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Thank you to the four students who spent a week participating in the Senate Page Program in Olympia. My staff and I greatly enjoyed getting to know you, sharing our experiences, answering your questions and hearing your thoughts. This is a great opportunity for our high school students to engage in our legislative process.

Each year, students from every district have an opportunity to apply and participate. Please contact my office for more information or an application for next year.

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SUMMER 2019

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for the privilege of continuing to serve as your state senator. After completing another historically productive session, I am proud to provide you this legislative update with an overview of what we accomplished on behalf of our district and state.

SENATE DEMOCRATS
PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

Clean air. Clean water. Climate action.

- ✓ Committing Washington to 100 percent clean energy from renewable and zero-emission sources by 2045. (SB 5116)
- ✓ Improving energy efficiency standards for buildings and consumer goods. (HB 1444, HB 1257)
- ✓ Phasing out super-polluting greenhouse gases. (HB 1110)
- ✓ Improving salmon habitat. (HB 1579, HB 1102)
- ✓ Protecting orcas from intrusive vessels. (SB 5577)
- ✓ Reducing the risks of oil spills. (HB 1578)
- ✓ Investing in forest health and wildfire suppression and prevention. (HB 1109)
- ✓ Encouraging clean home electric power generation. (SB 5223)
- ✓ \$148.4 million in toxics cleanup, prevention and stormwater assistance. (HB 1102)
- ✓ \$63 million to maintain and improve state parks. (HB 1102)
- ✓ \$85 million in outdoor recreation projects.

For the first time in 10 years, the Legislature completed a 105-day session on time with three balanced budgets that invest in ensuring Washington continues to be an economic and social leader. We continued to build on the foundation laid out last session by focusing on bills that strengthen our communities.

This year we made historic investments in health care, including behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment, higher education, and the environment — and kept our promise to Washington's 1.1 million students through additional investments in schools in every corner of our state. We tackled criminal justice reform, improved election transparency, increased voter access, enhanced workers' rights, and worked hard to ensure protections for all residents of the state of Washington.

We continued to put people first by committing our state to a path toward 100% clean energy, adopted the nation's first public health care option, and became the first state to adopt publicly-funded long-term care.

Thank you to all of you who worked with my office this year to shape legislation and participate in the work we do in Olympia. I am always excited to hear from you about how we can partner to address the needs of the 45th Legislative District.

Please reach out to me using the contact information in this newsletter if you have comments, questions, or suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you!

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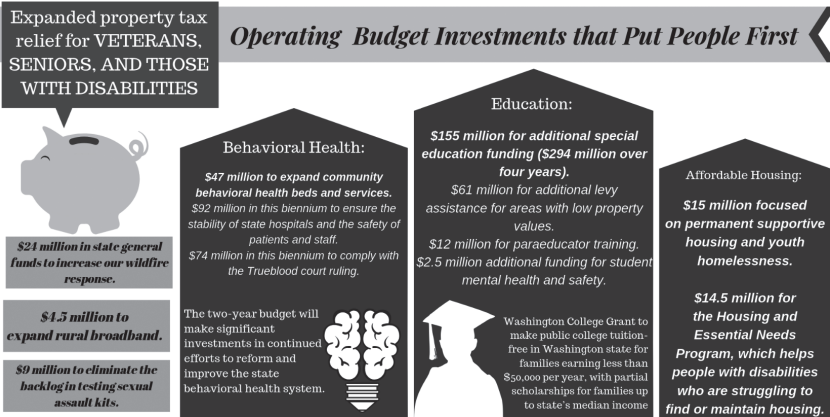
BUDGET

Operating Budget

Every two years the Legislature writes an operating budget that funds state services, priorities and programs across the entire state. A budget is a reflection of our values. Even though the budget is essentially about funding, the choices about which programs to fund and which investments to prioritize set us on a course for a bright future. For a look at the full budget, search for House Bill number 1109 in our bill finder: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>

Some of the highlights of the \$52.4 billion two-year operating budget include:

- \$213 million in behavioral health funding which will make significant investments in continued efforts to reform and improve the state behavioral health system to move us to an early intervention model.
- A fully funded public education system is the foundation of our democracy, and that is why we dedicated more than half of the state budget to K-12 education.
- \$29.5 million to address affordable housing through key investments in housing programs and services to help people stay in their homes as well as access affordable housing.

