

# SESSION BREAKDOWN

WASHINGTON STATE SENATE REPUBLICANS



## 2026 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET

### REALITY CHECK

**\$2.3 BILLION  
INCREASE**

in spending despite two  
years in a row of deficit

First time the budget tops  
**TOPS \$80 BILLION**

### SKETCHY FUNDING SCHEMES

Relies heavily on “one-time” money

Drains the state’s reserves by \$2.4 billion

Assumes 2.8% growth per biennium, but  
Democrats have historically grown the  
budget 15% per biennium

Assumes that \$766 million appropriated for  
different programs will NOT be spent

**“This budget is a house of cards  
built on a shaky foundation.”**

-Sen. Chris Gildon, Republican budget leader

### RECORD SPENDING

**\$** 11.3% spending increase for  
2025-27 biennium  
compared to the 2023-25  
biennium

**\$** Budget has more than  
doubled over the past 10  
years

**\$** Spending has outpaced  
growth in median household  
income 2 to 1

### EDUCATION FUNDING

The percentage of the budget  
spent on K-12 education drops  
to 42.2% – lower than at the  
time of the McCleary court  
decision on school funding.

**State spending doubles in a decade**  
30-year operating budget history

