



GOVERNOR GREGOIRE'S RESULTS 2009 Legislative Session

JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Improves local infrastructure financing tools • Creates strategy for Department of Commerce • Increases unemployment benefits temporarily to expand purchasing power • Strengthens state's financial services industry • Makes changes to Linked Deposit program so it's easier for banks to make loans to women, minority-owned small businesses • Expands apprenticeship requirements to higher education projects • Protects workers' privacy in workers' compensation system • Improves pension benefits for firefighters, police officers • Strengthens ability to fight underground economy • Provides 1,200 construction jobs for state data center

TRANSPORTATION

Creates 20,000 jobs through \$7.5 billion transportation budget • Commences replacement of Alaskan Way Viaduct with deep-bored tunnel • Funds construction to begin replacement of SR 520 Floating Bridge • Provides funding in 2009–13 for three 64-car vessels and a fourth, which will be either a 64-car or 144-car vessel • Provides funding for critical safety, freight, mobility projects: US 2 between Goldbar and Monroe, Alaskan Way Viaduct, I-5/SR 16 Tacoma area HOV, Columbia River Crossing, SR 519 Intermodal Access Project, SR 167 HOT Lane Pilot Project, I-90 Snoqualmie Pass, I-405 corridor, North Spokane corridor • Increases funding for highway maintenance • Provides funding for Washington State Ferries to pilot a reservation system • Consolidates licensing services offices, creating cost savings and better customer service • Increases highway patrols for DUI enforcement

EDUCATION

Protects comprehensive early learning services for preschoolers • Continues pilot program to rate, improve quality of child care programs • Substantially continues levy equalization support • Enhances support for middle school science, technology, engineering, math programs • Provides application fee assistance for teachers seeking national board certification • Funds development of new basic education formulae • Maintains financial aid investments • Enhances education data system • Creates Opportunity Internship program • Creates pathway between technical degree and professional bachelor's degree • Prioritizes high-demand State Work Study placements • Establishes peer mentoring program to encourage college-bound culture • Promotes rural health care by expanding osteopathic physician training

HUMAN SERVICES & VETERANS

Expands access to food programs • Adds 60 community placements and 32 community protection placements for people with developmental disabilities • Moves children from foster care to adoption more quickly • Improves outcomes for children in state's care • Provides additional funding for WorkFirst caseload increases • Improves emphasis on education and strategies to obtain living wage for WorkFirst parents • Enhances opportunities for veterans in public employment, including teaching • Assures that deceased veterans are honored for service with proper military burial • Establishes state flag account to allow citizens to donate flags to service members

HEALTH

Maintains health care coverage for all children up to 300% of federal poverty level • Encourages development of medical homes to improve care for those with chronic health conditions • Uses improved purchasing strategies to assure more cost-effective state health care programs • Provides for more-affordable employer coverage through development of workplace wellness programs • Improves patient safety by increasing hospital requirements to reduce staph (MRSA) infections • Gives those who have lost jobs easier access to individual health insurance coverage • Reduces prescription drug fraud and abuse by requiring statewide use of tamper-proof prescription pads • Protects consumers from false or misleading health care service discount plans • Allows online applications for state-subsidized programs • Increases fairness and uniformity for public employee health benefit eligibility decisions

ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE

Creates clean energy business strategic plan • Creates, funds Energy Recovery Act Account to accelerate use of innovative clean energy technology • Provides new tax incentives for renewable and clean energy sources • Authorizes local energy overlay zones to expedite siting of renewable energy projects • Advances renewable energy development from forest byproducts • Holds state agencies accountable for reducing their carbon footprint • Promotes use of electric cars on state highways • Evaluates how to reduce greenhouse emissions from coal-fired power plants • Sets timelines for achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions from public buildings • Creates financing program for sustainable energy efficiency improvements in public housing • Creates community-wide pilot grants for residential energy efficiency upgrades

PUBLIC SAFETY & DISASTER RESPONSE

Uses GPS to monitor community custody violators • Increases number of Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative beds • Provides judges more sentencing discretion • Takes steps to close inefficient juvenile, adult institutions • Expands law enforcement access to mental health treatment history • Prevents involuntarily committed mentally ill persons from purchasing firearms • Helps law enforcement agencies to target efforts • Provides offenders with housing vouchers to ensure timely release • Helps communities recover from winter snowstorms, floods

CIVIL RIGHTS

Updates hate crimes law to include protections for gender identity, expression • Expands rights, responsibilities of state-registered domestic partners • Assures that male, female athletes are accorded equal opportunities to participate in community athletic programs • Protects a mother's right to breast-feed in public

CONSUMER PROTECTION & HOUSING

Increases regulation of payday lenders • Increases oversight of mortgage lenders • Requires insurance companies to inform consumers that flood insurance is not included in homeowners' policies • Requires insurance companies to develop plans so services to consumers are not disrupted during emergencies • Requires that consumers receive clear explanation of financial products purchased from insurers • Adopts new regulations to prevent, mitigate home foreclosures

NATURAL RESOURCES

Creates ongoing funding source for tug to protect Strait of Juan de Fuca, Washington's outer coast from oil spills • Consolidates, streamlines statewide salmon recovery efforts • Creates incentives for forest landowners to protect habitat for endangered species through conservation easements • Initiates pilot project to remove excess nutrients from Lake Whatcom • Allows banking of water rights throughout the state for future uses and stream flows • Creates a regional market to protect forest and agriculture working lands by transferring development rights to urban areas • Limits urban development in floodplains

CAPITAL

Provides matching assistance to K-12 school construction projects • Begins construction on new data center on capitol campus • Invests stimulus funding in critical projects across the state • Preserves facilities that house the most vulnerable • Continues investing to preserve, add capacity on higher education campuses • Funds facilities to house offenders • Provides transparency by having one debt limit • Increases debt capacity