



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

# **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

## **Legislative Update**

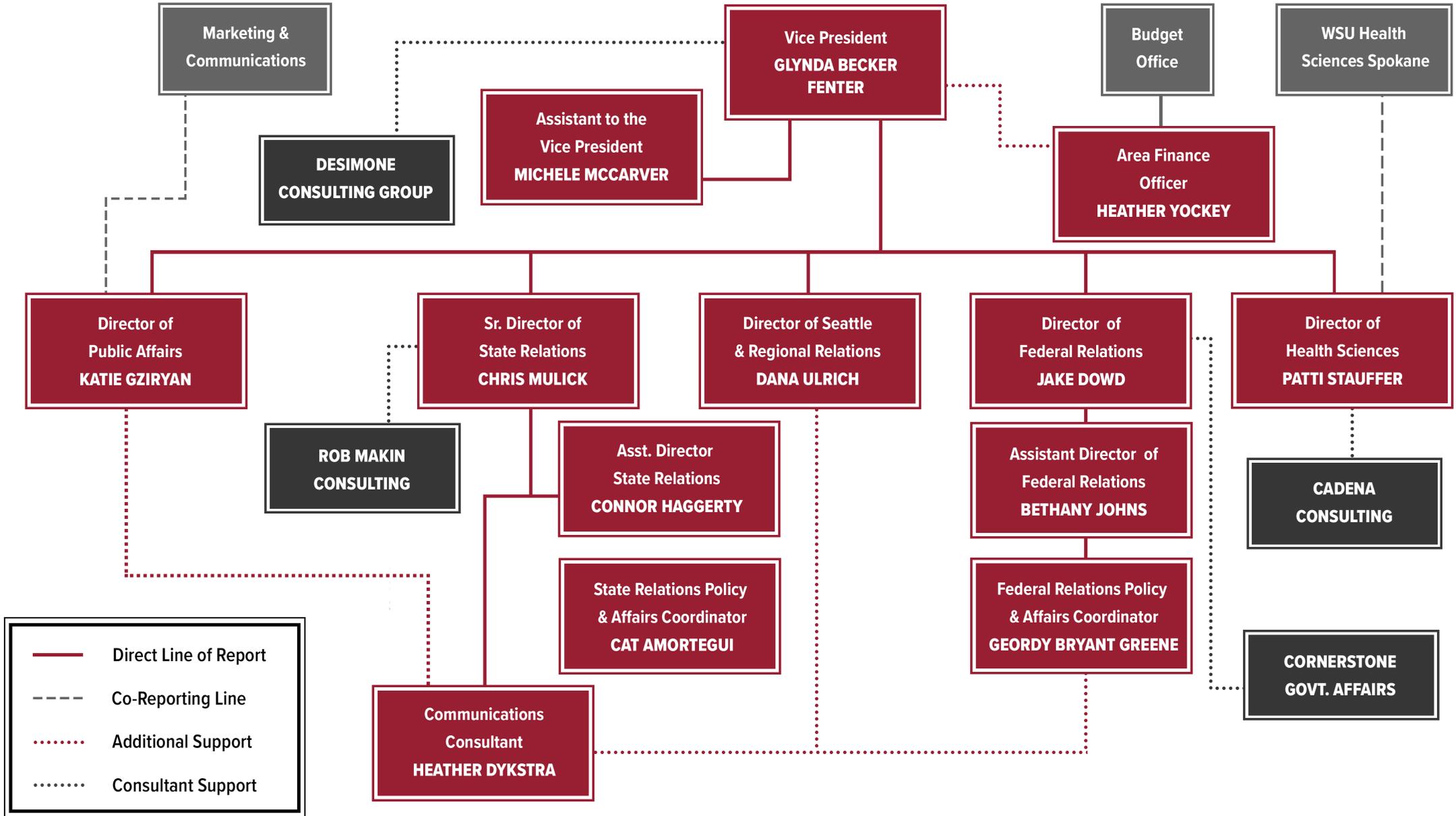
Faculty Senate Meeting

*December 5, 2024*

**GLYNDA BECKER-FENTER**

Vice President

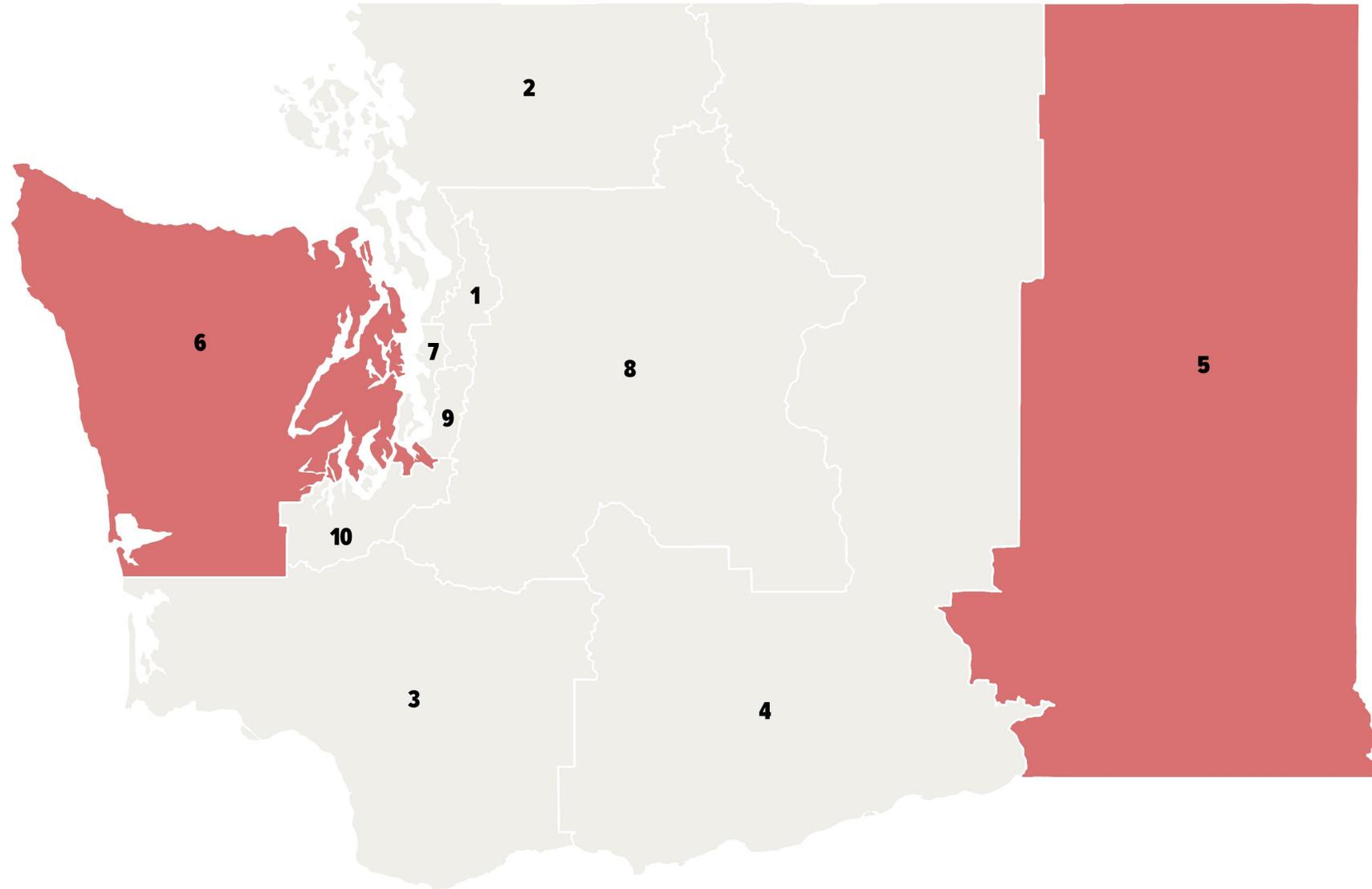
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# Changes this Election Year:

- State Senator  
**Emily Randall** wins  
6<sup>th</sup> Congressional  
District
- **Michael Baumgartner** wins  
5<sup>th</sup> Congressional  
District



**NEW MEMBER OF CONGRESS**

**NO CHANGES**



# FY25 Federal Budget Update

## Programmatic, Bill & Report Requests

On an annual basis, the Office of Federal Relations works with campus and college leadership, the office of research and student affairs to generate annual programmatic requests to assist in advocating for federal funding opportunities that support WSU. These requests reflect the priorities of the institution and are used to highlight the impact of federal funding on WSU's students, research, faculty and staff.

