

TRANSPORTATION

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Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2017-19 Original Appropriations	1,736.2	0	505,171	505,171
Maintenance Other Changes:				
1. Fuel Costs	0.0	0	1,728	1,728
2. Fuel Rate Adjustments	0.0	0	(2)	(2)
3. Credit Card Costs	0.0	0	248	248
4. ECDIS Training/Compliance	0.0	0	1,752	1,752
5. MV Chimacum Technical Correction	0.0	0	1,510	1,510
6. Additional Fuel for Olympic Vessels	0.0	0	982	982
7. Support Olympic Warranty Repairs	8.2	0	2,002	2,002
8. Warehouse Lease Cost Increase	0.0	0	127	127
9. Vessel Regulatory Equipment Costs	0.0	0	679	679
Maintenance -- Other Total	8.2	0	9,026	9,026
Maintenance Comp Changes:				
10. State Public Employee Benefits Rate	0.0	0	68	68
11. WFSE General Government	0.0	0	73	73
12. State Rep Employee Benefits Rate	0.0	0	1,872	1,872
13. PTE Local 17 Agreement	0.0	0	26	26
14. Non-Rep General Wage Increase	0.0	0	460	460
15. Non-Rep Targeted Pay Increases	0.0	0	14	14
16. Orca Transit Pass - WFSE	0.0	0	8	8
17. Orca Transit Pass - Not WFSE	0.0	0	1,548	1,548
18. Updated PEBB Rate	0.0	0	(1,053)	(1,053)
19. Wellness \$25 Gift Card	0.0	0	6	6
20. Paid Family Leave--Employer Premium	0.0	0	4	4
Maintenance -- Comp Total	0.0	0	3,026	3,026
Maintenance Central Services Changes:				
21. Workers' Compensation	0.0	0	122	122
Maintenance -- Central Svcs Total	0.0	0	122	122
Total Maintenance Changes	8.2	0	12,174	12,174
2017-19 Maintenance Level	1,744.4	0	517,345	517,345

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Policy Other Changes:				
22. Standardize Maintenance Procedures	0.5	0	600	600
23. U.S. Coast Guard Required Training	0.0	0	2,000	2,000
24. Fleet Facility Security Officer	0.5	0	120	120
Policy -- Other Total	1.0	0	2,720	2,720
Policy Comp Changes:				
25. PERS & TRS Plan 1 Benefit Increase	0.0	0	128	128
Policy -- Comp Total	0.0	0	128	128
Total Policy Changes	1.0	0	2,848	2,848
2017-19 Policy Level	1,745.4	0	520,193	520,193

POLICY CHANGES

1. Fuel Costs

Funding is increased to reflect increased fuel costs in the ferry operations program. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

2. Fuel Rate Adjustments

Various WSDOT programs use gasoline and diesel fuel for motor vehicles and equipment to maintain and operate the state highway system. The November 2017 fuel price forecast projects lower fuel costs in the 2017-19 biennium. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

3. Credit Card Costs

Funding is provided for an increase in credit card fees due to a higher volume and value of credit card transactions. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

4. ECDIS Training/Compliance

Funding is provided to purchase Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) training stations, develop a training curriculum and train deck officers. Training is necessary to maintain compliance with international and federal requirements and commitments to the U.S. Coast Guard. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

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A technical correction is made to rectify an error in calculating the 2017-19 base budget cost of operating the MV Chimacum. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

6. Additional Fuel for Olympic Vessels

Funding is provided for increased fuel costs for the Olympic class vessels to align estimated fuel costs with actual fuel usage. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

7. Support Olympic Warranty Repairs

Funding is provided to retain usage of the MV Hyak to maintain service and fleet capacity while the MV Tokitae and MV Samish are out of service for warranty repairs. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

8. Warehouse Lease Cost Increase

Funding is provided for increased warehouse lease costs at the ferry facility in south Seattle. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

9. Vessel Regulatory Equipment Costs

Funding is provided for additional lifesaving equipment and maintenance costs of that equipment as required by the U.S. Coast Guard for safe operation of the ferry fleet. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

18. Updated PEBB Rate

The funding rate for the Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB) insurance program is adjusted for fiscal year 2019 to reflect updated actuarial projections, administrative costs and payments to third-party administrators. The funding is sufficient for a new virtual diabetes prevention program and a change in the waiting period for dental crown replacements in the Uniform Dental Program (UDP) from seven to five years. The change would bring UDP into alignment with the current waiting period in the managed dental plans. This reduces the fiscal year 2019 funding rate from \$957 per month to \$906. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

19. Wellness \$25 Gift Card

Some employees are eligible, under the terms of their collective bargaining agreements, to earn a \$25 gift card after completing a health risk assessment. This item provides funding for agencies to pay the employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes on the gift cards. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

20. Paid Family Leave--Employer Premium

A paid family and medical leave program was created by Chapter 5, Laws of 2017, 3rd Special Session. Beginning January 1, 2019, the state, as an employer, will be responsible for payment of employer premiums for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. This item provides funding for this obligation. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

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22. Standardize Maintenance Procedures

Funding is provided for standardizing maintenance procedures by vessel class and terminals to provide better maintenance and preservation of ferry assets, resulting in improved vessel reliability. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

23. U.S. Coast Guard Required Training

Funding is provided for hiring and training new and current employees to reduce missed sailings and ensure the workforce is trained and qualified to fill vacancies of retired employees while maintaining a safe, reliable ferry system into the future. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

24. Fleet Facility Security Officer

Funding is provided to hire an additional fleet facility security officer to ensure Washington State Ferries continues to comply with U.S. Coast Guard requirements. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

25. PERS & TRS Plan 1 Benefit Increase

For eligible Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 members, this item provides a one-time ongoing increase of 3%, up to a maximum of \$62.50 per month. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)