

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6031 S SB	<b>Title:</b> Student transp. allocation
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI		8,000				
Loc School dist-SPI	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.					
Local Gov. Other						
Local Gov. Total						

## Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Superintendent of Public Instruction	.2	222,000	222,000	222,000	.0	24,000	24,000	24,000	.0	24,000	24,000	24,000
Superintendent of Public Instruction	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>222,000</b>	<b>222,000</b>	<b>222,000</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI			8,000						
Loc School dist-SPI	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.								
Local Gov. Other									
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Superintendent of Public Instruction	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Other									
Local Gov. Total									

# Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6031 S SB	<b>Title:</b> Student transp. allocation	<b>Agency:</b> 350-Superintendent of Public Instruction
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	222,000	222,000	24,000	24,000
<b>Total \$</b>	0	222,000	222,000	24,000	24,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

SSB 6031 changes from SB 6031: Adds a new section 4 which expands the school bus purchase and reimbursement process to include passenger vans used in lieu of school buses.

Section 1 adds language that transportation funding does not mandate the type of vehicle used to transport students. Districts can use whichever vehicle the districts decide is the safest and most cost effective, included school buses and vans, and may use the allocation accordingly.

Section 2 of the bill makes a change to RCW 28A.160.150 that requires that each district report to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) the number of miles driven per vehicle type for pupil transportation services.

Section 3(1) requires that the Student Transportation Allocation Reporting System (STARS) formula will include all vehicle types used to transport students.

Section 3(3) requires that district owned vehicles must be included in the transportation allocation calculation, incorporating average distance to school and number of destinations.

Section 4(1) changes the specific language referring to school buses in the school bus categories, competitive specifications RCW to student transportation vehicle to allow passenger vans in establishing the minimum number vehicle categories and when establishing minimum specifications.

Section 4(2) states that OSPI will complete the competitive bid process for passenger vans as well as school buses.

Section 4(3) requires that OSPI will base the reimbursement for passenger vans on the lowest base vehicle quote.

Section 4(4) states that school districts may purchase passenger vans directly from vendors on the OSPI approved vendor list and if they choose to purchase elsewhere, they will only be reimbursed at the OSPI determined rate.

Section 4(7) defines student transportation vehicle as a school bus or passenger van used in lieu of a school bus.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

This bill would have no cash receipts impact on the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

OSPI expenditure impact:

OSPI costs for Section 2:

An Apportionment Program Manager at a WMS 2 level, at about 20 hours staff time is needed to account for writing accounting guidance, training slides for Local Education Agencies (LEAs), and testing School Apportionment and Financial Services (SAFS) fiscal system changes. The total cost for this is estimated at about \$2,000 in FY 2025.

In addition, rulemaking is required by OSPI in order to implement the new funding guidelines in Section 2. OSPI estimates that this would require about 102 hours for a Director at a WMS 2 level, 21 hours for an Executive Assistant Confidential Secretary, 17 hours for an Assistant Superintendent exempt, and 75 hours for a Program Coordinator exempt. The estimated cost for the rulemaking work is \$21,000 in FY 2025.

Section 2 would require a contractor at a cost of about \$57,000 in FY 2025 for updating the SAFS apportionment system and fiscal systems with new revenue and accounting codes. This section also requires additional collection by OSPI into the STARS transportation IT system for mileage that districts can claim for van transportation. As this is not an input currently collected, OSPI estimates a cost of \$50,000 for contracting costs for changes.

Section 3 costs are indeterminate as OSPI is unable to sufficiently estimate costs to the regression transportation formula without the new data that will be collected in section 2 of this bill.

Section 4 of the bill would require that OSPI establish specifications for vans, to solicit price quotes related to vans, base the reimbursement for passenger vans on the lowest base vehicle quote. Also, OSPI would have to make rulemaking changes to Chapter 392-142 WAC and Chapter 392-143-WAC.