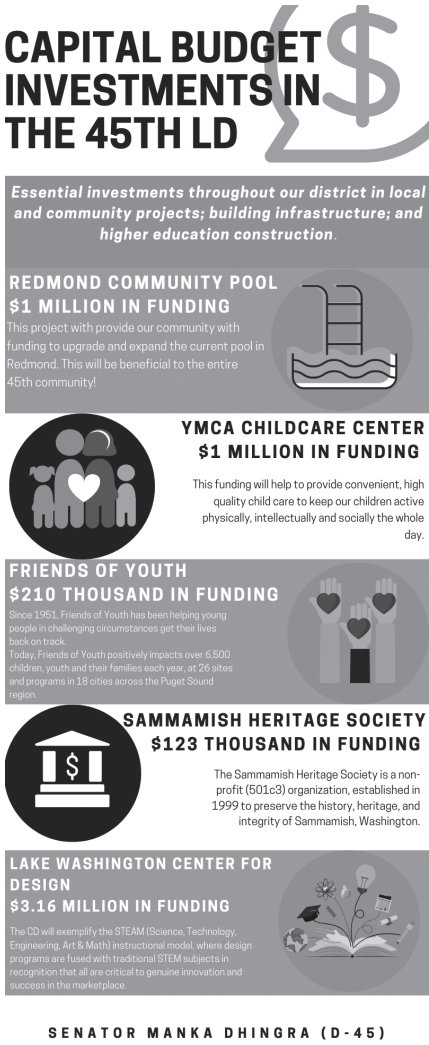


Capital Budget

The \$4.6 billion capital budget makes large investments in public schools (\$1.1 billion), including \$60 million for rural and distressed schools; \$927 million for public colleges and universities; \$30 million for rural broadband internet access; \$155 million for affordable housing; \$463 million to help salmon and orcas; and \$117 million for community behavioral health facilities.

Capital budget investments in the 45th Legislative District include:

- \$1 million for the Redmond community pool
- \$1 million for improving the YMCA's Childcare Center
- \$210,000 for Friends of Youth
- \$123,000 for the Sammamish Heritage Society Reard-Freed House
- \$3.16 million for the Lake Washington Center for Design

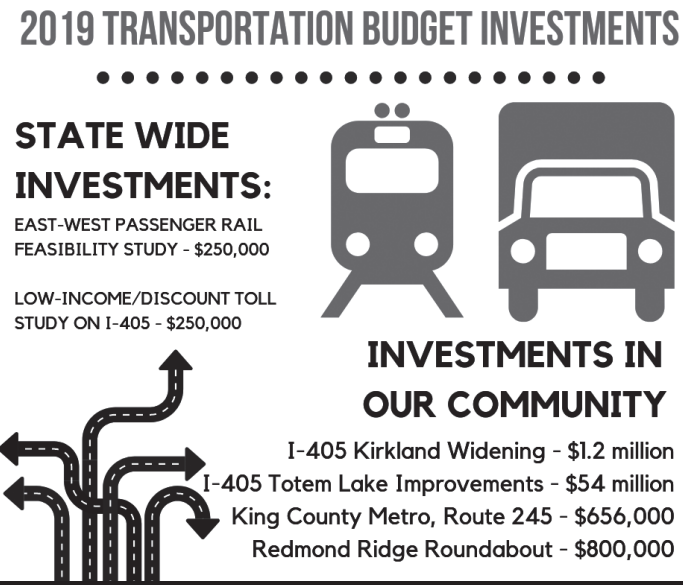


Transportation Budget

The downside of living in a thriving economy and desirable location is the traffic. There are several highlights and new investments made as part of the \$9.8 billion, two-year transportation plan including the continued delivery of projects first adopted as part of the 2015 Connecting Washington transportation package.

New investments include

- \$35 million to continue the work to replace the Interstate 5 Bridge across the Columbia River.
- Funding for the I-405 north end completion.
- \$40 million for the SR 167/SR 509 Puget Sound Gateway project and \$17 million for I-90 Snoqualmie Pass.
- Funding to start building a new 144-car hybrid electric vessel as well as the conversion of one existing ferry.



