

Enacted 2015-17 Budget K-12 Education



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2015-17 Operating Budget – Fast Facts



- Near General Fund spending increase of \$4.4 billion (13.1%) from 2013-15 biennium.
- \$2.9 billion (19.0%) increase in Public Schools.
 - ✦ Additional \$1.3 billion in SB 2776 funding to comply with *McCleary*.
 - ✦ Total \$686 million in policy-level enhancements in K-12.
- \$122 million in new investments in Early Learning.
- \$293 million in enhancements in state funding for higher education.
- \$1.3 billion in total reserves (pending amendment of I-1351).



Overview of Enacted K-12 Budget

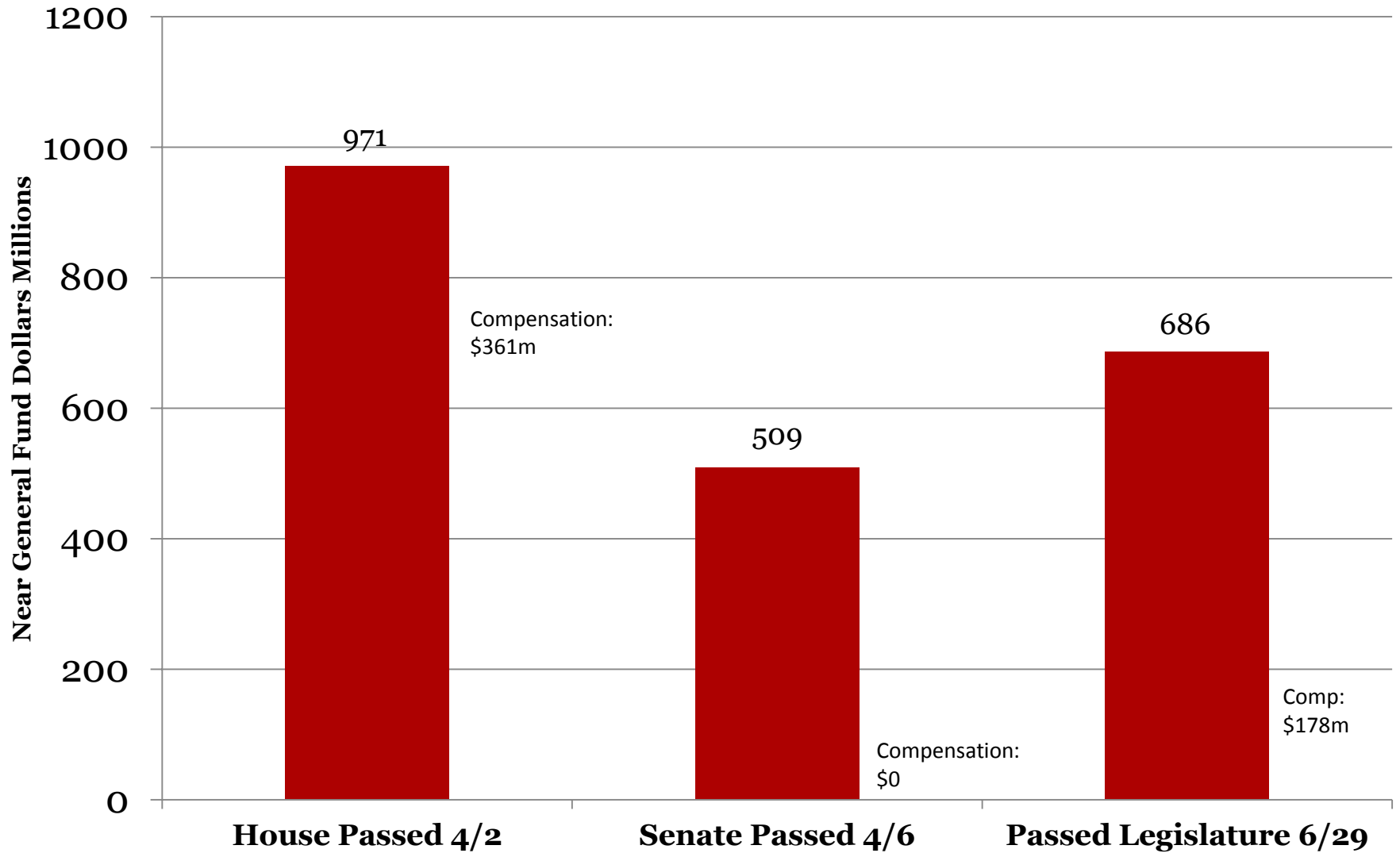
NGF \$ Millions



	Enacted
2013-15 Estimated Expenditures	\$15,261.9
2015-17 Maintenance Level (Includes MSOCs, I-1351, and I-732 COLA's)	\$19,512.3
Policy Level Changes	
Amendment to I-1351	(\$2,042.7)
Other Policy Changes – Non-compensation	\$508.2
Policy Changes -- Compensation	\$178.1
Total Policy Changes w/o I-1351	\$686.4
Total 2015-17 Biennium	\$18,156.0



K-12 Policy Enhancements



SHB 2776

Major Funding Enhancements: What is Required, and When?