OSPI estimates that the work in section 4 would require 80 hours for a Program Supervisor at a WMS 2 level, 324 hours for a Director at a WMS 2 level, 92 hours for an Executive Assistant Confidential Secretary, 34 hours for an Assistant Superintendent exempt level, and 40 hours for an Administrative Program Specialist 2, range 60 step M. The cost for this work is estimated at \$63,000 in FY 2025. Also, OSPI estimates that section 4 would require a contractor to make a modification to the existing depreciation system to add the vans category to the program. The estimated cost for this work is \$29,000 in FY 2025, and \$12,000 in years after for maintenance work.

**Part III: Expenditure Detail**

**III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures**

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	0	222,000	222,000	24,000	24,000
<b>Total \$</b>			0	222,000	222,000	24,000	24,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

**III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.5	0.2		
A-Salaries and Wages		45,000	45,000		
B-Employee Benefits		32,000	32,000	2,000	2,000
C-Professional Service Contracts		134,000	134,000	22,000	22,000
E-Goods and Other Services		3,000	3,000		
G-Travel		3,000	3,000		
J-Capital Outlays		5,000	5,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
<b>Total \$</b>	0	222,000	222,000	24,000	24,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Administrative Program Specialist, range 60, step	96,648		0.0	0.0		
Apportionment Program Manager WMS2	96,648		0.1	0.0		
Assistant Superintendent Exempt	164,280		0.0	0.0		
Executive Assistant Confidential Secretary Exempt	69,708		0.1	0.0		
Rules Coordinator Exempt	86,136		0.1	0.1		
Transportation Director WMS2	107,748		0.2	0.1		
<b>Total FTEs</b>			0.5	0.3		0.0

**III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)**

NONE

**Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

**IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures**

NONE

**IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

No capital impact anticipated.

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

Section 2 of the bill would require rule changes to RCW 28A.160.150.

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Local School District-Private/Local NEW-7		8,000	8,000		
<b>Total \$</b>		8,000	8,000		

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### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

Account	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Local School District-Private/Local NEW-7	0	8,000	8,000	0	0
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Cash receipts to school districts is indeterminate. Section 3 of the bill requires that OSPI annually calculate the transportation allocation for services provided for in RCW 28A.160.150, inclusive of all vehicle types used. The transportation allocation for transporting students in district-owned passenger cars must be included in the overall determination of the district's annual student transportation allocation. Students transported in district-owned passenger cars must be included in the corresponding basic or special passenger counts, average distance to school, and the number of locations served. OSPI is unable to sufficiently estimate costs to the regression transportation formula without the new data that will be collected in section 2 of this bill, and therefore the cash receipts to school districts is indeterminate.

OSPI assumes a cash receipts impact of \$8,000 in FY 2025 to cover the cost of regional transportation coordinators (RTC's) time consulting with OSPI in section 4 of the bill.

### II. C - Expenditures



Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

School district expenditure impact:

The expenditure impact to school districts is indeterminate. Section 3 of the bill requires that OSPI annually calculate the transportation allocation for services provided for in RCW 28A.160.150, inclusive of all vehicle types used. The transportation allocation for transporting students in district-owned passenger cars must be included in the overall determination of the district's annual student transportation allocation. Students transported in district-owned passenger cars must be included in the corresponding basic or special passenger counts, average distance to school, and the number of locations served. OSPI is unable to sufficiently estimate costs to the regression transportation formula without the new data that will be collected in section 2 of this bill, and therefore the amount of cash receipts and corresponding assumed same expenditures for school districts is indeterminate.

OSPI assumes that grant funds would be needed to cover the cost of regional transportation coordinators (RTC's) time consulting with OSPI in section 4 of the bill. OSPI estimates 0.04 FTE will be needed for to accomplish the work outlined in the bill at an estimated cost of \$8,000 in FY 2025.

**Part III: Expenditure Detail**

**III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures**

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
NEW-7	Local School District	Private/Local	0	8,000	8,000	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>			0	8,000	8,000	0	0

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**III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services					
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services		8,000	8,000		
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
<b>Total \$</b>	0	8,000	8,000	0	0

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**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

**III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)**

NONE

**Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

**IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures**

NONE

**IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

No capital impact anticipated.

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

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