



2025

End of
Session
Report

Washington State Criminal
Justice Training Commission

BUDGET

2025 Legislative Compromise Budget Highlights

2025 Supplemental Operating Budget:

- Software Licenses - \$80,000 - funding provided for ongoing current and anticipated software, infrastructure, and device needs.
- Teacher, Administrator, Coach (TAC) Reimbursement Increase - \$360,000 - funding provided for increased cost of TAC Officer reimbursements.
- Emergency Vehicle Driving Training- \$452,000 - funding to provide Emergency Vehicle Operation Course week at private driving tracks and the Washington State Patrol's track.

Reductions:

- Reduce funding for one Burien Academy training class and one training class at Arlington Regional Academy- **(\$756,000)**.
- Eliminate contract funding for Kitsap Regional Academy Study- **(\$50,000)**.

2025-2027 Biennium Operating Budget:

- Acadis Learning Management System licenses - \$80,000.
- Burien Facility Operations - \$157,000 for increased alterations, repairs, and maintenance costs.
- Food Vendor Rate Increase - \$194,000 to fund the five percent increase to daily meal rates.
- Software Licenses - \$160,000 to bring existing software, infrastructure, and devices up to current software, security and legal licensing standards.
- Training Vehicle Maintenance - \$920,000 for replacement, maintenance, and upkeep of training vehicles located at various campus locations.
- Ammunition Expense Increase - \$722,000 to cover the increased cost of ammunition and the increase related to switching to lead free ammunition.
- Basic Academy Instructors - \$2,638,000 to fund seven Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for the Basic Training Division.

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- Confidential Secretary Positions - \$440,000 to continually fund two FTE's for the Training and Accountability Bureaus.
- Corrections Academies - \$3,488,000 to fund two FTE's, two contracted instructors and four additional Corrections Officers Academy (COA) classes in fiscal year 2026 and each year after to be held at Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission regional campus locations.
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC) Driving Training - \$492,000 to address the increased training costs for EVOC week.
- Firearms Certification Program-\$472,000 to fund two FTE's and to sustain the increased administrative demand of the Firearms Certificate Program.
- Northwest Regional Training Academy Facility Rent and Utilities - \$664,000 provided to fully fund the facility lease, utility and janitorial services.
- Officer Certification Staff- \$779,000 - Funding and three FTE's are provided for additional investigators to address the backlog of officer certification cases needing review and investigation.
- Online Training Platform - \$1,966,000 – Funding for 14,000 licenses and two FTE's are provided for the Preflex First online training platform.
- Law Enforcement 25% Cost Share - Reinstated the 25% local cost share to make necessary investment in the administration of basic law enforcement training.
- Pension and Department of Retirement Services rates - (\$673,000) Contributions are adjusted to reflect updated rates.
- Local Public Safety Funding - \$100,635,000 and three FTE's - ESHB 2015 creates a new law enforcement grant program at WSCJTC and authorizes a new 0.1 % local sales and use tax for criminal justice purposes.
- Criminal Justice Training - \$110,000 - Funding provided to implement the provisions of 2SSB 5356 to create and deliver sexual assault and gender- based violence investigative training to include persons responsible for regularly investigating prohibited conduct under Title IX at institutions of higher education.

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- Adjustments to cost share amounts- \$730,000
 - State Data Center, Archives/Records Management, Audit Services, Legal Services Administrative Hearings, Workers Compensation, Self Insurance Liability
- Central Services and Compensation Increases - \$2,128,000 for increases in central services, wage increases and increased benefit costs (Cost of Living Adjustments - 3% July 2025 and 2% July 2026).

Reductions:

- Basic Law Enforcement Academy - (\$2,022,000). The number of funded Basic Law Enforcement Academy training classes is decreased from 26 to 23 each year. Funding has been reduced to meet the reduction in classes.

2025 Supplemental Capital Budget:

- Cafeteria Water Damage Repairs - \$200,000
- NW Region Training Facility Renovations and Upgrades- \$1,082,000

2025-2027 Biennial Capital Budget:

Shooting Range Indoor Ventilation System - \$2,910,000

- Improvements - \$70,000:
 - Indoor Shooting Range
 - Dormitory Buildings
- Omnibus Minor Works -\$2,616,000 for the following projects:
 - Shooting Range Roof Replacement
 - Dorm Two Heat Pumps Installation
 - Dormitory Security Upgrades
 - Olympic Building Roof Replacement
 - Concrete Walkway Repairs
 - Parking Lot and Asphalt Repair
 - Mock City Cooling
 - Modular Building, Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Cooling Units
 - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Control Upgrades
 - Virtual Training Room HVAC
 - Target System Replacement
 - Restroom and Locker-Room Renovation

2025-2027 Agency Budget

Total funding for the 2025-2027 Biennium = \$241,642,000

- Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission = \$99,652,808
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Passthrough = \$35,076,626
- Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorney's = \$6,264,722
- Other grants and pass through funds = \$100,647,844

Budget Bills 2025-2027

- Operating Budget - ESSB 5167
- Capital Budget - SSB 5195

AGENCY REQUEST LEGISLATION



SB 5224 - Concerning officer certification definitions, processes, and commissioning.

- Removes the requirement that an administrative law judge issue a proposed recommendation to the panel in a hearing on the denial, suspension, or revocation of a peace officer's or corrections officer's certification.
- Makes technical language changes.
- Clarifies the WSCJTC does not appoint railroad officers for purposes of employment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

BILL SUMMARY

ESHB 2015 - Improving public safety funding by providing resources to local governments and state and local criminal justice agencies, and authorizing a local option tax.

