				
43 Tribal Capacity Grant Adjustment ¹⁰				3,000	3,000				3,000	3,000				3,000	3,000				3,000	3,000
44 Climate Resilience Workgroup	3.5			580	580					-	2.0			331	331	2.0			331	331
45 Washington Fuel Report System	0.8			1,316	1,316	0.8			1,316	1,316	0.8			1,316	1,316	0.8			1,316	1,316
46 Offshore Wind Authorities Report				-	-	2.6			550	550	2.6			816	816	2.6			816	816
47 Offshore Wind Science Panel				-	-	1.8			500	500	1.8			731	731	1.8			731	731
48 Statewide Emissions Data (SB 5036)				-	-	2.3		670		670					-	2.3		670		670
49 Agricultural Fuel/CCA (HB 1912)				-	-					-				500	500	1.0			275	275
50 CCA Analysis and Rulemaking (HB 1975)				-	-					-	7.4			2,816	2,816	7.4			2,816	2,816
51 Clean Fuels Program (HB 1409)				-	-					-	3.1			1,115	1,115	3.1			1,115	1,115
52 Hydrofluorocarbons (HB 1462)				-	-					-	0.8			456	456	0.8			426	426
53 Transmission Capacity (HB 1819 / SB 5466)				-	-	0.9	271			271	0.9	271			271					-
54 Clean Energy Permitting (SB 1216 Laws of 2023)				-	-				(1,208)	(1,208)					-					-
55 Climate Pollution Reduction				-	-		(418)		418	-					-					-
Prevent and Reduce Waste, Toxic Threats, and Pollution																				
56 Toxic Tire Chemicals	16.1		2,212	6,292	8,504	16.1		2,212	6,292	8,504	16.1		2,212	6,292	8,504	16.1		2,212	6,292	8,504
57 PFAS Response	10.9		3,908	100	4,008	10.9		3,908	100	4,008	10.9		3,908	100	4,008	10.9		3,908	100	4,008
58 Lead in Cookware (SB 5628)	2.1		419		419	2.1		419		419	2.1		419		419	2.1		419		419
59 Litter Control & Market Development	2.3			4,000	4,000	2.3			4,000	4,000	2.3			4,000	4,000	2.3			4,000	4,000
60 Hanford Cleanup Support	3.5			1,077	1,077	3.5			1,077	1,077	3.5			1,077	1,077	3.5			1,077	1,077
61 Hanford Unit Closure & Construction	1.8			418	418	1.8			418	418	1.8			418	418	1.8			418	418
62 Air Quality Industrial Inspectors	2.3			558	558	2.3			558	558	2.3			558	558	2.3			558	558
63 Air Operating Permit	0.6			182	182	0.6			182	182	0.6			182	182	0.6			182	182
64 Solid Waste Handling (HB 1154)				-	-					-	1.6		493	493	493	1.6		493		493
65 Waste Material Management (HB 1497)				-	-					-	0.8		261	261	261	0.8		261		261
66 Biosolids/PFAS Chemicals (SB 5033)				-	-	2.4	727			727					-	0.7		196		196
67 Solid Waste Management (SB 5284)	7.8			3,462	3,462	7.6			2,980	2,980					-	7.6			2,980	2,980
68 Walla Walla Cleanup Site				-	-					-			100	100	100			100		100
69 Photovoltaic Module Program Adjustment (SB 51)	1.0		774	(76)	698					-					-					-
70 Recycling & Waste Reduction (HB 1607)				-	-					-	3.1			1,023	1,023					-
Protect and Manage Our State's Waters																				
71 Shoreline and GMA Updates	4.5			1,317	1,317	4.5			659	659	4.5			1,317	1,317	4.5			1,317	1,317
72 Aquatic Permitting and Aquaculture	2.3		671		671	2.3		671		671	2.3		671		671	2.3		671		671
73 European Green Crab Research	2.3			542	542	2.3			542	542	2.3			542	542	2.3			542	542
74 Small Oil Spills Prevention				430	430				300	300				600	600				430	430
75 WQ Grant & Loan Administration	2.3			604	604	2.3			604	604	2.3			604	604	2.3			604	604
76 Sewage-Containing Spills (HB 1670)				-	-					-	0.9		212	212	212	0.9		89		89
77 Nooksack Adjudication Assistance				-	-		200			200					-		200			200
78 Nooksack Adjudication Grants				-	-		200			200					-		200			200
79 Vancouver Lake Clean Up Plan				-	-		300			300					-		300			300
80 Accelerating Floodplain Resilience	2.3			1,122	1,122					-					-					-
81 River Migration Mapping for Salmon	1.2	378			378	1.2	378			378					-					-
82 Water Resource and Climate Resilience	3.0			1,197	1,197					-					-					-
83 Salmon Recovery Projects (HB 1382 Laws of 202)	(1.2)	(262)			(262)	(1.2)	(262)			(262)					-					-
84 Water Resource Data				-	-				(822)	(822)					-					-

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85	Spills Program Fund Shift			(548)	548	-							(844)	844	-						
Other																					
86	WCC Member Wages and Benefits			235	351	586			235	351	586			235	351	586			235	351	586
87	Environmental Justice	6.9		882	704	1,586	2.0		290	314	604	5.0		639	511	1,150	5.0		639	511	1,150
88	Federal Funding Adjustment ¹¹	14.6			96,512	96,512	14.6			96,512	96,512	14.6			96,512	96,512	14.6			96,512	96,512
89	DES Training Fee Increases			68	34	102			68	26	94			68	34	102			68	34	102
90	Environmental Incident Reporting	0.9			400	400	0.9			400	400	0.9			400	400	0.9			400	400
91	Bridge Point Settlement ¹²	3.5			8,950	8,950				8,950	8,950				8,950	8,950	3.5			8,950	8,950
92	WFSE General Government ¹³		1,758	9,503	8,653	19,914		1,758	9,503	8,653	19,914		1,758	9,503	8,611	19,872		1,758	9,503	8,653	19,914
93	Non-Rep General Wage Increase ¹⁴		314	1,516	1,484	3,314		314	1,516	1,484	3,314		314	1,516	1,484	3,314		314	1,516	1,484	3,314
94	Non-Rep Targeted Pay Increases ¹⁵		87	120	146	353		87	120	146	353		87	120	146	353		87	120	146	353
95	Other PL Changes ³		500	1,368	989	2,857		1,026	4,052	3,904	8,982		1,114	3,922	3,671	8,707		487	1,158	1,006	2,651
96	Temporary Salary Reduction					-		(1,056)	(4,972)	(4,991)	(11,019)					-					-
97	Merging Legacy Retirement Plans (SB 5085)					-		(555)	(2,651)	(2,666)	(5,872)					-					-
Total Changes		91.3	189	25,829	143,517	169,535	92.3	(6,197)	19,180	134,164	147,147	92.1	(4,442)	27,153	141,681	164,392	106.7	(9,327)	26,006	143,765	160,444
Total Operating Budget		2,271.7	77,574	379,607	628,089	1,085,270	2,272.7	71,188	372,958	618,736	1,062,882	2,272.5	72,943	380,931	626,253	1,080,127	2,287.1	68,058	379,784	628,337	1,076,179

Notes:

- ¹ Model Toxics Control Operating Account (23P-1, 23P-7), Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account (23R-1), Model Toxics Control Capital (23N-1).
- ² Reflects 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 Reflects 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 Reflects 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 funding shift from the Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account (044) to GF-S (001).
- ⁹ Reflects a 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 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.
- ¹⁴ 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.
- ¹⁵ Funding is provided for targeted job classification base range increases for non-represented employees.

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