



Department of Ecology 2026 Supplemental Operating Budget Comparison

Operating

3/12/2026 \$ in thousands - Biennialized FTEs

2025-27 Enacted Base Budget

	Governor Ferguson's Budget Proposal 12/23/2025					Senate Passed Budget Proposal 2/27/2026					House Passed Budget Proposal 2/28/2026					Conference Passed Budget 3/12/2026				
	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
2025-27 Enacted Base Budget	2,281.5	67,558	379,422	626,790	1,073,770	2,281.5	67,558	379,422	626,790	1,073,770	2,281.5	67,558	379,422	626,790	1,073,770	2,281.5	67,558	379,422	626,790	1,073,770
Maintenance Level Changes																				
1 Compensation for New 2025-27 FTEs		34	210	398	642		34	210	398	642		34	210	398	642		34	210	398	642
2 HQ Parking Garage COP Adjustment ²		(74)	(320)	(222)	(616)		(74)	(320)	(222)	(616)		(74)	(320)	(222)	(616)		(74)	(320)	(222)	(616)
3 Headquarters Bldg Repair Adjustment ²		(456)	(502)	(382)	(1,340)		(456)	(502)	(382)	(1,340)		(456)	(502)	(382)	(1,340)		(456)	(502)	(382)	(1,340)
4 State Parks Lease Adjustment ²		(78)	(352)	(230)	(660)		(78)	(352)	(230)	(660)		(78)	(352)	(230)	(660)		(78)	(352)	(230)	(660)
5 Other ML Changes ³		42	191	132	365		15	75	38	128		15	75	38	128		15	75	38	128
Policy Level Changes																				
Reduce and Prepare for Climate Impacts⁴																				
6 Tribal Offset Grants				5,000	5,000				5,000	5,000					-					-
7 Statewide Emissions Data ²	(0.6)		(670)	510	(160)	(0.6)		(670)	510	(160)	(0.6)		(670)	510	(160)	(0.6)		(670)	510	(160)
8 Zero-Emissions Vehicle Program ²	0.6			148	148	0.6			148	148	0.6			148	148	0.6			148	148
9 Green Fertilizer Incentives (SB 5971)					-	0.1			21	21					-	0.1				-
10 Emissions/Trade-Exposed (SB 6246)					-	0.9			318	318					-	1.8			603	603
11 Climate Resilience Workgroup - Reduction					-					-	(1.0)		(165)	(165)	(1.0)				(165)	(165)
12 Climate Change Response Strategy - Reduction					-					-	(0.4)		(232)	(232)	(0.4)				(232)	(232)
13 Fuels/CCA (HB 2215)					-					-	1.3		411	411	1.6				511	511
14 Large Energy Use Facilities (HB 2515)					-					-			406	406					50	50
15 Waste to Energy Facilities (HB 2416)					-					-	1.1		334	334	0.7				226	226
Prevent and Reduce Waste, Toxic Threats, and Pollution⁴																				
16 Laboratory Accreditation	2.9	(1,087)		2,102	1,015	2.9	(1,087)		2,102	-	2.9	(1,087)		2,102	1,015	2.9	(1,087)		2,102	1,015
17 Solid Waste Management ²	0.5			934	934	0.5			934	934	0.5			934	934	0.5			934	934
Protect and Manage Our State's Waters⁴																				
18 Coastal Hazards Assistance				1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000					-					-
19 Vancouver Lake Clean Up Plan					-		50			50					-		50			50
20 Shoreline and GMA Updates - Reduction					-					-	(1.8)		(497)	(497)						-
21 Shorelands & Env Asst Reduction					-					-		(200)		(200)			(200)			(200)
Other																				
22 Cultural Resources Model Ordinance					-		25			25					-		25			25
23 GAR-Administrative Reduction		(63)			(63)		(64)			(64)		(128)			(128)		(43)			(43)
24 RED-Administrative Reduction		(472)			(472)					-					-					-
25 MTCA Fund Shifts			(6,118)	6,118	-			(3,380)	3,380	-			(6,118)	6,118	-			(6,118)	6,118	-
26 Fund Shift Air Operating for GF-S					-					-		(2,000)		2,000	-					-
27 Fund Shift Water Quality for GF-S					-					-		(5,000)		5,000	-					-
28 Other PL Changes ³		592	2,418	1,939	4,949		398	1,638	1,291	3,327		500	2,132	1,704	4,336		456	1,973	1,577	4,006
Total Changes	3.4	(1,562)	(5,143)	17,447	10,742	4.3	(1,237)	(3,301)	13,291	8,753	2.7	(8,474)	(5,545)	18,375	4,356	6.2	(1,358)	(5,704)	11,984	4,922
Total Operating Budget⁵	2,284.9	65,996	374,279	644,237	1,084,512	2,285.8	66,321	376,121	640,081	1,082,523	2,284.2	59,084	373,877	645,165	1,078,126	2,287.7	66,200	373,718	638,774	1,078,692

Notes:

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

² Reflects maintenance or policy level (ML/PL) adjustments that the Office of Financial Management (OFM) included in the Governor's 2026 supplemental operating budget proposal, based on information provided by Ecology with its 2026 supplemental operating budget request.

³ Reflects statewide maintenance level (ML) and policy level (PL) items, including adjustments for legal services, audit services, workers' compensation, PEBB rate adjustments, and central services (OFM, DES, CTS).

⁴ 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>).

⁵ Total operating budget amounts for the Senate and House budgets do not match VABS report totals. Variance is due to certain items not yet being spread to agency-specific budgets. Those amounts can be found in the LEAP and Central Service Related Documents located at: <https://fiscal.wa.gov/statebudgets/2026proposals/so2026supp> and <https://fiscal.wa.gov/statebudgets/2026proposals/ho2026supp>.

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