- Creates a Law Enforcement Grant Program administered by the Criminal Justice Training Commission for the purpose of providing direct support in hiring, retaining, and training law enforcement officers, peer counselors and behavioral health personnel working in co-response to increase community policing and public safety.
- Creates the Supplemental Criminal Justice Account.
- Authorizes a new local 0.1 percent sales and use tax for criminal justice purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

2SSB 5356 - Concerning training provided by the criminal justice training commission.

- Clarifies two trainings provided by the WSCJTC for peace officers on interacting with victims and responding to calls involving sexual violence and gender-based violence.
- Expands training provided by the WSCJTC for persons responsible for investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases to include persons who investigate prohibited conduct at institutions of higher education under Title IX.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026*

SSB 5040 - Expanding the definition of uniformed personnel to all law enforcement officers employed by a city, town, county, or governing body of a municipal airport operating under the provisions of chapter 14.08 RCW.

- Expands interest arbitration rights to law enforcement officers of cities, towns, and counties regardless of the employing local government's population size, as well as to municipal airport law enforcement officers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

HB 1934 - Concerning the disclosure of information pertaining to complainants, accusers, and witnesses in an employment investigation.

- Amends the Public Records Act by requiring employee images, agency job titles, email addresses, and phone numbers be redacted in workplace investigations of discrimination or harassment, except that the names and titles of elected officials are not redacted if they are the complainants.
- Requires that alteration of employee voices on audio recorded during the investigation retains inflection and tone.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

BILL SUMMARY

HB 1046 - Protecting the vulnerable by providing immunity from civil liability for damage to a motor vehicle arising from the rescue of vulnerable persons or domestic animals.

- Grants immunity to civil liability for damage to motor vehicles for people rescuing vulnerable persons or domestic animals if certain requirements are met.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

ESHB 1149 - Preventing cruelty to animals.

- Expands the crimes of Animal Cruelty and Animal Fighting.
- Modifies enforcement and criminal penalties for violations of animal cruelty laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

EHB 1052 - Clarifying a hate crime offense.

- Modifies the conduct that constitutes a Hate Crime offense to include when a person commits a specified act in whole or in part because of the person's perception of another person's certain characteristics.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

ESHB 1293 - Concerning litter.

- Raises the penalty for littering from a class three civil infraction to a class two civil infraction and specifies that this penalty is in addition to any penalty imposed for materials thrown or dropped onto state highways.
- Delays the increase in the fee and the minimum allowable thickness of reusable plastic carryout bags from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

SHB 1308 - Concerning access to personnel records.

- Requires a private employer to provide an employee or former employee with a copy of the employee's personnel file within 21 days of a request, and requires a public employer to do so in accordance with the requirements and procedures of the Public Records Act.
- Requires a private employer to provide to a former employee, upon request, a statement of the employee's discharge date and reasons, if any, for the discharge.
- Creates a private cause of action with statutory damages for enforcing the requirements for private employers to disclose personnel files and provide written discharge statements.

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SHB 1460 - Concerning protection order hope cards.

- Requires that Hope Cards be in a scannable electronic format when the card issuer has the means and information available.
- Changes the information that is required to be included in Hope Cards. Prohibits charging fees for issuance of Hope Cards.
- Changes when and where Hope Cards may be obtained.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

ESHB 1596 - Concerning accountability for persons for speeding.

- Requires the use of an intelligent speed assistance device, as a condition to a temporary restricted or occupational driver's license under certain circumstances, during a probationary period following the lifting of a driver's license suspension for certain traffic-related offenses, or by order of a court, to limit the operation of a vehicle to no more than the speed limit, with certain exceptions.
- Defines "excessive speeding".

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2029*

SB 5473 - Concerning law enforcement personnel grievance arbitration procedures.

- Requires law enforcement officers to request grievance arbitration consistent with the procedures in their collective bargaining agreement.
- Removes the prohibition on expiring more than three arbitrators' terms in the same year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

SSB 5503 - Concerning public employee collective bargaining processes.

- Makes changes to Public Employment Relations Commission procedures related to representation petitions, hearings, and the merging of bargaining units under the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Act.
- Prohibits public employers from requiring a worker to waive any federal or state statutory right to make a claim as a condition of settling a grievance under a collective bargaining agreement.

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INFORMATIONAL BILLS

SSB 5323 - Concerning the penalties for theft and possession of stolen property from first responders.

ESHB 1385 - Concerning fingerprint background check on applicants.

SHB 1490 - Concerning fingerprint-based background checks.

ESHB 1878 - Improving young driver safety.

E2SHB 1163 - Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms.

ESSB 5143 - Concerning the ethics in public service act.

SHB 1811 - Enhancing crisis response services through co-response integration and support.

ESHB 1815 - Concerning prison riot offenses.

2SHB 1788 - Concerning workers' compensation benefits.

SHB 1133 - Concerning sexually violent predators.

SB 5209 - Explicitly listing the department of labor and industries in the definition of limited authority Washington law enforcement agency while not granting new enforcement authority.

E2SHB 1440 - Concerning seizure and forfeiture procedures and reporting.

SB 5375 - Concerning the duty of clergy to report child abuse and neglect.

SB 5139 - Concerning reentry council.

E2SHB 1422 - Modifying the drug take-back program.

SHB 1205 - Prohibiting the knowing distribution of a forged digital likeness.

SB 5716 - Expanding the locations where a person can be guilty of unlawful transit conduct to include the Washington state ferries.

SHB 1821 - Expanding the definition of "interested party" for the purposes of prevailing wage laws.

E2SSB 5355 - Improving safety at institutions of higher education while supporting student survivors of sexual assault.