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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	FINAL STATUS
SHB 2333	Green, Haler, Conway	Providing Parity for Home Care Agency Workers - Establishes a formula to convert the cost of the compensation increases negotiated and funded for individual providers of home services into an hourly amount that will be added to the statewide agency home care provider vendor rate. Requires that the Department of Social and Health Services' contribution rate for health care benefits be paid to agency providers of home services at the same rate as negotiated and funded for individual providers. Limits, for Fiscal Year 2007, the per-hour amount added to the home care agency vendor rate to the cost of a 2 cents per hour wage increase and the cost of annual leave benefits negotiated and funded for individual providers of home care services.	C 9 L 06
SHB 2370	Green, Williams, Kessler	Funding Low-Income Home Energy Assistance - Appropriates \$7.6 million from the Public Service Revolving Account to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for use in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program during the 2005-07 biennium.	C 3 L 06
SHB 2608	Curtis, Takko, Bailey	Defining Performance of Duty for the Volunteer Fire Fighters' and Reserve Officers' Relief and Pension Act - Adds performance of other officially assigned secondary duties, including maintenance, public education, inspections and being on call or standby under the orders of the chief or other designated officer to the definition of "performance of duty" for members of the Volunteer Fire Fighters' and Reserve Officers' Relief and Pension System.	C 26 L 06
ESHB 2680	Conway, Fromhold, Lovick	Purchasing Service Credit in Plan 2 and Plan 3 of the Teachers' Retirement System for Public Education Experience Performed as a Teacher in a Public School in Another State or with the Federal Government - Permits members of the Teachers' Retirement System Plans 2 and 3 (TRS 2/3) to make a one-time purchase of up to seven years of service credit for public education experience outside of the Washington State Retirement System. Limits purchases of service credit to active members of TRS 2/3 who have earned five or more years of TRS service credit, and to members not receiving benefits or eligible for unreduced retirement benefits from another retirement plan. Charges members the sum of employer and employee contributions plus interest at the assumed rate of investment return for service credit purchases. Charges the employer of a teacher purchasing out-of-state service credit an amount sufficient to ensure that the contribution level to the retirement system does not increase.	C 257 L 06



**Summary of the
2006 Supplemental
Operating Budget
(ESSB 6386)
& Revenue Legislation**

2006 Supplemental Operating Budget Summary

Overview

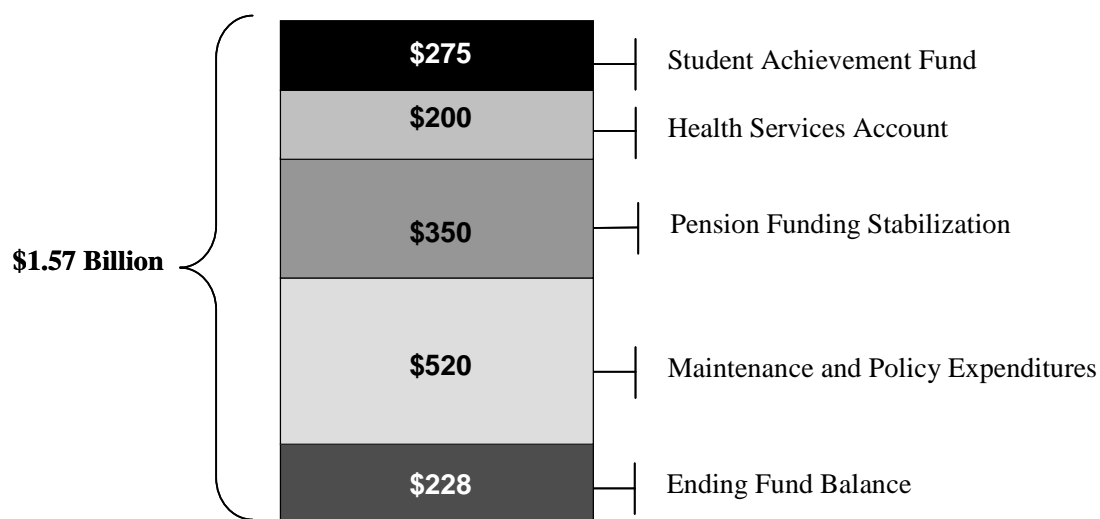
The Legislature adjourned in April 2005 after enacting the 2005-07 biennial operating budget with an expected General Fund ending fund balance just under \$178 million. By February 2006, strong economic activity led by the housing and construction sectors resulted in larger-than-forecasted revenue to the state and resources available for the 2006 supplemental operating budget of just under \$1.6 billion.

General Fund

The Legislature allocated the \$1.6 billion in available General Fund resources in two bills. The 2006 supplemental operating budget (ESSB 6386) increased spending on programs and services in the 2005-07 biennium by \$520 million. The other bill (ESSB 6896 – funding state budget reserves) appropriated \$825 million from the General Fund as follows: \$350 million to the new Pension Funding Stabilization Account (of which \$49 million is for 2005-07 and \$301 million is reserved for future budgets); \$275 million to the Student Achievement Account for future budgets; and \$200 million into the Health Services Account (of which \$57 million is for 2005-07 and \$143 million is for future budgets). In addition, ESSB 6896 amended the expenditure limit to raise the limit for the appropriations made in that bill.

Overall, total appropriations from the General Fund totaled \$1.35 billion, leaving an Ending Fund Balance of \$228 million:

2006 Supplemental Budget Proposal (\$ in millions)



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