Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5263 S SB Title: Special education funding

Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2025-27		2027	-29	2029-31	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI		992,619,000		1,161,520,000		1,202,055,000
Local Gov. Other						
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27				2027-29				2029-31			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	.0	144,628,000	144,628,000	144,628,000	.0	147,190,000	147,190,000	147,190,000	.0	147,190,000	147,190,000	147,190,000
Superintendent of Public Instruction	.6	988,739,000	992,769,000	992,769,000	.5	1,156,752,000	1,161,644,000	1,161,644,000	.5	1,197,100,000	1,202,179,000	1,202,179,000
Total \$	0.6	1,133,367,000	1,137,397,000	1,137,397,000	0.5	,303,942,000	1,308,834,000	1,308,834,000	0.5	1,344,290,000	1,349,369,000	1,349,369,000

Agency Name		2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	
Local Gov. Courts										
Loc School dist-SPI			992,619,000			1,161,520,000			1,202,055,000	
Local Gov. Other										
Local Gov. Total										

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Children,	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Youth, and Families									
Superintendent of Public	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Instruction									
Total ©	0.0	0	<u> </u>	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	U	<u> </u>	0.0	U	U	0.0		<u>_</u>

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5263 S SB	Title:	Special education	funding			epartment of Children and Families
Part I: Estimates No Fiscal Impact Estimated Cash Receipts to: NONE						
Estimated Operating Expend	itures from:					
		FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	9 2029-31
Account	1 1	74 000 000	70 505 000	444 000	200	2000 447 400 000
General Fund-State 00	Total \$	71,033,000 71,033,000	73,595,000 73,595,000	144,628,0 144,628,0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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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.

Substitute Senate Bill 5263 amends RCWs 28A.150.390, 28A.150.392, 43.216.580, and 28A.150.560 to change the special education cost multiplier rate.

Section 2(2)(a) is amended to increase the special education cost multiplier rate from 1.2 to 1.6381 for three, four, and five year olds not yet enrolled in kindergarten who are eligible for and receiving special education.

Section 4(2)(a) is amended to change the early support for infants and toddlers program funding rate multiplier from 1.15 to the multiplier used in RCW 28A.150.390 (2) (a).

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.

NONE

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.

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families estimates \$144,628,000 (\$144,628,000 General Fund State) in the 2025-2027 Biennial Budget.

Section 3(2)(a)

This section of the bill increases the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program funding rate multiplier from 1.15 to 1.6381.

Total costs are \$144,628,000.

CLIENT SERVICE CONTRACTS:

The DCYF ESIT program currently contracts with 24 ESIT provider agencies and 4 county lead agencies with 19 ESIT provider agency subcontracts.

The assumed cost of ESIT contracts is calculated by multiplying the forecasted ESIT caseload, provided by the caseload forecast council, times the Special Education Basic Education Allocation (BEA) rate times the multiplier. Per the February 2025 ESIT Forecast, the ESIT caseload is assumed to be 13,611 in FY26 and 14,102 in FY27. The current SpEd BEA rate is assumed to be \$10,692.

DCYF assumes increasing the ESIT program funding rate multiplier from 1.15 to 1.6381 would lead to a 42.44% increase in overall client service contract costs. The assumed cost increase would be \$71,033,000 in FY26 and \$73,595,000 in FY27

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

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A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts					
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III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Early Learning (030)	71,033,000	73,595,000	144,628,000	147,190,000	147,190,000
Total \$	71,033,000	73,595,000	144,628,000	147,190,000	147,190,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

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No Fiscal Impact						
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Estimated Operating Expenditu	res from:					
		FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
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Account General Fund-State 001-1		426,184,000	562,555,000	988,739,000	1,156,752,000	1,197,100,000
WA Opportunity Pathways		1,688,000	2,342,000	4,030,000	4,892,000	5,079,000
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	Total \$	427,872,000	564,897,000	992,769,000	1,161,644,000	1,202,179,000
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and alternate ranges (if appropria	· •					
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(3) Amended

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- (c) Removed the section addressing how the enrollment percentage is calculated and that it does not include Age 3-5 or institutional education enrollment.

