Washington State Near General Fund Operating Budget (based on 2015-17)

Human Services
- Behavioral/mental health services
- Public assistance (cash and food assistance, child support enforcement) for 740,000 families
- Long-term care for 90,000 people with medical or developmental disabilities
- Child protective services
- Foster care for 9,000 children
- Chemical dependency treatment for 3,400 people
- Treatment for 800 youth offenders
- Confinement for 265 sex offenders

Current: $6.4B
New: _____

Public Schools
- 295 school districts educating 1 million K-12 students
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and 370 FTEs
- 99.8% of NGF funding distributed directly to school districts

Current: $18B
New: _____

Health Care
- Health care for 1.8 million low-income adults and children
- Health insurance for 355,000 public employees & families
- Veterans health care & support
- Health insurance market exchange
- Services for blind/visually impaired people
- Public health programs to reduce environmental, disease, and injury hazards
- Licensing and regulation for health care professionals

Current: $4B
New: _____

Higher Education
- Education and training for 235,000 full-time equivalent students in state universities, community and technical colleges
- Student Achievement Council, State Need Grants, and financial aid/student support services

Current: $3.5B
New: _____

Debt & Other Payments
- Debt service on state and local capital bonds
- 26% of NGF funding distributed directly to local governments

Current: $3B
New: _____

Public Safety & Corrections
- State prisons and community supervision for 34,000 offenders
- Training for local law enforcement

Current: $2B
New: _____

Government Operations
- Tax collection
- Emergency management operations
- Community and economic development
- Licensing of businesses and professions
- Administration of unemployment insurance and worker benefits
- Staff and admin support of statewide elected officials, agencies, and local governments
- State Historical Society, Arts Commission, and historic preservation
- Anti-discrimination programs

Current: $0.6B
New: _____

Other Education
- Department of Early Learning
- Childcare and early learning programs for 50,000 children
- Residential schools for 185 students

Current: $0.3B
New: _____

Natural Resources
- Departments of Ecology, Natural Resources, Agriculture, State Parks Commission, and local environmental partnerships
- Management of 124 state parks and 6.5 million acres or state land

Current: $0.3B
New: _____

Judicial Branch
- Staff and administration for state Appeals and Supreme Courts
- Assistance to local courts
- Legal services for low-income people

Current: $0.3B
New: _____

Legislative Branch
- Staff and administration for House of Representatives and Senate, including 5 research and support agencies

Current: $0.1B
New: _____
Washington State Operating Budget Revenue

Near-General Fund and Opportunity Pathways
(based on 2015-2017)

Retail Sales Tax
(6.5% on most retail purchases)
current: $18B
new: _______

Business & Operations Tax
(around 0.48% for retail, wholesale, and manufacturing; 1.5% for service businesses)
current: $7.5B
new: _______

Property Tax
(State rates combined with local rates and levies; constitutionally limited to 1% of property value UNLESS voters approve a special levy)
current: $4.1B
new: _______

Real Estate Tax
(1.3% on real estate sales)
current: $1.6B
new: _______

Public Utility Tax
(rates vary by utility – water, electricity, gas, transportation)
current: $0.8B
new: _______

All Other
(includes taxes and fees on things like liquor ($0.04B), cigarettes ($0.8B), insurance premiums ($1B), timber harvesting ($1.2B), soda ($0.01), commercial fishing ($0.006), and others)
current: _______

Real Estate Tax
(1.3% on real estate sales)
current: $1.6B
new: _______

New Revenue Options

High-Earner Income Tax
(on households earning over $200,000/year)
$2.5B

Capital Gains Tax
(7% on capital gains income)
$0.8B

Cap & Trade Tax
(tax to limit carbon emissions by businesses)
$0.4B

Other
(close loopholes, sin/luxury items tax)
up to $1B