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MEMORANDUM

To: House Standing Committees

From: Rep. Robin Scheu, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

Date: February 11, 2025

Subject: Review of Governor's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proposal

The House Appropriations Committee (HAC) is currently taking testimony from agencies and departments regarding the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2026 budget recommendation. As part of our review process, we want to hear from your committees as to what you agree with, what you disagree with, and what your priorities in your budget area might be.

Here are the links to the Governor's proposed [fiscal year 2026 budget language](#) and the [fiscal year 2026 budget summary](#), which has the numbers. In addition, at the end of this memo is a list of budget items by committee for your review. You are of course welcome to look at the entire budget.

Please review these materials and respond in writing to HAC by Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Further, if you have additional initiatives, please include those items along with an explanation, any proposed language, and estimated costs in your written response. Please order items in priority order.

Finally, as you think about new initiatives – and indeed the Governor's recommendations as well – please be mindful of the fact that the situation in Washington is precarious, chaotic, and full of uncertainty. We do not know if there will be federal funds to support all of our existing programs, never mind new programs. As you put your priorities together, consider the most important things you would want to fund now if you could.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from your committee.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget
Additional Committee Review Instructions

The B sections or “number sections” of the budget reflect base appropriations for the coming fiscal year and are organized by function of government. We ask that you review the numbers sections that relate to functions of government that fall under your committee’s jurisdiction. If you have any questions regarding this, please reach out to your House Appropriations Budget Buddy.

The function areas by section number are as follows:

B.100–B.199	General Government
B.200–B.299	Protection to Persons and Property
B.300–B.399	Human Services
B.400–B.499	Labor
B.500–B.599	General Education
B.600–B.699	Higher Education
B.700–B.799	Natural Resources
B.800–B.899	Commerce and Community Development
B.900–B.999	Transportation

Additionally, there are language sections in the bill – C sections that affect the current fiscal year, D sections that make transfers, reversions, and reserves, and E sections that make changes directly related to an appropriation in a corresponding B section. HAC reviewed the Governor’s recommended fiscal year 2026 budget language and asks that you focus your review on the sections we’ve identified as relating to your area of jurisdiction. These sections can be found on the following pages. Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you as always for your assistance in this work.

Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry

B.1100(m)(2)

Commerce and Economic Development

B.1100(n)

B.1100(o)

C.103

D.101(b)

E.504.1

E.605

E.605.1

Corrections and Institutions

B.1100(i)

D.101(a)(1)(B)

D.101(a)(5)

D.103(a)(2)

E.212

E.338

Education

B.1100(g)(1)

B.1100(j)

B.1100(k)

B.1100(m)(3)

D.101(a)(1)(E)

D.101(a)(3)

E.215

E.500

E.502

E.503

E.504

E.504.1

E.507.1

E.508

E.508.1

E.508.2

E.508.3

E.511

E.600

E.602

E.603

E.605

E.605.1

Energy and Digital Infrastructure

B.1100(b)

D.101(a)(1)(C)

D.101(a)(1)(F)

D.101(a)(3)

Environment

B.1100(g)(1)
B.1100(l)
B.1100(m)(1)
B.1100(m)(3)
B.1100(o)(2)
C.102
D.101(a)(1)(D)
D.101(a)(1)(G)
D.101(a)(4)
E.715

General and Housing

B.1100(n)
B.1100(p)
D.100
E.232

Government Operations and Military Affairs

B.1100(a)
D.100
D.101(c)
E.133
E.134
E.142.1
E.142.2
E.219
E.232
E.514
E.514.1
E.515

Health Care

B.1100(e)
B.1100(f)
E.300
E.301.3
E.312
E.345

Human Services

B.1100(g)(2)
B.1100(h)
D.101(a)(6)
D.101(a)(8)
E.300
E.312.4
E.312.5
E.324
E.325
E.326

Judiciary

B.1100(d)
C.100
D.101(a)(7)
E.200
E.208
E.209
E.900

Transportation

C.104
D.101(a)(2)
D.101(a)(5)
E.900

Ways and Means

B.1100(c)
D.100
D.101(a)(1)(E)
D.101(a)(8)
E.139
E.142
E.142.1
E.144
E.715