

THE 2019–2021 BUDGET

THE BUDGET TIMELINE

Feb. 28, 2019
The Budget is introduced by governor

April 3 & 4
Agency informational hearings in JFC

Late May–Summer
JFC Executive Sessions—votes by agency

Final passage in Legislature

Veto override if applicable

Disclaimer:

This timeline is based on past timelines. Divided government could impact this timeline in a number of ways, but most likely resulting in a longer budget process as differences between the governor and the legislative majority are reconciled.

April
Public hearings are held in various locations around the state

Legislative action is taken on the budget bill

Action by governor: enactment, partial veto, total veto

2019–2021 budget process is finalized

TOP BUDGET PRIORITIES

Safe and Just Communities *(Budget in Brief p. 54)*

- Returns 17 year olds to the juvenile system
- Funds additional ADA positions
- Increases rate of pay for public defender

Clean Communities *(Budget in Brief p. 89)*

- Investments for improved water quality
- Creates Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy
- Returns science to the DNR

Healthy Communities *(Budget in Brief p. 36)*

- Expands Medicaid to cover 82,000 more individuals
- Healthy women, healthy babies
- Expands access to dental services and mental health coverage

What's Best for Kids *(Budget in Brief p. 58)*

- Fair Funding for our Future
- Funding for public schools at 2/3 levels and increased funding for special education
- Funding for UW tuition freeze

Good Government *(Budget in Brief p. 92)*

- Accountability at WEDC
- Nonpartisan redistricting reform
- Automatic voter registration

Resources

The *Budget in Brief* is a valuable resource. Most questions about revenue, particular proposals, or priorities are answered in that document. Available on the DOA website.

Key Budget Terms

PR-F or PR-S: Program Revenue, often fees acquired and appropriated for specific agencies and uses

SEG: Segregated funds, which are revenues held separate from the general fund and appropriated for specific agencies and uses

GPR: General purpose revenue, which is the largest source of state dollars, mainly from income tax (52%) and sales tax (34%)

FED: Revenue from the federal government; appropriated where state government administers federal programs (e.g. Medicaid)

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Attend Joint Finance Hearings.** As Agency Secretaries brief the JFC on the state budget, please consider attending to learn more and listen to the debate.
- **Attend Joint Finance Public Hearings.** As JFC travels the state for public input, please consider attending to hear from the public, interact with constituents, and show support.
- **Please contact the JFC offices with specific questions.** JFC will provide updates on a weekly basis as the budget debate continues. If your question falls within a specific subject area, please contact the JFC offices to see how they can best answer it.