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## REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

### WorkFirst Spending Plan

RCW 74.08A.341 (2)(b)

2017-19 Biennial Spending Plan

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## **WorkFirst 2017-19 Spending Plan**

Per RCW 74.08A.341(2)(b), the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) establishes a biennial spending plan for WorkFirst services and submits it to the fiscal committees of the legislature and the Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Oversight Task Force on a biennial basis. DSHS takes actions necessary to ensure that services provided under this chapter are available only to the extent of and consistent with appropriations in the operating budget and policy established by the legislature. DSHS updates the legislative fiscal committees and the task force on the spending plan if modifications are made to the plan previously submitted to the legislature and the task force for that biennium.

Below is additional detail on the provisos included in Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5883 Section 207(1) from the 2017 Legislative session. WorkFirst funding that is not included in the Economic Services Administration (ESA) budget provisos is shown under "Other" on the revised Spending Plan.

### **Economic Services Administration**

#### **Assistance to Clients (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(b))**

***Biennial Total: \$267,057,000***

This budget proviso includes funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and State Family Assistance (SFA) grants and funding for the Diversion Cash Assistance Program.

#### **WorkFirst Services (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(c))**

***Biennial Total: \$168,005,000***

This budget proviso includes funding for WorkFirst welfare to work services (e.g., employment and training services and barrier removal services) and Tribal TANF programs (to meet the state Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding requirement for Tribal TANF programs in RCW 74.08A.040).

WorkFirst employment and training services are provided by the Employment Security Department, Department of Commerce, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, DSHS, and other contractors that provide direct services to WorkFirst clients (including LEP Pathway services for persons with limited English proficiency). In Washington State, 10 Tribes and one Tribal consortium (South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency or SPIPA) operate 11 Tribal TANF programs.

#### **Child Care (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(d))**

***Biennial Total: \$501,608,000***

This budget proviso designates funding for subsidized child care for low-income working families through the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program. This proviso also includes funding pursuant to an agreement between the Service

Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 925 and the State of Washington for health benefits.

Total spending for WCCC subsidies for the 2017-19 Biennium is forecasted to be \$638,418,000. Of this amount, \$486,718,000 is included in this ESA budget proviso (d). An additional \$76,650,000 for fiscal year 2018 and \$76,650,000 for fiscal year 2019 is included for WCCC subsidies and overhead in a budget proviso for the Department of Early Learning (SSB 5883, Section 615(4)(a)) and for the Department of Children, Youth and Families (SSB 5883, Section 223(2)(d)(i)), respectively.

**Department of Children, Youth and Families (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(e))**

***Biennial Total: \$34,248,000***

TANF funding that partially funds direct social service staff including Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, and Family Reconciliation Services at the new department, Department of Children, Youth and Families (formally the Children's Administration).

**Administration and Overhead (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(f))**

***Biennial Total: \$170,398,000***

The budget proviso (e) designates funding for WorkFirst and WCCC administration and overhead. These funds will be applied to the salaries and benefits, travel and other costs (e.g., supplies, equipment, postage, utilities, building lease costs and maintenance) associated with personnel involved in the administration of the WorkFirst program, including ESA employees who provide direct services to WorkFirst families. Responsibilities of other personnel include fiscal and programmatic oversight, technical assistance, ongoing review, monitoring, data collection and program reporting, and collection of client overpayments.

**Other Provisos (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(a)(f) & Section 207(11))**

***Biennial Total: \$16,130,000***

The Spending Plan does not include \$22,000 that was vetoed by the Governor for the WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Task Force. Proviso in Section 207(1)(a) and (1)(f) include this amount.

Proviso in Section 207(11) for \$127,000 was also included in Section 207(1)(a) and (1)(f). This is a double count.

Proviso in Section 207 (1)(a) includes an additional \$7,979,000 per year that is appropriated to 110/145, and was inadvertently included in ESA's proviso.

**Other**

**Tribal TANF - Federal**

***Biennial Total: \$47,856,000***

The amount of the federal TANF block grant that is awarded to Tribes operating Tribal TANF programs in Washington State.

**Early Learning – Child Care Subsidy**

***Biennial Total: \$151,700,000***

Department of Early Learning funding dedicated to child care subsidies.

**Early Learning – DSHS Overhead**

***Biennial Total: \$1,600,000***

Department of Early Learning funding to support DSHS's overhead costs related to administration of the WCCC subsidy program.

**DSHS – Overhead**

***Biennial Total: \$23,728,000***

Funding to support DSHS-wide indirect costs as well as some direct costs charges such as those from the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Enterprise Services, and the State Auditor's Office.

