Putting People First
Democrats’ Proposed 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget

The final 2018 supplemental operating budget invests in all Washington families:

- Fulfills McCleary promise & addresses court order by fully funding educator salaries in 2018
- Invests in our behavioral health system to help people in crisis get the assistance they need
- Expands access to higher education by drastically reducing State Need Grant wait list
- Helps rural communities increase economic development and job opportunities
- Strengthens the safety net for struggling families and our most vulnerable Washingtonians

K-12 Education
- Moves up full phase-in of McCleary educator salaries to SY18-19: $776m/4-year: $970m
- Increases the Special Education multiplier – 17-19: $27m/4-year: $97m
- Adjusts regionalization & adds educator experience factor – 17-19: $4.4m/4-year: $51m
- Delays K-3 class-size compliance for SY18-19 (maintenance level/reversions adjustment)
- Adds funding for Science Standards Pro Learning – 17-19: $4m/4-year: $8m
- Delays Professional Learning Day phase-in one year – 17-19: ($27m savings)/4-year: ($103m savings)

Higher Education
- Sets us on a path to fully fund State Need Grant over next four years – 17-19: $18.5m/4-year: $116m
- Provides one-time backfill of UW compensation & central services costs – 17-19: $9m
- Completes expansion the UW computer science program – 17-19: $3m/4-year: $9m
- Funds state match for Rural Jobs Act scholarship program – 4-year: $1m

Behavioral Health
- Funds significant $306 million behavioral health investment plan, including:
  - Community investments to increase BHO Medicaid & non-Medicaid rates, payback BHO reserves – 17-19: $37.6m/4-year: $86.6m
  - Backfills lost federal IMD waiver funding to BHOs – 17-19: $15.5m/4-year: $35.5m
  - Increases rates for CLIP beds – 17-19: $2m/4-year: $6.3m
  - State hospital funding & forensic increases – 17-19: $62m/4-year: $113m
  - Trueblood fines - $47m
  - Funding to combat opioid crisis – 17-19: $4.2m (plus ~$20m federal funds)/4-year: $16.1m

Health Care
- Restores hearing aids benefit for Medicaid – 17-19: $358,000/4-year: $2m
- Funds pediatric Medicaid rate increases – 17-19: $5.8m/4-year: $19.2m
- Funds COFA premium payment program & co-pays – 17-19: $1.3m/4-year: $4.8m
- Enhances Medicaid for certain sole community hospitals – 17-19: $1.4m (plus $3.9m federal funds)

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Child Welfare

- Increases implementation funding for new DCYF agency – 17-19: $3m/4-year: $4.7m
- Increases Behavioral Rehabilitative Services rates – 17-19: $4.2m/4-year: $10.5m
- Adds funding for emergent placement contracts – 17-19: $1.5/4-year: $3.2m
- Expands performance-based contracts – 17-19: $533k/4-year: $3.8m

Early Childhood Education

- Expands Home Visiting by 275 families – 17-19: $2.4m/4-year: $7m
- Increases access to child care for homeless families – 17-19: $1.6m federal funds
- Increases childcare center rates contingent on potential federal funding, - up to $42m fed funds/yr

Long-Term Care & DD

- Improves client services by assuming IP management changes – 17-19: $1.3m/4-year: $14.5m
- Addresses critical RHC Medicaid compliance staffing – 17-19: $7.8m/4-year: $15.3m
- Expands State-Operated Living Alternatives (SOLAs) by 47 beds – 17-19: $1.4m/4-year: $2.6m

Human Services

- Fully restores & increases TANF grants – 17-19: $9m/4-year: $27.2m
- Funds critical staffing at Department of Veterans Affairs – 17-19: $6.1m/4-year: $5.3 million
- Increases asset limits for public assistance programs (HB 1831) – 17-19: $438,000/4-year: $9.4m

Corrections & Public Safety

- Funds new staff to clear backlog of firearm transfers and sale records at DOL. – 17-19: 382,000
- Provides funding for analyzing forensic evidence in rape kits – 17-19: 500,000/4-year: $1.5m
- Funds additional CJTC classes for BLEA & Corrections officers – 17-19: $604,000
- Increases funding for mental health staff & housing placements at JRA – 17-19: $796k/4-year: $2.1m
- Increases vendor rates for DOC chemical dependency treatment -17-19: $2.9m/4-year: $8.8m
- Restores local public safety marijuana revenue distribution – 17-19: $18m/4-year: $36m

Judicial Branch

- Adds funding for five additional civil legal aid attorneys – 17-19: $338k/4-year: $1.7m
- Provides grants to local governments for impact of LFO bill – 17-19: $1.9m/4-year: $4m
- Adds funding for Office of Public Defense contractor retention – 17-19: $960k/4-year: $3.5m

Natural Resources

- Funds implementation of Hirst legislation – 17-19: $2.5m ($4.5m total)/4-year: $16m ($18m total)
- Adds funding for orca recovery efforts – 17-19: $1.5m/4-year: $4.1m
- Funds 2017 wildfire season costs – 17-19: $28.2m ($91m total)

Other Major Items

- Funds one-time 1.5% COLA to all PERS 1/TERS 1 retirees – 17-19: $9.6m/4-year: $21.6m
- Increases PEBB retiree Medicare subsidy & K-12 retiree remittance – 4-year: $25.9m
- Increases funding for Rural & Small Business Assistance – 17-19: $1m/4-year: $3.2m
- Pays for 2018 capital budget debt service – 17-19: $21.5m/4-year: $128.4m
- Increased funding at legislative agencies to respond to public records requests

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