2020 Supplemental Budget Decision Package

Agency: 350 Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

DP code/title: Fiscal Year 2019 Apportionment Short Pay

Budget period: 2020 Supplemental

Budget level: ML

Agency RecSum text:

The formulaic allocation for school district transportation in state fiscal year 2019 exceeded the appropriation by approximately \$29,500,000. This caused OSPI to short pay school districts' transportation revenue in June of 2019. These funds were paid to districts in July of 2019, which increases the need for funds in fiscal year 2020 by the same \$29,500,000. This request is for additional funds to ensure the appropriation for school district transportation totals the formulaic output for state fiscal year 2020 plus the additional \$29,500,000.

Fiscal detail:

Operating Expenditures	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
State General Fund	\$29,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$29,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Biennial Totals	\$29,500,000		\$0	
Staffing	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Average Annual	0.0		0.0	
Object of Expenditure	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Obj. N	\$29,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Package description

This request for additional state fiscal year 2020 appropriation mitigates the risk that districts will need to short pay school districts at the end of state fiscal year (FY) 2021. The transportation funding formula provides districts an allocation intended to cover the costs for transporting students to and from school. The amount of funds allocated is based on a formula which considers the number of students who ride buses, the number of routes buses run, and the number of destinations served. For school year 2018–19, the formula also provided funds calculated as compensation increases based on House Bill (HB) 6362 (2018).

What is the problem, opportunity or priority you are addressing with the request?

Funding for school district transportation in FY 2019 exceeded the appropriation by approximately \$29,500,000. This request is a solution to the likelihood that the 2020 appropriations will be less than the amount needed to cover the actual calculations allocation for state fiscal year 2020 plus the \$29,500,000 requested in this decision package.

What is your proposed solution?

The proposed solution is to increase the formulaic allocation for state fiscal year 2020 by \$29,500,000.

What are you purchasing and how does it solve the problem?

\$29,500,000 was allocated to school districts in July of 2019. The addition of these funds to state fiscal year 2020 mitigates the risk of short paying districts again in July of 2020.

What alternatives did you explore and why was this option chosen?

Since transportation funding is a formulaic entitlement to school districts, there are no other options to pursue. This will allow districts to receive their full formulaic allocation for the 2018–19 and 2019–20 school years.

Assumptions and calculations

The value of \$29,500,000 was determined by subtracting the state fiscal year 2019 appropriation from the total allocation as calculated by the transportation funding formula.

Expansion or alteration of a current program or service

This is not a request for funding to expand or alter current programs or services.

Detailed assumptions and calculations

The value of \$29,500,000 was determined by subtracting the state fiscal year 2019 appropriation from the total allocation as calculated by the transportation funding formula.

Workforce assumptions

This request does not include additional staffing.

Strategic and performance outcomes

Strategic framework

Not applicable.

Performance outcomes

Not applicable.

Other collateral connections

Intergovernmental

None.

Stakeholder response

Districts would support this request as it provides the necessary amount of funds to make full payments for state fiscal year 2020.

Changes from current law None.
State workforce impacts None.
State facilities impacts None.
Puget Sound recovery None.
Other supporting materials None.
Information technology (IT) None.
Information Technology
Does this DP include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff? No
C Yes
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Legal or administrative mandates None.