

(1) \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 is provided solely for the department to consult with a food service architect to determine the feasibility and cost of remodels to select cafes owned by entrepreneurs participating in the business enterprise program, and to prepare a report that includes the results, recommendations, cost, and potential funding sources that could be used to assist with remodels. The report is due to the governor and appropriate legislative committees by November 1, 2021.

(2) \$70,000 of the general fund—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide individualized training to its blind, visually-impaired, deaf, and hearing-impaired staff in Microsoft 365 programs.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 225. FOR THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2022)	\$1,757,000
General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2023)	\$2,834,000
General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$382,529,000
General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$36,416,000
Unemployment Compensation Administration Account—	
Federal Appropriation	\$420,315,000
Administrative Contingency Account—State	
Appropriation	\$26,636,000
Employment Service Administrative Account—State	
Appropriation	\$60,926,000
Family and Medical Leave Insurance Account—State	
Appropriation	\$139,697,000
Workforce Education Investment Account—State	
Appropriation	\$7,400,000
Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account—State	
Appropriation	\$32,265,000
Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund—Federal	
Appropriation	\$168,745,000
Unemployment Insurance Relief Account—State	
Appropriation	\$500,000,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,779,520,000

The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

1 (1) The department is directed to maximize the use of federal  
2 funds. The department must update its budget annually to align  
3 expenditures with anticipated changes in projected revenues.

4 (2) \$30,458,000 of the long-term services and supports trust  
5 account—state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of  
6 the long-term services and support trust program. Of this amount,  
7 \$10,932,833 is provided for implementation of the long-term services  
8 and support trust program information technology project and is  
9 subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in  
10 section 701 of this act.

11 (3) Within existing resources, the department must reassess its  
12 ongoing staffing and funding needs for the paid family medical leave  
13 program and submit documentation of the updated need to the governor  
14 and appropriate committees of the legislature by September 1, 2021,  
15 and annually thereafter.

16 (4) \$101,000 of the employment service administrative account—  
17 state appropriation is provided solely for information technology  
18 enhancements necessary for implementation of job title reporting and  
19 is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in  
20 section 701 of this act.

21 (5)(a) Within existing resources, the department shall coordinate  
22 outreach and education to paid family and medical leave benefit  
23 recipients with a statewide family resource, referral, and linkage  
24 system that connects families with children prenatal through age five  
25 and residing in Washington state to appropriate services and  
26 community resources. This coordination shall include but is not  
27 limited to placing information about the statewide family resource,  
28 referral, and linkage system on the paid family and medical leave  
29 program web site and in printed materials, and conducting joint  
30 events.

31 (b) Within existing resources, by December 1, 2021, and each year  
32 thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the governor and  
33 the appropriate committees of the legislature concerning the ability  
34 for the paid family and medical leave program and a statewide family  
35 resource, referral, and linkage system to provide integrated services  
36 to eligible beneficiaries. The report shall include an analysis of  
37 any statutory changes needed to allow information and data to be  
38 shared between the statewide family resource, referral, and linkage  
39 system and the paid family and medical leave program.

1 (6) Within existing resources, the department shall report the  
2 following to the legislature and the governor by September 30, 2021,  
3 and each year thereafter:

4 (a) An inventory of the department's programs, services, and  
5 activities, identifying federal, state, and other funding sources for  
6 each;

7 (b) Federal grants received by the department, segregated by line  
8 of business or activity, for the most recent five fiscal years, and  
9 the applicable rules;

10 (c) State funding available to the department, segregated by line  
11 of business or activity, for the most recent five fiscal years;

12 (d) A history of staffing levels by line of business or activity,  
13 identifying sources of state or federal funding, for the most recent  
14 five fiscal years;

15 (e) A projected spending plan for the employment services  
16 administrative account and the administrative contingency account.  
17 The spending plan must include forecasted revenues and estimated  
18 expenditures under various economic scenarios.

19 (7) \$3,264,000 of the employment services administrative account—  
20 state appropriation is provided solely for the continuation of the  
21 office of agricultural and seasonal workforce services.

22 (8) \$476,000 of the unemployment compensation administration  
23 account—federal appropriation is provided for the department to  
24 implement chapter 2, Laws of 2021 (unemployment insurance). If the  
25 department does not receive adequate funding from the United States  
26 department of labor to cover these costs, the department may use  
27 funding made available to the state through section 903 (d), (f), and  
28 (g) of the social security act (Reed act) in an amount not to exceed  
29 the amount provided in this subsection (8).

