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**Subject:** Comparing the House and Senate Supplemental Budgets

Leadership in both the House and Senate fiscal committees released supplemental operating and capital budgets this week, proposing technical corrections and appropriation changes to the current 2013-15 biennial budgets (primarily applicable to FY15). As a reminder, both budgets will be amended in respective committees, and possibly on each chamber floor, before negotiations begin towards a compromise budget.

*Supplemental Operating Budgets*

To facilitate a simple comparison of the three approaches to the supplemental operating budget, OPB has produced the following table. Once a compromise budget is introduced, OPB will produce a more comprehensive budget brief.

**Comparing Gubernatorial, House, and Senate Changes to the 2013-15 Biennial Operating Budget**

	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Senate Bill 6002 (As substituted)</b>	<b>House Bill 2185 (As introduced)</b>
<b>Changes Affecting the UW's State Budget</b>			
Employee health insurance related agency offsets *	(\$4,358,000)	(\$4,358,000)	(\$7,626,000)
Institute for Protein Design	\$1,000,000	(temp) \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Lean related agency reductions	(\$498,000)	(\$996,000)	(\$996,000)
Burke Hands-On Curriculum			\$150,000
Incremental expenses to workers compensation	\$730,000	Not funded	\$730,000
UW Tacoma Law School planning process		\$400,000	
<b>Financial Aid Provisions</b>			
Provides the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) with funding for a tuition and financial aid study			✓
Funds an alternative financial aid application system for undocumented students			✓
Funds College Bound summer quarter & increased caseload	✓	✓	✓
Assumes HB 2651 (higher ed data transparency website bill) and 2336 (higher ed departmental budget bill) pass, providing operating funds to ERDC			✓
<b>Other Budget Notes</b>			
The Senate budget would freeze resident undergraduate tuition rates for FY2015; the other budgets would not.			
Neither the House nor Senate budget would fund Entrepreneurs In Residence, though the Governor's budget would.			
The current Senate budget would eliminate the Life Sciences Discovery fund mid-biennium; the House budget would not.			
Currently, the Senate budget would transfer funds for UW Bothell Nursing student FTE who studied at the University Center of North Puget Sound to UW Bothell. The House budget would transfer these funds to WSU Everett. We anticipate further committee action related to this transfer.			

\* Both the House and Senate budget would decrease agency contributions for employee health benefits. As shown in the table, the House budget cuts state funding by \$7.6 million and the Senate budget cuts state funding by \$4.4 million. However, both of these reductions are offset by lower per employee spending “limits” on benefits. The House budget would reduce monthly employer funding to \$658 per eligible employee. The Senate budget would reduce monthly employer funding to \$703 per eligible employee.

### *Supplemental Capital Budgets*

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The Senate’s proposed supplemental changes to the 2013-15 capital budget do not alter the UW’s total appropriation. However, the Senate’s proposal would shift \$1,910,000 of the UW’s State Building Construction Account appropriation to the University of Washington Building Account.

The House’s supplemental capital budget includes a new appropriation of \$94,000 for the UW’s Sea Grant Program, which is associated the College of the Environment. The purpose of the appropriation is to create an index of net pen scientific literature and policy research, establish a technical steering group to guide net pen research, and initiate a net pen outreach program.

Please stay tuned as we provide additional information about the budgets throughout legislative session. As usual, briefs will be provided to campus partners and posted on OPB’s [website](#) and on our [blog](#).

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