

TESTIMONY

Testimony To: House Committee on Ways and Means

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Subject: Education Spending

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One-time warned budget collection:

- Received 106 responses of budgeted expenditures, offsetting revenue, and calculated education spending
- 5 Districts are not far enough along in their process to provide budgets, they provided an expected % increase to FY24 education spending
- 8 Districts and 3 unorganized towns and gores did not provide a response.
- Responses represent 97.23% of FY25 LTWADM
- Year-over-year increase for education spending is up 14.3% statewide.
- Responding district's (n=111) average increase is 14.84% up slightly from the December 1 letter of 12%. 14.84% increase is applied to the 9 that did not respond as a best estimate.

Table 1 is based on n=106 responses to warned budget data (total expenditures and offsetting revenues)

Table 1	FY2025	FY2024	% Change	\$ Change
Budgeted Expenditures	2,259,880,033	2,043,681,642	10.58%	216,198,391
Offsetting Revenues	345,835,085	376,926,825	(8.25)%	(31,091,740)
Education Spending	1,914,044,948	1,666,754,817	14.84%	247,290,131



Table 2 is the updated projection for all districts using 106 responses of total expenditures and offsetting revenue, 5 responses of a % increase to FY24 education spending and 11 districts using the weighted average percent increase of 14.84%

Table 2	FY2025	FY2024	% Change	\$ Change
Education Spending	1,953,423,013	1,709,697,481	14.3%	243,725,532