

# Legislative

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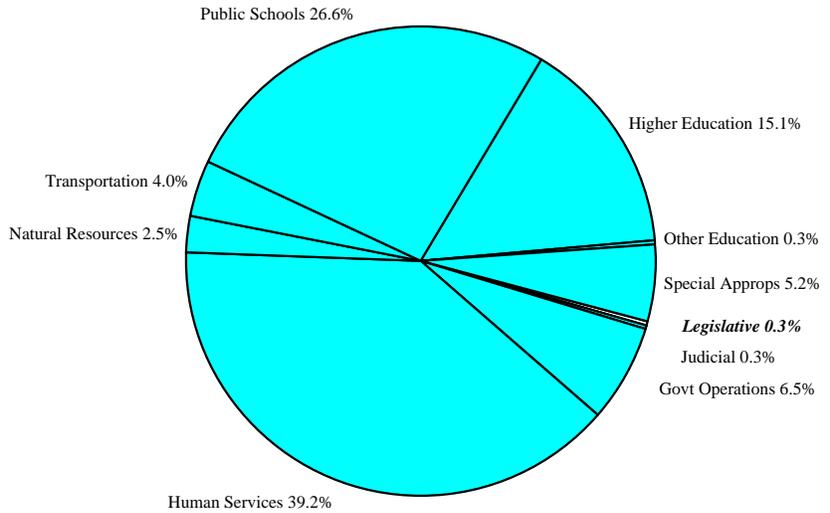
Through the House of Representatives and the Senate, funding is provided to support the redistricting process and to continue the independent operation of the Legislative Ethics Board. In addition, Project Citizen, a program to promote participation in government by middle school students, is provided funding. One-time funding is also provided for the Senate to do a study of policies and practices for setting information services rates paid by state agencies.

The Office of the State Actuary is provided funding to conduct a study of local government liabilities for the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' retirement system medical benefits, and for an audit of the division of assets of the Public Employees Retirement System and the Washington School Employees' Retirement System.

# 1999-01 Washington State Operating Budget Total Budgeted Funds

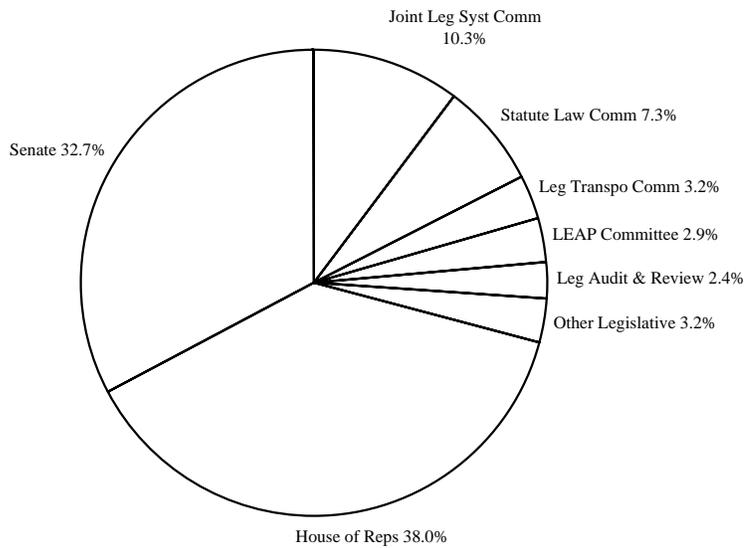
(Dollars in Thousands)

<b>Legislative</b>	<b>134,074</b>
Judicial	117,098
Governmental Operations	2,537,982
Human Services	15,261,315
Natural Resources	980,598
Transportation	1,549,524
Public Schools	10,327,599
Higher Education	5,862,453
Other Education	99,870
Special Appropriations	2,025,008
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>38,895,521</b>



