

Budget Balancing Worksheet

Within your "corner," choose how to balance the budget based on your priorities. For each spending increase, spending cut, or revenue change, you need to show who is affected (jobs, people served, businesses taxed, etc.) and justify why the change is good policy. When your total spending and revenue changes are the SAME NUMBER, you have balanced the budget. Add your total new spending (even if it's negative due to cuts) to the starting budget to find your proposed total.

Enter starting
(maintenance) budget
total (billions): 38

Proposed budget total
(starting total + Spending) _____

SPENDING CHANGES (increase +, cut -) in Billions			
Program	Ideal Proposal	Deal	Justification: who is affected? Downsides? Why is it worth doing?
TOTAL NEW SPEND			

REVENUE CHANGES (tax increase +, tax cut -) in Billions			
Source	Ideal Proposal	Deal	Justification: who is affected? Downsides? Why is it worth doing?
TOTAL NEW SPEND			