

Transportation

The majority of the funding for transportation services is included in the transportation budget, not the omnibus appropriations act. For additional information on funding for these agencies and other transportation funding, see the Transportation section of the Legislative Budget Notes. The omnibus appropriations act only includes a portion of the total funding for the Washington State Patrol (WSP) and the Department of Licensing.

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Firefighting

A total of \$8 million state general fund is provided to WSP for costs related to fighting wildfires. In previous biennia, this funding was allocated to WSP through the fire contingency pool.

Efficiencies and Savings

The budget reduces the general fund appropriation by \$7.6 million. The savings are achieved through reductions in agency administration, license fraud enforcement, criminal records processing, the Narcotics Unit, and local fire prevention funding.

Justice Assistance Grant

An additional \$1.96 million in federal funding is provided to WSP due to increased Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the federal stimulus act. The JAG funds are managed by the Department of Commerce.

Department of Licensing

Fee Increases

The Department will be increasing fees for several professions in order to maintain self support for the regulation of these industries. Fees will be increased for licensing and regulation of the following businesses and professions: cemeteries, funeral directors, and real estate appraisers.

New Professional Regulation

The budget increases expenditure authority for several pieces of legislation that established new regulations or expanded existing regulation for businesses and professions, including tattoo and body piercing, architects, and landscape architects.

Firearms Data Entry

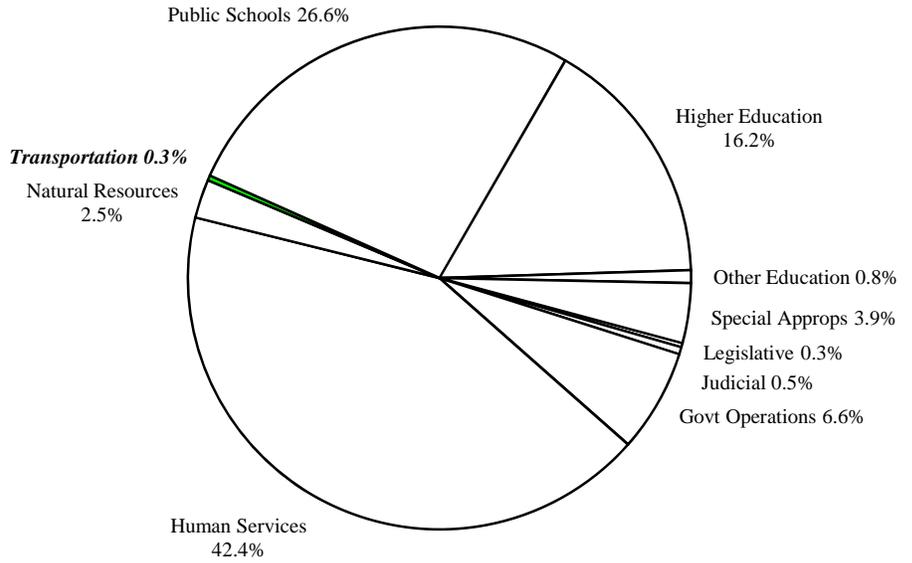
Funding is provided for additional staff to improve the turnaround time necessary to enter firearms registration data into the database used by WSP and local law enforcement agencies.

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Total Budgeted Funds

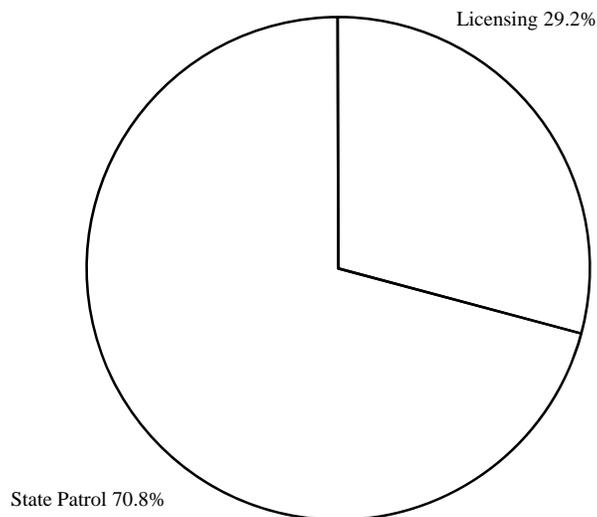
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	160,456
Judicial	269,541
Governmental Operations	3,885,907
Human Services	24,874,866
Natural Resources	1,463,500
Transportation	192,771
Public Schools	15,649,042
Higher Education	9,491,726
Other Education	476,200
Special Appropriations	2,261,860
Statewide Total	58,725,869