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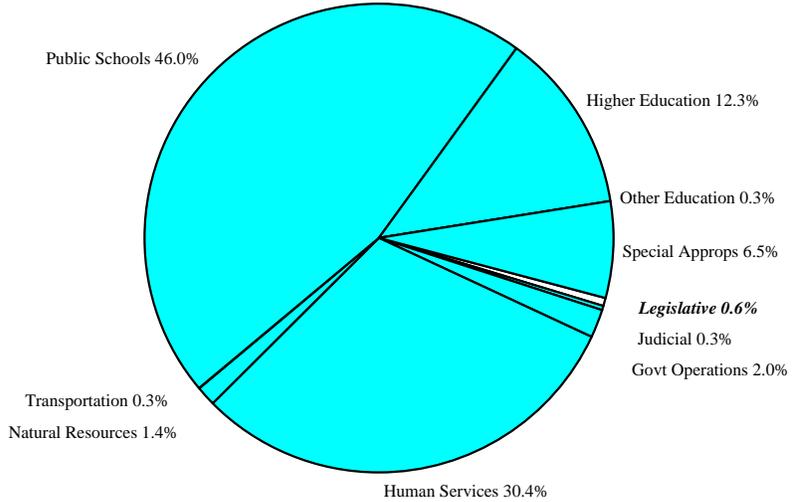
House of Representatives	50,939
Senate	43,885
Jt Leg Systems Comm	13,875
Statute Law Committee	9,727
Leg Transportation Comm	4,283
LEAP Committee	3,837
Jt Leg Audit & Rev Comm	3,265
Other Legislative	4,263
<b>Legislative</b>	<b>134,074</b>



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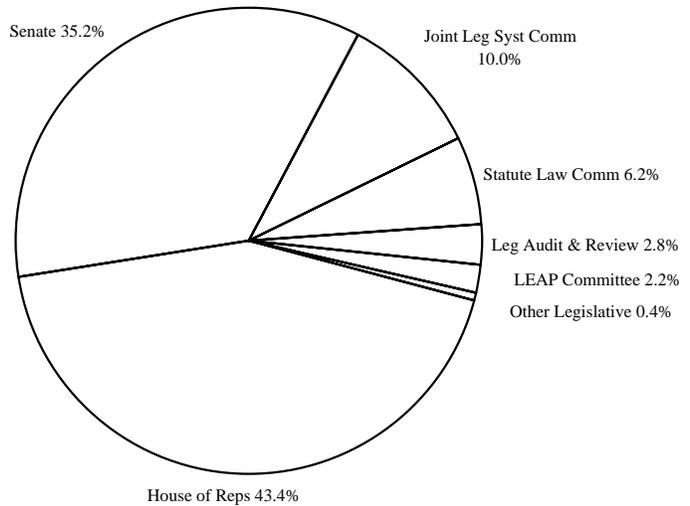
**1999-01 Washington State Operating Budget  
General Fund-State**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

<b>Legislative</b>	<b>117,413</b>
Judicial	62,060
Governmental Operations	403,375
Human Services	6,252,967
Natural Resources	282,072
Transportation	53,453
Public Schools	9,463,978
Higher Education	2,538,245
Other Education	52,930
Special Appropriations	1,346,329
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>20,572,822</b>



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House of Representatives	50,914
Senate	41,274
Jt Leg Systems Comm	11,694
Statute Law Committee	7,238
Jt Leg Audit & Rev Comm	3,265
LEAP Committee	2,532
Other Legislative	496
<b>Legislative</b>	<b>117,413</b>



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## House of Representatives

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>50,128</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50,153</b>
1999 Supplemental *	-18	0	-18
<b>Total 1997-99 Biennium</b>	<b>50,110</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50,135</b>
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<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>50,495</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50,520</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. Redistricting	394	0	394
2. Project Citizen	25	0	25
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<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>50,914</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50,939</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	24,853	0	24,853
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	26,061	25	26,086

**Comments:**

1. REDISTRICTING - Funding is provided to support the redistricting process.
2. PROJECT CITIZEN - Funding is provided for Project Citizen, a program presented by the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Center for Civic Education to promote participation in government by middle school students.

The appropriations to the House of Representatives include \$80,000 in FY 2000 and \$80,000 in FY 2001 for the independent operations of the Legislative Ethics Board. Expenditure decisions of the board, including employment of staff, shall be independent of the Senate and House of Representatives.

\* Please see the 1999 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

**Senate**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>40,195</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40,220</b>
1999 Supplemental *	-12	0	-12
<b>Total 1997-99 Biennium</b>	<b>40,183</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40,208</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>40,805</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40,830</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. Redistricting	394	0	394
2. Information Services Rate Study	50	0	50
3. Project Citizen	25	0	25
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>41,274</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>41,299</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	19,749	0	19,749
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	21,525	25	21,550

**Comments:**

1. REDISTRICTING - Funding is provided to support the redistricting process.
2. INFORMATION SERVICES RATE STUDY - Funding is provided to contract for a study of policies and practices for setting information services rates paid by state agencies. The study shall include an analysis of the effect of current and alternative depreciation policies and schedules on rates and revolving fund balances.
3. PROJECT CITIZEN - Funding is provided for Project Citizen, a program presented by the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Center for Civic Education to promote participation in government by middle school students.

