

2015-17 Senate Operating Budget Proposal

By the numbers

Creating a 21st Century Education System

\$1.3 billion additional toward basic education – largest K-12 investment in state budget history

- \$741 million – Maintenance, supplies and operating costs
- \$350 million – Reduces class size in grades K through 3, prioritizes low-income communities.
- \$187 million – All-day kindergarten for all state students by 2016-17 school year.
- \$16 million – Highly capable program (doubled in size)
- 33% increase in per-pupil spending since 2013
- Makes education 47% of state budget – a level not reached in 30 years

Preparing Children to Enter Kindergarten Ready to Learn

\$100 million increase

- \$50 million - Early Start Act – high quality early learning for low-income children
- \$45 million - 4,000 additional students can be enrolled in pre-school

Making Higher Education Affordable

\$300 million increase

- Average 25% reduction at 4-year institutions by the end of the biennia
- First tuition reduction since the 1970s

Providing for the well being of people with mental illness and increasing community safety

\$70 million increase

- \$30 million – Competency restoration and evaluation
- \$40 million – Civil commitment

VIP Act

- Protects supported employment and respite care services for 5,000 people with developmental disabilities and their families who had previously been waitlisted for services.

Seniors:

- Adds 40 additional staff members to investigate and address cases of elder abuse and neglect
- Increases Senior Citizen Property Tax exemption for first time in a decade, providing needed assistance to 100,000 low-income seniors.

Providing a high quality state work force

- \$2,000 raise for state employees
- Under this plan the 25,000 lowest-paid workers receive higher raises than under the negotiated collective bargaining agreement.

2015-17 Operating Budget: \$38 Billion

\$4 Billion spending increase

- \$3 billion increased revenue due to economic growth
- \$325 million marijuana revenue
- Closing 12 tax exemptions
- Does not include tax increases