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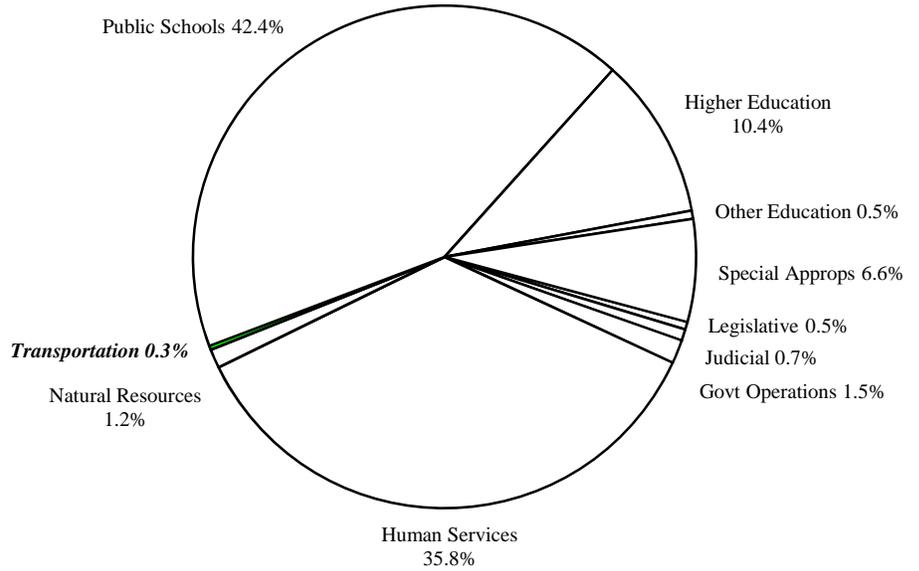
Washington State Patrol	136,475
Dept of Licensing	56,296
Transportation	192,771



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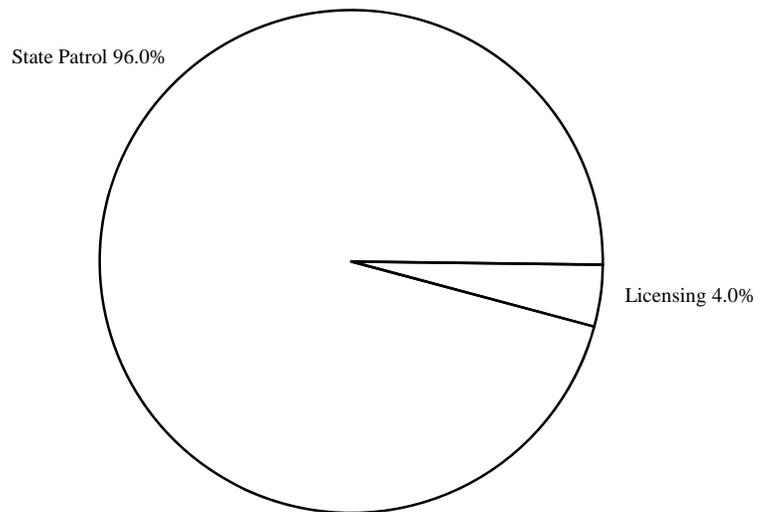
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Near General Fund-State
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	156,095
Judicial	229,184
Governmental Operations	478,741
Human Services	11,250,814
Natural Resources	379,918
Transportation	85,214
Public Schools	13,311,962
Higher Education	3,262,624
Other Education	165,778
Special Appropriations	2,068,266
Statewide Total	31,388,596



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Washington State Patrol	81,834
Dept of Licensing	3,380
Transportation	85,214



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Department of Licensing

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
2007-09 Expenditure Authority	3,785	45,992	49,777
2009 Supplemental *	-369	-479	-848
Total 2007-09 Biennium	3,416	45,513	48,929
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2009-11 Maintenance Level	3,772	49,331	53,103
Policy Changes - Non-Comp			
1. Engineer & Surveyor Exam System	0	60	60
2. Firearms Workload Increase	260	0	260
3. Business Software Maintenance	9	94	103
4. Teak Surfing	-146	0	-146
5. Real Estate Fingerprinting	0	507	507
6. Professional Athletics Monitoring	-350	358	8
7. Fee Increases	0	1,359	1,359
8. Tattoo and Body Piercing	0	1,352	1,352
9. Landscape Architecture	0	222	222
10. Licensing Architects	0	289	289
11. License Requirements Reduction	-53	0	-53
12. Governor-Directed Freeze	-50	0	-50
13. Governor-Directed 1% Cut	-46	0	-46
14. Governor Veto	0	-289	-289
Policy -- Non-Comp Total	-376	3,952	3,576
Policy Changes - Comp			
15. Employee Health Insurance	8	212	220
16. Actuarial Method Changes-State	-24	-579	-603
Policy -- Comp Total	-16	-367	-383
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Total 2009-11 Biennium	3,380	52,916	56,296
Fiscal Year 2010 Total	1,668	26,439	28,107
Fiscal Year 2011 Total	1,712	26,477	28,189

