2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION & BUDGET

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> 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
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?