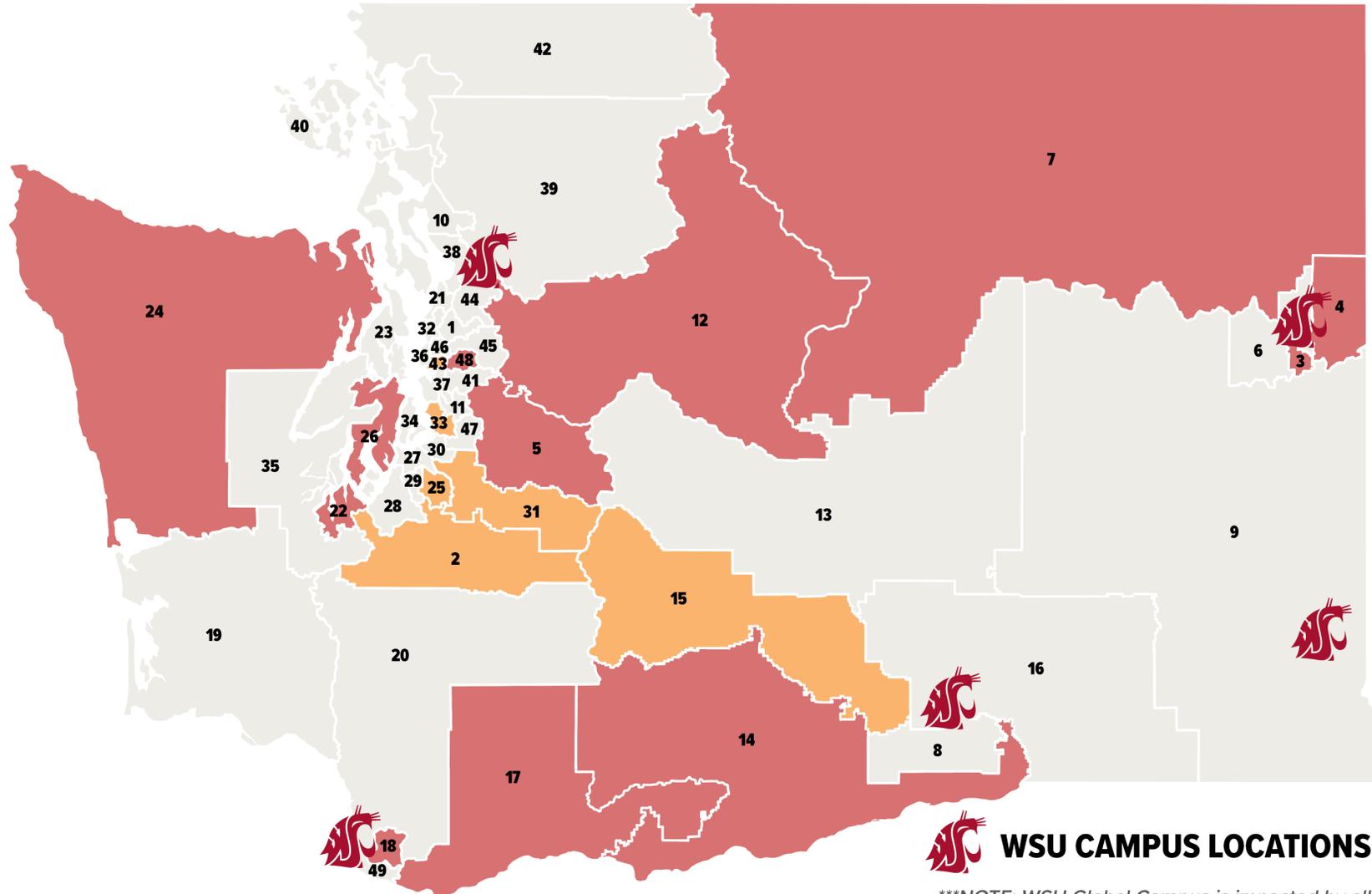
## Community Project Funding / Congressional Directed Spending

Earmarks seek to direct funding within a specific program or account to a specified state, local government, or nonprofit recipient and are subject to House and Senate earmark disclosure rules.



## Community Project Funding and Congressional Directed Spending Requests

PROJECT	COLLEGE / CAMPUS	WSU REQUEST	MEMBER REQUEST	HILL OFFICE	STATUS
Aquatic Lab Update	<i>CVM, Pullman</i>	\$2.0M	\$1.425M	Murray	\$1.425M successfully marked by Murray
Hot Cell Completion	<i>CAS / OR, Pullman</i>	\$7.577M	\$7M	Murray	\$7M successfully marked by Murray
<i>Equipment Supporting Agriculture AI</i>	<i>CAHNRS, Pullman (Dairy)</i>	\$1.7M	\$1.7M	Murray and Rodgers	\$850K by Rodgers Funds added to ARS by Murray
<i>Equipment Supporting Agriculture AI</i>	<i>CAHNRS, Prosser</i>	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	Murray	\$1.8M successfully marked by Murray
<i>HYPER Lab Update</i>	<i>VCEA, Pullman</i>	\$3.2M	\$2.312M	Murray and Cantwell	Not successful
<i>AI Workforce Equipment</i>	<i>CAS, VCEA, Vancouver</i>	\$3M		Murray and Cantwell	Not successful
<i>Life Sciences Building Equipment</i>	<i>CAS, Vancouver</i>	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	Murray, Cantwell and Gluesenkamp Perez	Not successful