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| <p>1. Engineer & Surveyor Exam System - Funding is provided for the Department of Licensing (DOL) to create an online examination system for professional engineers, land surveyors, and on-site wastewater designers. (Professional Engineers Account-State)</p> <p>2. Firearms Workload Increase - Ongoing funding is provided for two additional FTEs to address the current backlog and future workload for data entry into the firearms database. Funding is expected to reduce backlog to a one-day turnaround time.</p> <p>3. Business Software Maintenance - Funding is provided for DOL to reprogram systems built on programming languages that have either become obsolete and/or are no longer supported by any vendors. (Highway Safety Fund-State, Motor Vehicle Account-State, various other funds)</p> <p>4. Teak Surfing - Funding is eliminated for the teak surfing program. Teak surfing is the practice of hanging on to the stern of a moving motor boat in order to platform drag and body surf in the vessel's wake. The Department was required</p> | <p>to produce a carbon monoxide warning sticker to be displayed by motor driven boats and vessels in the state.</p> <p>5. Real Estate Fingerprinting - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 23, Laws of 2008 (HB 2778), which requires all real estate professionals to submit their fingerprints to DOL for a background check, effective July 1, 2010. (Real Estate Commission Account-State)</p> <p>6. Professional Athletics Monitoring - Funding is provided for Chapter 429, Laws of 2009 (SB 6126). This legislation eliminates the state general fund support for regulation of boxing, wrestling, and extreme fighting events and authorizes DOL to charge increased fees in this program to be deposited into the Business and Professions Account and requires the program to be self-supporting. (General Fund-State, Business and Professions Account)</p> <p>7. Fee Increases - DOL is authorized to increase fees for a variety of business and professional licenses. The increased fees will allow DOL to keep up with growing workloads and increasing costs. (Business and Professions Account, Cemetery Account,</p> |
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Department of Licensing

Funeral Directors and Embalmers Account, Real Estate Appraiser Commission Account)

plan design in order to provide benefits within available funding. (various funds)

8. **Tattoo and Body Piercing** - Additional expenditure authority is provided for activities related to regulating tattooing and body piercing, which becomes a licensed profession under Chapter 412, Laws of 2009 (SSB 5391). (Business and Professions Account)
9. **Landscape Architecture** - Chapter 370, Laws of 2009 (SSB 5273), changes the current registration program for Landscape Architects into a professional licensing program and authorizes additional fees. Spending authority is provided in the newly-created Landscape Architects' Licenses Account to run this licensing program. Spending authority is based on the assumption of revenue from the additional fees approved in the bill. (Landscape Architects' Licenses Account)
10. **Licensing Architects** - ESSB 5529 (Architects) would change the licensing requirements for architect firms from corporation to business entity, expanding the number of businesses required to get a license. Additional fees would be collected and additional expenditures would be authorized to support the increased workload. This bill did not pass the Legislature. The Governor vetoed this appropriation (see Governor Veto item). (Architects' License Account)
11. **License Requirements Reduction** - Funding is reduced for the processing of business licenses through the Master License Service program.
12. **Governor-Directed Freeze** - Funding is reduced by assuming savings related to the freeze on new hiring, out-of-state travel, personal service contracts, and equipment purchases not related to public safety or other essential activities.
13. **Governor-Directed 1% Cut** - Funding is reduced by assuming a similar amount of savings each fiscal year as was achieved in FY 2009 through the 1 percent cut enacted by the Governor in October 2008.
14. **Governor Veto** - The Governor vetoed the Cemetery Account-State and Funeral Directors and Embalmers Account-State appropriations and Section 401(3) of Chapter 564, Laws of 2009, Partial Veto (ESHB 1244), because Chapter 102, Laws of 2009 (ESHB 2126), eliminated these accounts and replaced them with the non-appropriated Funeral and Cemetery Account. Appropriation authority from the Architects' License Account was also eliminated because ESSB 5529 did not pass the Legislature.
15. **Employee Health Insurance** - Funding for employee health benefits is increased by 3 percent each year, to \$745 per employee per month in FY 2010 and \$768 in FY 2011. Subject to statutory limitations and the requirements of any applicable collective bargaining agreements, the Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB) may make adjustments to employee premium contributions, point of service payments, or
16. **Actuarial Method Changes-State** - Funding for employer contributions to state retirement systems is reduced to reflect changes to actuarial assumptions and methods used for many of the Washington State retirement systems. More detailed information about this item is provided in Agency 713 - State Employee Compensation Adjustments. (various funds)

