



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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**2011-2013 Biennial Budget
Comparison of Senate-Passed and House-Passed Budget Changes for Early Learning
[HB 1087](#) & [Engrossed Striking Amendment to ESHB 1087](#) - April 21, 2011**

Program	Budget	Senate Passed	House Passed	Notes
ECEAP	DEL	State: \$0	State: \$0	ECEAP is fully protected in both proposals. BOTH GOOD!
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Career & Wage Ladder	DEL	State: -\$3 mil	State: -\$3 mil	Funding for the DEL to operate the Career and Wage Ladder program is eliminated in House- and Senate-passed bills. This elimination will end contracts with approximately 55 child care centers that used Career and Wage funds to support increased wages and professional development. BOTH BAD
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Seasonal Child Care (SCC) Administration	DEL <i>(pg. 192 in Senate Agency Summary)</i>	State: \$0	State: -\$2.070 mil	House proposal eliminates state funds to administer child care subsidies to seasonal agricultural workers through non-profit organizations. Funding for seasonal child care subsidies is not reduced, but eligibility determinations will now be administered by the DSHS. This is likely to reduce access for families as community organizations are often trusted places for people to receive services and they do outreach to make people aware of the program. Associated rule changes proposed by DEL include the requirement that DSHS check citizenship status of children for program. The Senate budget preserves funding for Seasonal Child Care to be administered in local communities. PREFER SENATE. Keeping Seasonal Admin in local communities will ensure culturally and linguistically relevant services that contribute to greater program access.
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Home Visiting	Special Approps to Governor	State: \$0	State: \$1.868 mil	In House proposal, General Fund-State is appropriated to the Home Visiting Services Account. These one-time funds are provided for evidence-based home visiting programs through the Home Visiting Services Account. Home visiting does not appear in this section of the Senate proposal. N/A – See Below
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Home Visiting	DEL	State: \$1.266 mil	State: -\$600k	Both House and Senate budgets include the \$1.868 million needed for state maintenance of effort for the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visitation Program. The state anticipates receiving \$1.3 million in federal funds per year from this program, which is accounted for in the Senate proposal. BOTH GOOD!
		Other: \$600k (HVSA) \$1.3 mil fed (anticipated)	Other: \$1.268 mil	

Adverse Childhood Experiences (Includes CCF)	DSHS – Admin & Support Services (pg. 144 in House agency summary)	State: \$0	State: -\$4.926 mil	In the House budget the agency detail focuses on SSHB 1965, which eliminates the Family Policy Council and Council for Children and Families effective July 1, 2012, and creates a new public-private partnership aimed at reducing adverse childhood experiences. Funding associated with the two councils is removed from the DSHS budget. (GF-State, GF-Fed). Some of the funding for CCF, which was for evidence-based home visiting, is now part of the appropriation in the Special Appropriations to the Governor budget for the HVSA. PREFER HOUSE APPROACH SPECIFYING THAT CCF DOES NOT SUNSET UNTIL 2012
		Other: \$0	Other: -\$431k	
Eliminate Council for Children & Families	DSHS – Admin & Support Services	State: -\$2.276 mil	Addressed above	The Senate proposal eliminates the Council for Children & Families. Some of the functions will continue through the Community Initiative. There is no language about a sunset date as there is in the House budget. SEE ABOVE
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Establish Community Initiative	DSHS – Admin & Support Services	State: \$500k	Addressed above	The Senate proposal calls this out separately as it does the elimination of CCF. Under both proposals, DSHS shall establish a public-private partnership that helps address the needs of high-risk children and families. DSHS is authorized to develop partnerships and a new model for financing network community capacity building and reducing adverse childhood experiences. One-time state funding is provided to start up the initiative. HOUSE AND SENATE APPEAR TO BE THE SAME
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Reach Out & Read	DEL (pg. 192 Senate Agency Summary)	State: \$300k	State: \$300k	This cut does not appear in the House budget, but Reach Out and Read is not included in DEL’s carry forward budget. Its absence in the House budget is effectively an elimination of state funding, but the Senate includes maintenance of state funding for the program. PREFER SENATE – WANT TO GET THIS THROUGH! Preserving this program will promote a culture of literacy from an early age. Kids and families get books in places they already go – doctors’ offices, and get advice from a trusted source.
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Child Care Resource & Referral (R&R)	DEL	State: \$638k	State: \$638k	The House budget includes proviso language specifying \$638k per year. The Senate proposal considers R&R funding carry forward and therefore does not include it in the budget bill. With decreases in federal funding (ARRA), the net result in both proposed budgets is an overall loss of \$212k to core services. BOTH GOOD
		Other: -\$850k	Other: -\$850k	
Parent & Caregiver Support	DEL (Section 616 in House budget bill, pg. 158)	State: -\$200k	State: \$0	Parent and Caregiver support is maintained at \$200k per year in the biennium in the House budget bill, for a total of \$400k in funding for culturally relevant supports for parents, family, and other caregivers. The Senate proposal eliminates these supports. PREFER HOUSE – Our state spends a minimal amount on parent support and Family, Friend, and Neighbor care though we know that the majority of infants and toddlers spend the majority of time with parents or other informal caregivers. This is the only funding we have for these programs. Language in House budget bill: (3) \$200,000 of the general
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	

				fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2012 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2013 are provided solely to develop and provide culturally relevant supports for parents, family, and other caregivers.
DEL Administration	DEL (House Agency Detail pg. 223)	State: -\$1.5 mil Other: \$0	State: -\$541k Other: \$0	Agency administration is reduced by 10 percent in the House budget. The Senate proposal takes a much deeper cut, though both House and Senate note that savings will be achieved through reduced personal service contracts, reductions to information technology contractors, vacancy savings, and other efficiencies. PREFER HOUSE: <i>Agency admin is reduced by 10%. Savings will be achieved through reduced personal service contracts, reductions to information technology contractors, vacancy savings, and other efficiencies.</i>
Child Care Licensing	DEL (House Agency Detail pg. 223)	State: -\$1.410 mil Other: \$0	State: \$121k Other: \$0	The House budget provides to the DEL for implementation of ESSHB 1776 (child care center licensing). The DEL shall work with the State Fire Marshall on child care regulations related to child care centers in publicly owned buildings. The Senate budget is silent on implementation of this bill, but it does propose a cut to licensing via increased fees for child care centers and family child care homes. PREFER HOUSE – increasing fees on centers and homes when businesses are already struggling to stay afloat and employees can't make a living wage will impact availability of child care.
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (WaKIDS)	OSPI	State: \$900k Other: \$0	State: \$900k Other: \$0	Both budgets include funding for the implementation of Second Substitute House Bill 1510 (State-funded kindergarten), including the development and implementation of the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS). Funding supports the development and implementation of the inventory, OSPI staffing for oversight of the program, and training of school district staff. The amount funded assumes the availability of private and federal resources to partially defray costs. This includes 1 FTE at OSPI. BOTH GOOD
Maternity Support Services	DSHS – Med Asst (House Agency Detail pgs. 139 & 142) DOH	State: -\$14.095 mil Other: -\$13.939 mil	State: -\$10 mil Other: -\$9.884 mil State: -\$600k Other: \$0	Maternity Support Services (MSS) provide preventive health care services for pregnant and postpartum women that include professional observation, assessment, education, intervention, and counseling as provided by interdisciplinary teams comprised of community health nurses, nutritionists, and behavioral health specialists. MSS funding is cut by 25% in the House budget and 35% in the Senate proposal. (GF-State, GF –Fed) PREFER HOUSE Administrative activities in the Department of Health which support the Maternity Support Services program in the Medicaid Purchasing Administration (MPA) are eliminated. Oversight activities will be conducted by the MPA. This includes 5 FTEs at DOH.
TANF Funds	DSHS – Econ Services Admin	Not addressed	State: \$0	House budget reduces Federal TANF funding to reflect changes in assumptions pertaining to disbursements of federal funds and to reflect use of TANF federal funds in FY 2011. This