**WSU CAMPUS LOCATIONS**

\*\*\*NOTE: WSU Global Campus is impacted by all

# The Emerging Legislative Landscape

- 42 percent turnover since 2020
- Moderates are threatened
- Democrats have claimed supermajorities in both House and Senate
- New leadership in key places
- Unhelpful higher ed narrative

**TWO SEATS CHANGING\*\***

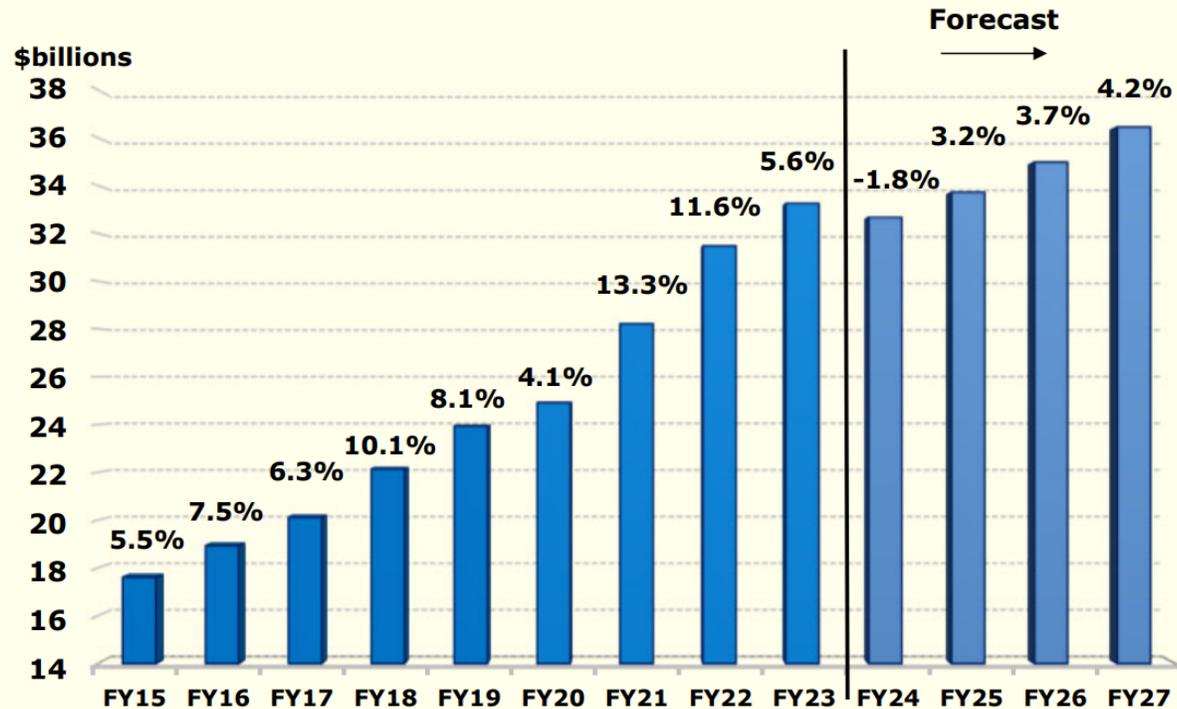
**ONE SEAT CHANGING**

**NO CHANGES**

\*\*INCLUDES DISTRICTS WHERE SENATE POSITION IS OPENING AND REPRESENTATIVE IS CAMPAIGNING TO FILL SEAT ASSIGNMENT



# Forecast of funds subject to the budget outlook process\* by fiscal year



Revenue Review  
November 20, 2024

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\*Funds subject to the budget outlook process are General Fund-State plus Education Legacy Trust, Washington Opportunities Pathway and Workforce Education Investment Accounts  
Source: ERFC forecast, November 2024

WASHINGTON STATE ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL



# WSU PRIORITIES FOR 2025

## COLAs & CBAs

Fully fund Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) and Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs)

## MEDICAL SCHOOL

Accreditation support for the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

## NATIVE COUGS

Make the Native Cougar Scholars Fund permanent

## CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

Reduce deferred maintenance backlog

Leverage state appropriation with private investment



# STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES FOR WSU

## WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

- Climate Resilience
- Farmer Mental Health
- Animal Disease Testing

## GLOBAL CAMPUS

- Digital Literacy Certificate

## MASTER GARDENER'S

- Endowment Campaign

## VETERINARY MEDICINE

- Seat expansion

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY

- Paine Field Sustainable  
Aviation Fuels Research and  
Development Center

## ENTOMOLOGY

- Pest Management /  
Entomologist faculty position

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- Teacher Residence Prep  
Program

## SKAGIT VALLEY

- Ag Innovation Center

## WASHINGTON STATE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

- WSAS Fellowship Program

## THE PALOUSE

- Palouse National Heritage  
Area Study

## PULLMAN / TRI-CITIES

- Law School



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