

EARLY LEARNING IN 2025-27 BIENNIAL BUDGETS

As Signed by Governor Ferguson 5/20/25

2025-27 OPERATING BUDGET (The numbers presented include two years of funding for the 2025-27 biennium.)

	<u>ESSB 5167</u> (Final Passage 4/27/25)		<u>ESSB 5167</u>	<u>ESSB 5167</u>
	Investments	Savings/Reductions	Senate Passed	House Passed
	*New investments are highlighted		3/29/25	3/31/25
Family Child Care (FCC) Collective Bargaining Agreement				
FCC rates increased to the 85 th percentile of 2024 MRS beginning July 1, 2025	\$197,303,000	N/A	\$197,303,000	\$197,303,000
FFN rates increased by 50 cents per child, per hour beginning July 1, 2025 (to \$4.50/hour)	\$11,126,000	N/A	\$11,126,000	\$11,126,000
Cost of care rate enhancement (\$2,200/month)	\$166,286,000	N/A	\$166,286,000	\$166,285,000
Health care contribution increase (from \$646,000 to \$878,500 in FY26 and \$925,000 in FY27)	\$6,128,000	N/A	\$6,128,000	\$6,128,000
Trauma informed care supports	\$900,000	N/A	\$900,000	\$900,000
Dual language designation awards	\$600,000	N/A	\$600,000	\$600,000
Child Care equity grants	\$1,400,000	N/A	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Center Based Rates for WCCC				
Center rates increased to the 85 th percentile of 2024 MRS beginning July 1, 2026	\$126,974,000	N/A	\$126,974,000	\$127,601,000
Savings from delayed center rate increase by one year	N/A	(\$127,601,000)	(\$121,558,000)	(\$121,558,000)
Remove “hold harmless” policy for centers that exceed the 85 th percentile	N/A	(\$4,039,000)	N/A	(\$4,039,000)
WCCC Family Eligibility and Co-Payments				
Eligibility expansion to 75% SMI delayed to July 1, 2029	N/A	(\$161,740,000)	(\$161,740,000)	(\$161,740,000)
Revisions to family co-payment structure per ESSB 5752 (2025)	N/A	(\$9,757,000)	(\$20,136,000)	N/A
Repeal of expanded eligibility for child care employees per ESSB 5752 (2025)	N/A	(\$15,214,000)	(\$15,214,000)	N/A
Repeal of expanded eligibility of registered apprenticeships per ESSB 5752 (2025)	N/A	(\$477,000)	(\$477,000)	(\$477,000)
Underutilization of work waiver for student parents	N/A	(\$12,292,000)	(\$14,282,000)	(\$12,292,000)
Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDF) Regulations				
12-month eligibility determination	N/A	(\$47,899,000)	(\$47,899,000)	N/A
Enrollment-based pay, prospective pay, overpayments per ESSB 5752 (2025)	\$11,707,000	N/A	\$10,754,000	\$20,348,000
WCCC Auxiliaries				
Child Care Complex Needs Fund	\$15,508,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$20,508,000	(\$5,000,000)
Dual language rate enhancement	\$2,600,000	(\$3,200,000)	(\$5,800,000)	(\$3,200,000)
Duplicative funding removed for Seasonal Child Care	N/A	(\$3,120,000)	(\$3,120,000)	(\$3,120,000)
Elimination of funding for trauma informed care supports	N/A	(\$4,896,000)	(\$3,996,000)	(\$1,184,000)
Equity grants	\$1,224,000	(\$2,624,000)	(\$3,880,000)	N/A
Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	\$4,354,000	(\$4,354,000)	(\$7,413,000)	\$8,146,000
Infant rate enhancement at \$150/ month	\$6,200,000	N/A	\$6,200,000	\$6,200,000
Non-standard hours bonus at \$300/month	\$4,700,000	N/A	\$4,700,000	\$4,700,000
Tribal Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	\$200,000	(\$320,000)	(\$520,000)	(\$320,000)

