

2017-19 Omnibus Operating Budget -- 2018 Supplemental
Conference Proposal H-5179
The Evergreen State College
(Dollars In Thousands)

	FTEs	NGF-K	Total
Comments:			
1. Gold Star Family Stipends			
Pursuant to Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2009 (gold star families/higher ed), funding is provided for an annual textbook stipend for the estimated eligible recipients.			
2. Dually Involved Females			
Funding is provided for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to conduct a study on the needs of females who are dually involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. WSIPP is to report its findings to the appropriate legislative fiscal and policy committees by July 1, 2019.			
3. Student Loan Bill of Rights			
Funding is provided to implement Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6029 (student loan bill of rights), which requires WSIPP to study on student loan authorities that refinance existing student loans from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds. WSIPP must submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2018.			
4. Marijuana Research			
One-time funding is provided for the WSIPP to conduct additional research related to marijuana.			
5. Police Services Staff			
Funding is provided to hire one additional campus police officer and a part-time office assistant.			
6. Higher Education Compensation Study			
Funding is provided for WSIPP to review the higher education funding models in ten states with higher education systems similar to Washington and report to the legislature by November 1st, 2018.			
7. Step Therapy WSIPP Study			
Funding is provided for WSIPP to conduct a review of the available research literature on step therapy protocol usage, including any rigorous evidence concerning positive or negative health outcomes resulting from step therapy protocol usage. A report is due to the Legislature by December 1, 2018.			
8. Universal Health Care Study			
Funding is provided for the WSIPP to conduct a study of single payer and other universal health care systems.			
9. Open Educational Resources			
Pursuant to Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1561 (open educational resources), funding is provided for WSIPP to conduct a study on the costs of textbooks and the use of open educational resources at four-year institutions in Washington. A report is due to the Legislature by December 1, 2019.			
10. WSIPP Data Systems			
Funding is provided for WSIPP data storage and IT security upgrades.			
11. WSIPP Staffing			
Funding is provided to support the cost of six WSIPP research studies that were originally underestimated.			

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12. Updated PEBB Rate

The funding rate for the Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB) insurance program is adjusted from \$957 to \$916 for FY 2019 to reflect updated actuarial projections, administrative costs, and payments to third-party administrators. The funding is sufficient for a new virtual diabetes prevention program, a change in the waiting period for dental crown replacements in the Uniform Dental Program from seven to five years, and an increase in the Medicare-eligible retiree subsidy from \$150 per month to \$168 per month beginning in calendar year 2019.

13. PERS & TRS Plan 1 Benefit Increase

Funding is provided for a 1.5 percent benefit increase for eligible Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 members, up to a maximum of \$62.50 per month.

14. Paid Family Leave--Employer Premium

Funding is provided for Paid Family and Medical Leave employer premiums for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, as required under Chapter 5, Laws of 2017, 3rd sp.s. (SSB 5975).

15. CTS Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect each agency's allocated share of charges from the Consolidated Technology Services agency (CTS) for the Office of the Chief Information Officer, the Office of Cyber Security, the state network, enterprise systems, security gateways, and geospatial services.

16. OFM Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect each agency's allocated share of charges from the Office of Financial Management for the One Washington project.

17. DES Rate Compensation Changes

Funding is provided to cover compensation and central service cost increases that were included in the 2017-19 biennial budget in lines of business at the Department of Enterprise Services that have a fee for service structure.