30 (9) \$875,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
31 year 2022, \$875,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
32 fiscal year 2023, and \$7,385,000 of the workforce education  
33 investment account—state appropriation are provided solely for career  
34 connected learning grants as provided in RCW 28C.30.050.

35 (10) \$1,222,000 of the employment services administrative account  
36 —state appropriation and \$1,500,000 of the family and medical leave  
37 insurance account—state appropriation are provided solely for the  
38 maintenance and operation of the disaster recovery continuity of  
39 operations information technology project.

1 (11) \$80,000 of the employment services administrative account—  
2 state appropriation is provided solely for the department to produce  
3 a report on the feasibility of replicating the existing unemployment  
4 insurance program to serve individuals not eligible for unemployment  
5 insurance due to immigration status. The study shall identify  
6 programmatic differences that would mitigate barriers to access and  
7 reduce fear of participation and identify the operational and  
8 caseload costs associated with the replication. If using a replica of  
9 the unemployment insurance program conflicts with federal law, the  
10 study shall assess the operational and caseload costs of similar  
11 social net programs that serve individuals regardless of their  
12 citizenship status. The departments shall jointly submit  
13 recommendations required by this section to the governor and  
14 appropriate legislative committees no later than November 5, 2021.  
15 The department shall:

16 (a) Work with the departments of labor and industries, social and  
17 health services, and commerce and the office of the governor;

18 (b) Convene and meet at least three times with a group of eight  
19 to ten external stakeholders comprised of representatives from  
20 geographically diverse immigrant advocacy groups, labor organizations  
21 with a state-wide presence, workers' rights groups, and legal and  
22 policy advocacy groups focused on immigration and employment law; and

23 (c) Hold at least one listening session with community members.

24 (12) \$41,456,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (ARPA)  
25 and \$2,684,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (CRF) are  
26 provided solely for the department to address the impacts of COVID-19  
27 on the state unemployment system in order to prevent and detect  
28 fraud, promote equitable access to the unemployment insurance system,  
29 and ensure the timely payment of unemployment insurance benefits. Of  
30 the amounts provided in this subsection:

31 (a) \$22,346,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (ARPA)  
32 is provided solely for the department to address an anticipated  
33 increase in the unemployment insurance appeals caseload.

34 (b) \$5,768,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (ARPA)  
35 is provided solely for the department to ensure adequate security  
36 measures are in place to prevent unemployment insurance fraud.

37 (c) \$4,465,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (ARPA)  
38 is provided solely for the department to migrate and upgrade the  
39 unemployment insurance customer call center phone system to a cloud-

1 based system. Prior to executing a contract, the department shall  
2 consult with the office of the chief information officer. The  
3 department must ensure that the project plan, timeline with  
4 quantifiable deliverables, and budget by fiscal year by fund, to  
5 include ongoing costs by fiscal year, are adhered to. The department  
6 shall report on the status of the project to the office of financial  
7 management and the relevant committees of the legislature by December  
8 1, 2021.

9 (d) \$400,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (ARPA) is  
10 provided solely for translation of documents and letters and other  
11 improvements to ensure customer ease-of-access.

12 (e) \$4,477,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (ARPA)  
13 is provided for the department to process the unemployment insurance  
14 claimant backlog and to make program changes that enhance user  
15 experience in order to reduce claimant errors.

16 (f) \$1,417,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (CRF) is  
17 provided solely for the department to contract with the national  
18 guard to assist the department with its unemployment insurance claims  
19 backlog.

20 (g) \$1,267,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (CRF) is  
21 provided solely for the department to contract with a vendor to  
22 provide fact-finding services related to unemployment insurance  
23 claims.

24 (h) \$4,000,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation (ARPA)  
25 for fiscal year 2022 is provided solely for the department to  
26 translate notices sent to claimants as part of their unemployment  
27 insurance claims into any of the 10 languages most frequently spoken  
28 in the state. The department must also ensure that letters, alerts,  
29 and notices produced manually or by the department's unemployment  
30 insurance technology system are written in plainly understood  
31 language and evaluated for ease of claimant comprehension before they  
32 are approved for use.