		Not addressed	Other: -\$9.114 mil	funding is for Working Connections Child Care, WorkFirst, and cash grant assistance for eligible families. (General Fund-Federal). This does not appear in the Senate proposal. PREFER SENATE
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	DSHS – Payments to Othr Agencies	Not addressed	State: \$580k	One-time funding is provided to implement the provisions of Second Substitute House Bill 1741 (temporary assistance/needful families) PREFER HOUSE
		Not addressed	Other: \$0	
Longitudinal Data System Grant	DEL	Not addressed	State: \$0	The Department of Early Learning (DEL) will participate in the development of a statewide longitudinal education data system in collaboration with the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Funds for this three-year project are provided through a federal grant to the OSPI. FTE authority is provided to implement the DEL's responsibilities under the grant. An additional 3.5 FTEs are added to DEL as part of this work. N/A
		Not addressed	Other: \$0	
Child Care Background Checks	DEL	Not addressed	State: \$0	Funding is provided through the Individual-Based/Portable Background Check Clearance Account for development and implementation of Second Substitute House Bill 1903 (child care background checks). Fees established in this legislation will be used to support this program, which creates a three-year child care license for individuals working in licensed child care. (Individual-Based/Portable Background Check Clearance Account). This includes 1.5 FTEs at DEL PREFER HOUSE
		Not addressed	Other: \$378k	
Medicaid Treatment Child Care	DSHS – Children's Administration	Not addressed	State: \$4.984 mil	Funding for Medicaid Treatment Child Care (MTCC) is transferred from the Department of Social and Health Services' Children's Administration to the DEL. The MTCC provides intensive child development services to young children. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal) N/A – NO POSITION ON THIS TRANSFER
		Not addressed	Other: \$4.304 mil	
Reduce Maternal & Children's Health	DOH	State: -\$2.206 mil	State: -\$2.264 mil	The House budget specifically names reductions for DOH's maternal and children's health functions, including elimination of state support for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program, elimination of staff support for the Community Health Leadership forum, and reductions to administrative and technical support. The Senate detail on this item names elimination of staff support for the Community Health Leadership forum, reduction in serves for children with special health care needs, maternity support services, data analysis of child and maternal health issues and reductions to administrative and technical support. This includes a reduction of 4.1 FTEs at DOH in the House budget and 4.0 FTEs in the Senate proposal. BOTH BAD
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Local WIC Funding	DOH	State: -\$800k	See above	In Senate proposal, funding is reduced for pass through to local WIC providers. The DOH will work with local providers to ensure that no federal funds are lost as state general fund

		Other: \$0		is no longer provided and is replaced with state level federal funds. SEE ABOVE
Family Leave Insurance	Employment Security Department	State: -\$33.177 mil	State: -\$33.177 mil	Both House and Senate show reduction in funding to reflect the suspension of implementing the Family Leave Insurance program. Under current law, persons meeting eligibility requirements for the Family Leave Insurance program are entitled to benefit payments starting in October 2012. This includes a reduction of 40.6 FTEs at the Employment Security Department N/A
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Continuum of Care	DSHS – Children & Fam Services	State: \$0	State: -\$250k	Funding for the Continuum of Care is eliminated in the House budget. These are prevention and intervention services provided in one region. PREFER SENATE
			Other: \$0	
Suspend I-728	Public Schools – Student Achievement Program	State: -\$860.716 mil	State: -\$860.716 mil	Both House and Senate suspend Initiative 728 allocations to school districts for the 2011-13 biennium. I-728, approved by voters in 2000 and later amended by the Legislature, allocates a per-student dollar amount to districts to be used for class size reduction, extended learning opportunities, early learning programs, or professional development. If not suspended, per-student allocations would have been approximately \$477 per student for the 2011-12 school year and \$484 per student for the 2012-13 school year. N/A BOTH SAME
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Full Day Kindergarten Adjustment	Public Schools – Education Reform	State: -\$9.792 mil	State: -\$10.418 mil	In both budgets, funding for the full-day Kindergarten Program is reduced to reflect changes made to the K-12 budget. These changes include eliminating funds for K-4 class size reduction; freezing steps on the salary schedule and suspending the I-732 COLA and the Plan 1 uniform COLA. (Education Legacy Trust Account-State) N/A BOTH SAME AND CONNECTED TO OTHER BUDGET CUTS
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Readiness to Learn	Public Schools – Education Reform	State: -\$719k	State: \$0	The Senate proposal reduces Readiness to Learn by 10%. The Readiness to Learn program provides grants to school and community consortia to support students and families with the goal of ensuring that all children are able to attend school prepared to learn. PREFER HOUSE
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	
Achievement Gap Committee	OSPI (Senate Agency Detail pg. 154 – does not appear in House docs)	State: -\$200k	State: \$0	The Senate budget eliminates funding to support the Achievement Gap Committee PREFER HOUSE – want to continue focus and accountability for closing opportunity and achievement gap
		Other: \$0	Other: \$0	

Education Governance	OSPI & Statewide Programs	State: -\$105k	Not addressed	The Senate budget includes reductions in administrative funding that represent the net savings from implementation of Substitute Senate Bill 5639 (Education governance). The substitute bill transfers the functions of the Office of the Education Ombudsman (OEO) to the new Department of Education. Currently, the OEO, housed in the Governor's Office, has 6.4 budgeted full-time equivalent (FTE) employees. It is anticipated that efficiencies resulting from consolidation will enable staffing for this function to be reduced by a minimum of one FTE. PREFER HOUSE
		Other: \$0	Not addressed	