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
2007-09 Expenditure Authority	81,829	39,837	121,666
2009 Supplemental *	1,026	1	1,027
Total 2007-09 Biennium	82,855	39,838	122,693
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2009-11 Maintenance Level	90,513	44,605	135,118
Policy Changes - Non-Comp			
1. Fire Mobilization	0	8,000	8,000
2. Reduce Executive Protection	-190	0	-190
3. Local Spending Authority	0	374	374
4. License Fraud	-500	0	-500
5. Meth Response Team	-1,360	0	-1,360
6. Crime Lab	-600	0	-600
7. Criminal Records Division	-613	0	-613
8. Narcotics Unit	-436	0	-436
9. Administrative Efficiencies	-2,750	0	-2,750
10. Regional Fire Funding	-722	0	-722
11. NFIRS Grant	-100	0	-100
12. Interoperability Efforts	-378	0	-378
13. Additional Federal Funds	0	1,960	1,960
14. Consumer Loan Companies	0	48	48
15. DIS Rate Reductions	-4	0	-4
Policy -- Non-Comp Total	-7,653	10,382	2,729
Policy Changes - Comp			
16. Employee Health Insurance	351	133	484
17. Actuarial Method Changes-State	-1,377	-479	-1,856
Policy -- Comp Total	-1,026	-346	-1,372
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Total 2009-11 Biennium	81,834	54,641	136,475
Fiscal Year 2010 Total	41,468	27,143	68,611
Fiscal Year 2011 Total	40,366	27,498	67,864

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| <p>1. Fire Mobilization - Funds previously provided via an allocation from the fire contingency pool are now appropriated directly the Washington State Patrol (WSP). As part of this change, WSP is to provide a report quarterly to the Office of Financial Management and the legislative fiscal committees detailing fire-related expenditures, current and future. (Disaster Recovery Account-State)</p> <p>2. Reduce Executive Protection - Funding for executive protection is reduced.</p> <p>3. Local Spending Authority - Local spending authority is provided for WSP unanticipated receipts received in FY 2009 that continue in FY 2010. (General Fund-Private/Local)</p> <p>4. License Fraud - Funding for two license fraud enforcement positions is eliminated. Funding was provided in FY 2007 to support increased enforcement activities associated with Chapter 323, Laws of 2005 (EHB 1241), which increased penalties for failure to register a vehicle and created a penalty for registering a vehicle in another state to avoid in-state fees.</p> | <p>5. Meth Response Team - Funding for the meth response team activity is reduced. WSP provides tactical response with the certified meth response team.</p> <p>6. Crime Lab - Funding for the state crime lab, which provides a variety of forensic services for criminal justice agencies, is reduced.</p> <p>7. Criminal Records Division - Funding is reduced for the criminal records division to reflect savings from efficiencies.</p> <p>8. Narcotics Unit - Funding is reduced for the Narcotics Unit.</p> <p>9. Administrative Efficiencies - Funding to WSP is reduced for agency administration and overhead.</p> <p>10. Regional Fire Funding - Funding is reduced for grants to local fire districts for training and technical assistance.</p> <p>11. NFIRS Grant - Funding is eliminated for grants to local fire districts for computers, training, data entry services, and other costs associated with using the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).</p> |
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12. **Interoperability Efforts** - Funding is reduced for FTEs supporting work on interoperability between state, local, federal, tribal, and other first responder and emergency response agencies.
13. **Additional Federal Funds** - Additional funds are provided to WSP from increases in the Justice Assistance Grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the federal stimulus act. These funds are going to the Department of Commerce and will then be provided to WSP. (General Fund-Private/Local)
14. **Consumer Loan Companies** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 120, Laws of 2009 (SHB 1621), which requires WSP to conduct additional background checks. (Fingerprint ID Account-State)
15. **DIS Rate Reductions** - Funding is reduced due to a decrease in the Department of Information Services' (DIS) central service rates.
16. **Employee Health Insurance** - Funding for employee health benefits is increased by 3 percent each year, to \$745 per employee per month in FY 2010 and \$768 in FY 2011. Subject to statutory limitations and the requirements of any applicable collective bargaining agreements, the Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB) may make adjustments to employee premium contributions, point of service payments, or plan design in order to provide benefits within available funding. (various funds)
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