Transportation	K 3 Class Size	Kindergarten	MSOC	Intent
<p>“The phase-in shall begin no later than the 2011-2013 biennium and be fully implemented by the 2013-2015 biennium.”</p>	<p>“During the 2011-2013 biennium and beginning with schools with the highest percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals in the prior school year, the general education average class size for grades K-3 shall be reduced until the average class size funded under this subsection (4) is no more than 17.0 full-time equivalent students per teacher beginning in the 2017-18 school year.”</p>	<p>“During the 2011-2013 biennium, funding shall continue to be phased-in each year until full statewide implementation of all-day kindergarten is achieved in the 2017-18 school year.”</p>	<p>“During the 2011-2013 biennium, the minimum allocation for maintenance, supplies, and operating costs shall be increased as specified in the omnibus appropriations act. The following allocations, adjusted for inflation from the 2007-08 school year, are provided in the 2015-16 school year, after which the allocations shall be adjusted annually for inflation.”</p>	<p>“It is the intent of the legislature that specified policies and allocation formulas adopted under this act will constitute the legislature's definition of basic education under Article IX of the state Constitution once fully implemented.”</p>



\$1.3 Billion in New 2776 Funding

NGF \$ Millions



	Enacted
Maintenance Level	
Materials, Supplies & Operating Costs (MSOCs)	\$742.0
Policy Level	
K-3 Class Size Reduction	\$350.2
All-Day Kindergarten Statewide	\$179.8
Total, New 2776 Funding	\$1,272.0



Other K-12 Enhancements



- \$3.2m for grants to Required Action Districts (RADs) and school turnaround staffing at OSPI.
- \$5.0m to expand the Beginning Educator Support Team (BEST) program for beginning teachers.
- \$1.4m in one-time funding for professional development and coaching for high school math and science teachers.
- \$762K in I-502 funding for the Building Bridges Grant Program for dropout prevention and reengagement.
- \$2.9m for the College Bound Scholarship program and to expand the Washington Achievers Scholars program.



Other K-12 Enhancements



- \$500K in one-time funding to expand dual language programs and pilot a dual language scholarship program.
- \$215K in one-time funding for OSPI work group on social and emotional learning.
- \$600K in one-time funding for the Urban School Turnaround Initiative in Seattle.
- \$239K for OSPI to adopt computer science learning standards, and PESB to develop an endorsement.
- \$250K to pilot the Academic, Innovation and Mentoring (AIM) community grant program in five counties.



Compensation in Enacted Budget



- As in all prior proposals, the budget funds I-732 COLAs of 1.8%/1.2% in maintenance level at \$231 million.
- As in the House, the enacted budget funds additional COLAs for state-funded K-12 staff to provide the same 3.0%/1.8% increases as negotiated for state employees. *But the additional COLAs are one-time only.*
- Health benefit funding rates for state-funded K-12 staff are enhanced by \$24 million. House had proposed to add \$207 million to increase the rates to the same as negotiated for state employees.



Basic Ed Enhancements in House and Senate Proposals *Not* Included in Final Budget



- Family Engagement Coordinators -- \$31.1 million in House budget. Not funded in final budget.
- Guidance Counselors -- \$25.3 million in House budget. Not funded in final budget.
- Bilingual Instruction -- \$12.1 million in House budget. Not funded in final budget.
- Highly Capable -- \$15.0 million in Senate budget. Not funded in final budget.



K-12 Savings in Enacted Budget



- Staff Mix – \$35.7m savings. Implementation of full-day kindergarten and K-3 class size reduction assumed to reduce the average years of experience and educational credentials of the teacher workforce.
- Local Effort Assistance – \$20.4m savings. Maximum amount of levies per pupil a district may collect are limited to annual percentages that result in reduced LEA payments by the state.



Initiative 1351



- Like all budgets proposed this year, the enacted budget assumes amendment of I-1351 to replace provisions effective in 2015-17 with enhancements to basic education funded in the budget, for savings of \$2.0 billion in the biennium.
- As of July 6, the bill necessary to implement this change had not passed.
- The enacted budget is \$1.7 billion in deficit without this change to I-1351.



Achievements of Enacted Budget



- \$1.3 billion for enhancements to basic education required by SB 2776, including statewide funding of all-day kindergarten a year earlier than required by law.
- Continued funding for support of Required Action Districts and school turnarounds.
- Targeted funding for staff professional development.



Concerns about Enacted Budget



- No additional investments in basic education beyond that specifically mandated by SB 2776.
- No new revenue for ample provision for public schools.
- No funding for professional development for all instructional staff.
- No savings from elimination of the Biology EOC as a graduation requirement.
- No action on reducing local M&O levies and ending reliance on them for basic education.



Resources



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