

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION & BUDGET

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BIENNIAL SESSIONS & BUDGETS

- > Biennial sessions last 105 days, with the possibility of one or more 30-day special sessions (January 14-April 28)
- > Biennial budgets are our opportunity to request funding for:
 - New initiatives
 - Program expansions
- > Bill introductions start from a clean slate



2019 SESSION – REVENUE FORECAST & BUDGET OUTLOOK

- > The November revenue forecast projected continued growth, but at a slower pace
- > Total available GF-S revenue in 2019-21 is expected to exceed \$50 billion, 9.2 percent more than 2017-19
- > Higher education accounts for approximately 8.5 percent of GF-S spending in the current biennium
- > McCleary update: Thought to be largely resolved following significant K-12 increases in 2017-19. The state still faces significant financial pressures regarding mental health, affordable housing, and other issues



GOVERNOR INSLEE'S PROPOSED 2019-21 BIENNIAL BUDGETS

- > Operating and capital budget proposals were released on December 13
- > Significant increases for higher education, mental health, and reducing climate change
- > But assumes significant new revenue: capital gains tax, increasing B&O tax for professional services, and modifying real estate excise tax
- > Major UW items in the operating budget include:
 - Foundational Support: \$25.5 million to make temporary compensation funding permanent, and to increase the share of state support for new compensation and central service costs
 - Safety Net Support: \$14 million for UWMC/HMC, and \$2 million for Dentistry
 - Enhanced Student Support: \$8.8 million
 - Other: Mental Health Residencies, CAMCET Operations, Career Connected Learning, etc.
- > UW items in the capital budget:
 - \$70 million for Health Sciences Education Building
 - \$2 million for planning of Behavioral Health Teaching Facility
 - No funding: T-Wing Renovation, Interdisciplinary Engineering, Bothell, Tacoma
- > State-wide financial aid: SNG would become “Washington College Promise” with \$103.3 million to eliminate the waitlist in FY22



AS A REMINDER...

- > Leadership in the House and Senate will release their own budget proposals over the course of session
- > OPB will review budgets as they are released and will produce budget briefs for all major budget proposals
- > Stay tuned to session related emails and the OPBlog (depts.washington.edu/opbblog/) for updates regarding:
 - Budget proposals
 - Revenue forecasts



QUESTIONS?