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MY LEGISLATION

Senate		Senate					House					Governor
Title	No.	Comm	Hearing	Exec	Rules	Calendar	Comm	Hearing	Exec	Rules	Calendar	Signature
App Tax Ex.	5160						Rules					
Jury Service	5162						Rules					
NCHV/Cvns	5205						Rules					
Felony Voting Rights	5307						Rules					
BH Integration	5432						Rules					
Trueblood	5444						Rules					
CourtHouse Dogs	5501						Rules					
SDL	5649						Rules					
Incerh Testimony	5714						Rules					
PTA	5780						Approps.					
PDC/Conduct	5861						Rules					
Domestic V.	5889						Rules					
16 BILLS PASSED!!												
Pocket Service	1006						Rules					
Enact Crms	1739						Rules					
DVI Quins	1235						L&J					
DN	1517						W&M					
CERTS	1744						W&M					
PTSD Rx	1909						Rules					

This session, sixteen bills I sponsored were passed into law.

SB 5160 provides property tax relief to those who can least afford an increase — senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and veterans in areas with a high cost of living. These neighbors, many of whom have called the 45th home for decades, should not be priced out of their homes.



SB 5207 requires that inmates being released from custody be notified how to restore their voting rights and provided with voter registration forms.

HB 1517 / SB 5681 modifies our domestic violence practices to develop risk assessment tools, update treatment requirements, and establish a training curriculum for treatment providers.

SB 5649 extends the statute of limitations for most sexual assault crimes, eliminating it for most crimes against minors, while also eliminating the requirement that the victim “clearly express” non-consent. It is time we make it clear that rape is not the victim’s fault.

HB 1909 / SB 5844 ensures that mental health records remain confidential when firefighters seek worker’s compensation coverage for post-traumatic stress disorder.

HB 1066 / SB 5034 protects consumers by requiring debt collectors to file a lawsuit before issuing a summons, eliminating “pocket service,” so that debts can be collected in a transparent manner.

HB 1739 / SB 5061 bans undetectable or untraceable firearms. 3D printers are here to stay, and our laws must keep up with the technological realities of our lives.

SB 5444 reforms how our state treats individuals with mental illness in the criminal justice system by improving evaluation processes and strengthening diversion and community-based support.

SB 5432 resolves some issues integrating behavioral and physical health care to ensure we are treating people from head to toe.

SB 5205 prohibits possession of a firearm by someone found by a court to be incompetent to stand trial, particularly if they have a history of violence, while allowing for restoration of that right upon further court findings.

SB 5889 protects patient privacy by requiring health carriers to prevent disclosure of personal information that relates to sensitive health care services, such as reproductive health, substance use disorder, or mental health.

SB 5551 allows trained and certified courthouse facility dogs to accompany witnesses during testimony so that victims, often children who have been sexually or physically abused, can tell their story and hold perpetrators accountable.

HB 1225 / SB 5143 requires law enforcement to temporarily remove firearms when responding to domestic violence calls. When a firearm is present, a domestic violence victim is 500% more likely to be killed.

SB 5714 introduces evidence-based best practices for evaluating eyewitness and informant testimony. I was proud to work with the Innocence Project, defense, prosecutors, and law enforcement to ensure our system focuses on justice.

SB 5861 extends the legislative code of conduct to all members of the legislative community so that we have a professional, respectful work place that we can all be proud of.

SB 5162 ensures that our jury pools are more diverse by clarifying that a person is eligible to serve on a jury upon restoration of their voting rights.

Behavioral Health – Comprehensive Reforms, Compassionate Change.

2019 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE LEGISLATION	
HB 1349	GERIATRIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OPTIONS
HB 1534	PSYCHIATRIC PAYMENTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
E2SSB 5432	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION
2SSB 5903	CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH
E2SHB 1593	UW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAMPUS
2SHB 1767	ARREST & JAIL ALTERNATIVES
2SHB 1907	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SYSTEM
ESHB 1768	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROFFESIONALS
2SHB 1394	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES
2SHB 1528	RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES
E2SSB 5444	FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE

People with mental illness continue to suffer instead of getting the care they need. We must move our behavioral health system from a crisis response model to an early intervention model. As Chair of the newly formed Behavioral Health Sub-Committee this year, I am proud that we made great progress in doing exactly that.