The appropriations to the Senate include \$80,000 in FY 2000 and \$80,000 in FY 2001 for the independent operations of the Legislative Ethics Board. Expenditure decisions of the board, including employment of staff, shall be independent of the Senate and House of Representatives.

NOTE: Amounts shown here reflect only the omnibus appropriations act. The remainder of the Senate's budget is shown in the Transportation Budget Section of this document.

\* Please see the 1999 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

## Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,261</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,995</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	-10	0	-10
2. Community Mental Health Study	280	0	280
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>3,265</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,265</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	1,604	0	1,604
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	1,661	0	1,661

**Comments:**

1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH STUDY - Funding is provided for a study of the community mental health services system, including an examination of the funding distribution formula used to determine funding levels of each Regional Support Network.

NOTE: The Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee received an additional appropriation of \$1.5 million from the 1997-99 Transportation Budget.

## Legislative Evaluation & Accountability Program Committee

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,745</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>2,325</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,325</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. Continuation of LGFRS Project	207	0	207
2. Implement Infrastructure Needs DB	0	405	405
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>2,937</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	1,225	200	1,425
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	1,307	205	1,512

**Comments:**

1. CONTINUATION OF LGFRS PROJECT - Funding is provided to increase functionality of the Local Government Finance Reporting System (LGFRS). This system reports local government financial data and is in its first production release. Further enhancements will include per capita calculations, capital data, information on special taxing districts, and a streamlined input process for local governments. (General Fund-State, Motor Vehicle Fund-State)
  
2. IMPLEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS DB - Funding is provided to continue work on the design, creation, and maintenance of an ongoing database containing local government infrastructure needs data. The 1998 Capital Budget called for the development of such a database. (Public Works Assistance Account)

NOTE: Amounts shown here reflect only the omnibus appropriations act. The remainder of the LEAP Committee's budget is shown in the Transportation Budget Section of this document.

## Office of the State Actuary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,681</b>	<b>1,681</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>1,747</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	0	-10	-10
2. LEOFF 1 Medical Benefits Study	0	150	150
3. Verify Proper Division of Assets	0	25	25
4. Replace DEC Server	0	35	35
5. Computer Replacement	0	20	20
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>1,967</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	0	967	967
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	0	1,000	1,000

**Comments:**

1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. LEOFF 1 MEDICAL BENEFITS STUDY - The Office of the State Actuary will conduct an actuarial study of local government liabilities for the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' (LEOFF) retirement system Plan 1 medical benefits. Funding for the study will be generated from an additional administrative fee added to the employer contribution rates for LEOFF. (Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account)
3. VERIFY PROPER DIVISION OF ASSETS - A consultant will be hired to audit the division of assets relating to the creation of the Washington School Employees' Retirement System (WSERS). The consultant will verify the proper division of assets of the Public Employees Retirement System and WSERS. (Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account)
4. REPLACE DEC SERVER - An update of the computing and data storage processes used to produce the actuarial valuations as well as the replacement of current hardware and software will be implemented in the 1999-01 biennium. In addition, a consultant will assist in the transfer of the data. This update will replace the existing agency Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) server with new equipment capable of interfacing with the standardized Windows operating system. (Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account)
5. COMPUTER REPLACEMENT - The Legislative Service Center computer replacement plan has a three year cycle in order to keep current with new technology. As a part of that system, the Office of the State Actuary will replace its computer hardware to maintain the same computer capability as the rest of the Legislature. (Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account)

## Joint Legislative Systems Committee

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>10,860</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>12,729</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>11,414</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>13,595</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. Additional Staffing	280	0	280
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>11,694</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>13,875</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	5,847	1,219	7,066
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	5,847	962	6,809

**Comments:**

1. ADDITIONAL STAFFING - Funding is provided for three additional staff. Two of these positions are necessary to meet application development demands. The third position will provide additional campus workgroup support for the House of Representatives.

NOTE: The 1997-99 Expenditure Authority amounts shown here reflect only the omnibus appropriations act. The remainder of the Joint Legislative Systems Committee's 1997-99 Expenditure Authority is shown in the Transportation Budget Section of this document.

## Statute Law Committee

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>9,667</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>7,251</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>9,740</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	-13	0	-13
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>7,238</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>9,727</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	3,508	655	4,163
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	3,730	1,834	5,564

**Comments:**

1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.

The biennial appropriation to the Statute Law Committee includes \$37,000 in FY 2000 and \$36,000 in FY 2001 for the operations of the Uniform Legislation Commission under Chapter 43.56 RCW.

## Redistricting Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>496</b>
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>496</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	0	0	0
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	496	0	496

**Comments:**

Funding is provided to reestablish the Commission for the purposes of legislative redistricting following the year 2000 census.