**DSHS – Children's Administration**

***Biennial Total: \$34,248,000***

TANF funding that partially funds direct social service staff including Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, and Family Reconciliation Services in the Children's Administration in FY 2018.

**2017-19 WorkFirst Spending Plan**  
**2017-19 Enacted Budget**  
**Feb 2017 Forecast**

	2017-19 Biennium		
	2018	2019	2017-19
<b>DSHS - Economic Services Administration (ESA)</b>			
<b>ESA - Assistance to Clients (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(b))</b>			
TANF Grants (WorkFirst)	130,665	131,533	262,197
Diversion Assistance	2,473	2,387	4,860
<b>Subtotal - ESA Assistance to Clients</b>	<b>133,138</b>	<b>133,920</b>	<b>267,057</b>
<b>ESA - WorkFirst Services (2SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(c))</b>			
Tribal TANF - State MOE	12,411	12,411	24,822
DSHS - Interpreters	1,209	1,209	2,418
DSHS- Local Contracts	7,610	7,461	15,071
DSHS - Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	5,600	5,600	11,200
ESD - Job Search & Placement	15,418	15,418	30,836
SBCTC - Education & Training	16,101	16,101	32,202
Commerce Dept. - Subsidized & Community Employment, LEP	23,153	23,153	46,306
Working Family Support	1,200	1,200	2,400
Home Visits	660	2,090	2,750
<b>Subtotal - ESA WorkFirst Services</b>	<b>83,362</b>	<b>84,643</b>	<b>168,005</b>
<b>ESA - Child Care (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(d))</b>			
Child Care Subsidy	244,767	241,951	486,718
Child Care Health Care & other (CBA)	7,359	7,531	14,890
<b>Subtotal - ESA Child Care</b>	<b>252,126</b>	<b>249,482</b>	<b>501,608</b>
<b>ESA - Department of Children, Youth and Families (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(e))</b>			
Child Welfare Services	-	34,248	34,248
<b>Subtotal - ESA Department of Children, Youth and Families</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,248</b>	<b>34,248</b>
<b>ESA - Overhead &amp; Administration (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(f))</b>			
DSHS Staffing Operations	84,548	84,840	169,388
DSHS Office of Financial Recovery	505	505	1,010
<b>Subtotal - ESA Overhead and Administration</b>	<b>85,053</b>	<b>85,345</b>	<b>170,398</b>
<b>Provisos to be Removed- (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(a) and Section 207(11)) see footnotes</b>			
DSHS Staffing Operations - 110/145	7,979	7,980	15,959
Veto item--WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Task Force	22	22	44
To implement HB 1624 - Working Connections Childcare	-	127	127
<b>Subtotal - 110/145 Overhead and Administration</b>	<b>8,001</b>	<b>8,129</b>	<b>16,130</b>
<b>Total State and Federal - ESA (SSB 5883, Section 207(1)(a)and Section 207 (11))</b>	<b>561,680</b>	<b>595,767</b>	<b>1,157,446</b>
<b>Other</b>			
Tribal TANF - Federal	23,928	23,928	47,856
Early Learning CCDF - Subsidy (Section 615(4)(a) in 2018 and Section 223(2)(d)(i) in 2019)	75,850	75,850	151,700
Early Learning - DSHS Overhead (CCDF)	800	800	1,600
DSHS - Overhead	11,864	11,864	23,728
DSHS - Children's Administration	34,248	-	34,248
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<b>Total - Other</b>	<b>146,690</b>	<b>112,442</b>	<b>259,132</b>
<b>Total WorkFirst Spending Plan</b>	<b>700,369</b>	<b>700,080</b>	<b>1,400,448</b>
<b>*Total Child Care Subsidy</b>			
ESA	244,767	241,951	486,718
Early Learning - Subsidy	75,850	75,850	151,700
<b>Total Child Care Subsidy</b>	<b>320,617</b>	<b>317,801</b>	<b>638,418</b>

Note: This spending plan does not match with budget provisos for the follow reasons:

- \* Spending Plan does not include \$22,000 that was vetoed by the Governor for the WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Task Force. Proviso in Section 207(1)(a) and (1)(f) include this amount.
- \*\* Section 207(11) for \$127,000 was also included in Section 207(1)(a) and (1) (f), creating a double proviso.
- \*\*\* Section 207 (1)(a) includes an additional \$7,979,000 per year that is appropriated to Program110/145, and this amount was inadvertently included in ESA's budget proviso.