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	Investments <small>*New investments are highlighted</small>	Savings/Reductions		
Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)				
Increased provider rates	\$13,903,000: 5% for full-day slots	N/A	\$31,170,000: 10% for full-day slots	\$20,953,000: 5% in FY 26 for school-day & 5% in FY 27
Expanded/converted slots	\$3,971,000: 250 full-day slots	N/A	\$38,124,000: 1,200 full-day slots	\$1,450,000: Convert 250 part-day slots to school day
Slot reduction	N/A	(\$60,498,000): 3,000 part-day slots beginning FY26	(\$65,440,000): 3,245 part-day slots	(\$47,390,000): 2,350 part-day slots
Delayed entitlement to 2030-31	N/A	(\$70,081,000)	(\$70,081,000)	(\$70,081,000)
Elimination of funding for Early ECEAP	N/A	(\$9,254,000)	(\$9,254,000)	(\$9,254,000)
ECEAP Complex Needs Fund	\$9,058,000	N/A	\$9,058,000	\$9,058,000
ECEAP Complex Needs Fund underspend (ongoing)	N/A	(\$198,000)	N/A	(\$198,000)
Home Visiting				
Reduce funding for program expansion	N/A	N/A	N/A	(\$500,000)
Home Visiting Services Account reduction	N/A	(\$3,000,000)	(\$8,056,000)	N/A
Transition to Kindergarten				
Implementation	\$190,119,000	N/A	\$190,119,000	\$190,119,000
Savings due to paused growth	N/A	(\$73,362,000)	(\$74,634,000)	(\$73,362,000)
Coordinated Recruitment and Enrollment	\$2,398,000	N/A	\$2,398,000	(\$2,398,000)
Other Early Learning Investments				
Administrative efficiencies	N/A	(\$6,000,000)	(\$6,000,000)	(\$1,762,000)
Family Connects/Resource & Referral Linkage (Pierce County)	\$1,000,000 FY 26	N/A	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
Play and Learn Groups	N/A	(\$1,320,000)	(\$1,320,000)	\$550,000 in FY 26 & then eliminated
Spokane Child Care Mental Health Program	\$300,000*	N/A	N/A	\$300,000
State funding elimination for Reach Out & Read	N/A	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)
Washington Communities for Children	\$2,000,000	N/A	\$2,000,000	\$300,000
Operating Investments Related to Early Learning Facilities				
ELF Fund technical assistance reduction	N/A	(\$692,000)	N/A	(\$692,000)
Implementation of ESSB 5509 (2025)	\$224,000 Commerce	N/A	\$224,000	N/A
Implementation of SSB 5655 (2025)	\$15,000 DES; \$5,000 SP	N/A	\$15,000	N/A
Feasibility of joint underwriting	\$350,000 Ins. Comm.	N/A	\$350,000	\$350,000
Testing for lead in child care facilities	\$314,000 DOH	N/A	\$314,000	\$314,000

*Funding vetoed by Governor Ferguson

NEW EARLY LEARNING FACILITIES INVESTMENTS IN 2025-27 CAPITAL BUDGET

Early learning facilities projects may be funded through other parts of the capital budget that are not captured in this table.

	SSB 5195 Final Passage 4/27/25	SSB 5195 Senate Passed 4/5/25	PSHB 1216 House Passed 4/4/25
Early Learning Facilities Fund	\$69,000,000	\$73,000,000	\$69,000,000
Eligible organizations grant	\$51,000,000 (up to 3.5% TA, up to 4% admin)	\$60,000,000 (up to 3% TA)	\$52,000,000 (up to 3.5% TA, up to 4% admin)
Health and safety minor renovation grant	\$9,000,000 (up to 4% admin)	\$10,000,000	\$8,000,000 (up to 4% admin)
Emergency Fund per HB 1314 (2025)	\$3,000,000 (up to 4% TA, 0% state agency admin)	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000 (up to \$112,000 admin)
WELL Fund	\$6,000,000 (up to 4% TA, 0% state agency admin)	Not included	\$6,000,000 (up to 4% TA, 0% state agency admin)
Public School District Grant	\$12,119,000	\$12,119,000	\$12,119,000
Cle Elum School District Roslyn EL (13 th LD)	\$978,000	\$978,000	\$978,000
Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools Subsidized Care (9 th LD)	\$823,000	\$823,000	\$823,000
Medical Lake School District EL Center (3 rd LD)	\$1,102,000	\$1,102,000	\$1,102,000
Meridian School District Whatcom EL Center (42 nd LD)	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Orting School District EL Center (2 nd LD)	\$4,592,000	\$4,592,000	\$4,592,000
Prosser School District ECEAP Expansion (15 th LD)	\$1,102,000	\$1,102,000	\$1,102,000
Valley School District Valley EL Center (7 th LD)	\$1,102,000	\$1,102,000	\$1,102,000
Walla Walla School District Ctr. for Children & Families (16 th LD)	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
West Valley School District Valley EL Center (3 rd LD)	\$1,035,000	\$1,035,000	\$1,035,000
In-District Projects	\$18,128,000 (up to 4% or \$50,000/project for admin, whichever is less expensive)	\$15,042,000	\$11,028,000
Batey Square Early Learning (27 th LD)	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000
Cora Whitley Family Center (27 th LD)	\$485,000	\$485,000	\$485,000
Hemlock Commons at Play Frontier (17 th LD)	\$1,036,000	Not included	\$1,036,000
Little Wings Child Care Center (21 st LD)	\$3,550,000	\$3,550,000	\$3,550,000
New Tomorrow's Hope Center (38 th LD)	\$3,050,000	\$3,050,000	\$3,050,000
Port Angeles YMCA Early Learning (24 th LD)	\$2,050,000	Not included	\$2,050,000
Redmond Childcare Expansion (48 th LD)	\$769,000	\$769,000	\$769,000
Ritzville Child Care Facility (9 th LD)	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000	Not included
Willard Early Learning Center (27 th LD)	\$5,050,000	\$5,050,000	Not included

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