33 (13) \$10,000,000 of the unemployment compensation administration  
34 account—federal appropriation is provided solely for the department  
35 to make information technology improvements to improve user  
36 experience and increase security to prevent unemployment insurance  
37 fraud. If the department does not receive adequate funding from the  
38 United States department of labor to cover these costs, the  
39 department may use funding made available to the state through

1 section 903 (d), (f), and (g) of the social security act (Reed act)  
2 in an amount not to exceed the amount provided in this subsection.  
3 This subsection is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review  
4 provided in section 701 of this act.

5 (14) Within existing resources, the department shall report to  
6 the legislature by September 2, 2021, the following information  
7 pertaining to the unemployment insurance program:

8 (a) The number of full time equivalent employees of the  
9 department who were working in the unemployment insurance program,  
10 including those who were reassigned internally to the unemployment  
11 insurance program, the number of full time equivalent employees that  
12 were contracted by the department from other state agencies, and the  
13 number of contractors or consultants engaged by the department, on a  
14 monthly basis beginning March 1, 2020, through the latest available  
15 month;

16 (b) A projection of full-time equivalent staffing or contractor  
17 needs that would be affordable within anticipated base and above-base  
18 federal unemployment administrative revenues;

19 (c) A spending plan for anticipated federal unemployment revenues  
20 other than base or above-base revenues, including any proposed  
21 additional full-time equivalent staff, consultants, contractors, or  
22 other investments related to helping the department reduce the  
23 backlog of unemployment insurance claims, appeals, denials,  
24 overpayments, and other claimant issues; and

25 (d) A budget for the unemployment insurance program, showing  
26 expenditures by object and fund source, for fiscal years 2022 and  
27 2023, along with any projected shortfalls in revenues.

28 (15) \$797,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
29 year 2022, \$1,874,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
30 fiscal year 2023, and \$979,000 of the family medical leave insurance  
31 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the implementation  
32 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5097 (paid leave coverage).  
33 If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2021, the amount provided in  
34 this subsection shall lapse.

35 (16) \$90,000 of the unemployment account—federal appropriation is  
36 provided solely for the implementation of Engrossed Substitute Senate  
37 Bill No. 5190 (health care workers/benefits). If the bill is not  
38 enacted by June 30, 2021, the amount provided in this subsection  
39 shall lapse.

1 (17) \$5,322,000 of the unemployment account—federal appropriation  
2 is provided solely for the department to implement Engrossed  
3 Substitute Senate Bill No. 5193 (unemployment ins. system). If the  
4 bill is not enacted by July 1, 2021, the amount provided in this  
5 subsection shall lapse.

6 (18) \$168,745,000 of the coronavirus state fiscal recovery  
7 account—federal appropriation is provided solely for the  
8 implementation of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1073  
9 (paid leave coverage). Of the amount provided in this subsection, at  
10 least 95 percent is provided solely for grants and assistance awarded  
11 by the department pursuant to the bill. If the bill is not enacted by  
12 June 30, 2021, the amount provided in this subsection shall lapse.

13 (19) \$500,000,000 of the unemployment insurance relief fund—state  
14 appropriation is provided solely for the implementation of  
15 unemployment insurance relief provided pursuant to Engrossed  
16 Substitute Senate Bill No. 5478 (unemployment insurance). If the bill  
17 is not enacted by June 30, 2021, the amount provided in this  
18 subsection shall lapse. The department is directed to implement the  
19 bill within existing resources.

20 (20) \$1,806,000 of the long-term services and supports trust  
21 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the implementation  
22 of Substitute House Bill No. 1323 (long-term services trust). If the  
23 bill is not enacted by June 30, 2021, the amount provided in this  
24 subsection shall lapse.

25 (21) \$1,075,000 of the unemployment account—federal appropriation  
26 is provided solely for the implementation of Substitute House Bill  
27 No. 1455 (social security/L&I & ESD). If the bill is not enacted by  
28 June 30, 2021, the amount provided in this subsection shall lapse.

29 (22) \$10,571,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation is  
30 provided solely for administration costs related to the federal  
31 unemployment insurance programs extended under the American rescue  
32 plan act of 2021, P.L. 117-2.

33 (23) \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
34 year 2022 and \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
35 fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for the North Central  
36 educational service district 171 to support the development of  
37 industry and education partnerships and expand career awareness,  
38 exploration and preparation activities for youth in Grant county.