

How does the two-year college budget request compare to Governor Gregoire's budget proposal?

Greater access for students

- \$904,000 for planning and start-up money for four applied bachelor degree pilots approved in 2005 legislation (*Governor: \$904,000*)
- \$756,000 for three colleges to bring universities to their campus to offer degrees needed by local employers, approved in 2005 legislation (*Governor: \$756,000*)
- \$7 million for maintenance and operations money to maintain and operate new state-approved buildings (*Governor: \$5.2 million*)
- \$1.5 million to support accommodations for students with disabilities, a cost that has doubled in the past five years (*Governor: \$0*)
- \$1.4 million to purchase library databases for the whole system (*Governor: \$0*)

Continued support for faculty compensation

- \$2.4 million for step increases (increments) for faculty in the biennium's second year (*Governor: \$0*)
- \$6.7 million for part-time faculty salary increases in the biennium's second year (*Governor: \$0*)

Fuel & energy cost relief to keep money in the classroom

- \$1.6 million to pay for an anticipated 7 percent increase in fuel and energy costs (*Governor: \$248,000*)

Capital projects that allow campuses to serve more students

- \$7.1 million for four critical infrastructure projects unfunded in the last session (*Governor: \$0*)
- \$3 million for a 50-50 match between the state and colleges to mitigate the recent jump in inflation due to a rise in fuel and material costs, and impacts of hurricanes on the market. (*Governor: \$0*)
- Approval and consideration of changes to three certificate of participation projects (*Governor: Yes*)

A budget cut that would limit student access

- The two-year colleges receive a disproportionate share of the Smart Buy reduction. The Governor's proposed cut for two-year colleges is 77 percent of the total higher education reduction. But, the two-year colleges receive just 38 percent of the state's higher education dollars. (*Governor: \$2.8 million cut for CTCs; \$3.6 million for all of higher education*)