Section 3: Amends RCW 28A.150.392 and 224 c 127 s 2

(6) Amended

Updated the high-need student eligibility for safety net awards 2 times the average per-pupil expenditures, for school districts with fewer than 1,000 full-time equivalent students and 2.2 times the average per-pupil expenditures for school districts with 1,000 or more full-time equivalent students to 1.5 times the average per-pupil expenditure as defined in Title 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7801 starting in the 2025-26 school year.

Section 4: This act takes effect September 1, 2025

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

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None

II. C - Expenditures

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Substitute bill:

Section 2 using new multiplier of 1.32 and removing enrollment cap for 2025-26 is an estimated increase of \$481,148,000.

Section 3 will require a change to OSPI rules, OSPI estimates \$21,000 of staff time for the required rule changes in FY26. Additionally, OSPI estimates the change in application process will require an estimated 0.5 staff time, \$67,000 in FY26 and ongoing for approximately \$62,000 per fiscal year.

Section 7 OSPI assumes the proration and allocation of general apportionment funding allocated to the special education program by 30 percent.

Original Bill:

Section 2 OSPI uses caseload forecast enrollment to estimating an increase of \$884,240,000 with the increased multipliers and enrollment cap removal for 2025-26 school year. See attached table for further school year and fiscal year details.

Section 3 OSPI is using 2023-24 school year Safety Net awards to calculate the estimated increase of \$70,382,000 for the 2025-26 school year. OSPI is unable to reasonably estimate any assumed increase to the number of individual student applications that would potentially occur with a lower threshold nor any potential savings to safety net to the state due to the removal of the enrollment CAP or higher multipliers.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
001-1	General Fund	State	426,184,000	562,555,000	988,739,000	1,156,752,000	1,197,100,000
17F-1	WA Opportunity Pathways Account	State	1,688,000	2,342,000	4,030,000	4,892,000	5,079,000
		Total \$	427,872,000	564,897,000	992,769,000	1,161,644,000	1,202,179,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
A-Salaries and Wages	46,000	36,000	82,000	72,000	72,000
B-Employee Benefits	27,000	20,000	47,000	40,000	40,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	4,000	3,000	7,000	6,000	6,000
G-Travel	4,000	3,000	7,000	6,000	6,000
J-Capital Outlays	7,000		7,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services	427,784,000	564,835,000	992,619,000	1,161,520,000	1,202,055,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	427,872,000	564,897,000	992,769,000	1,161,644,000	1,202,179,000

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 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Administrative Assistant 3	54,204	0.0		0.0		
Assistant Superintendent	161,385	0.0		0.0		
Executive Assistant - Confidential	71,799	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Secretary						
Program Supervisor	96,990	0.1		0.0		
Rules Coordinator	111,156	0.0		0.0		
Total FTEs		0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
State Office Administration (010)	88,000	62,000	150,000	124,000	124,000
Special Education (026)	427,784,000	564,835,000	992,619,000	1,161,520,000	1,202,055,000
Total \$	427,872,000	564,897,000	992,769,000	1,161,644,000	1,202,179,000

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

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 3(6) will require rulemaking changes to accommodate the new quarterly safety net award distribution schedule.

			Special E	duc	ation SSB 5263							
School Year		2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28		2028-29		2029-30		2030-31
PreK Multiplier		1.2000	1.6381		1.6381	1.6381		1.6381		1.6381		1.6381
Single Multiplier			1.3200		1.3200	1.3200		1.3200		1.3200		1.3200
Enrollment CAP		16%	None		None	None		None		None		None
Multiplier Increase	\$	-	\$ 456,074,000	\$	471,732,000	\$ 481,220,000	\$	489,311,000	\$	499,586,000	\$	510,076,000
Eliminate Enrollment CAP	\$	-	\$ 25,074,000	\$	26,003,000	\$ 26,526,000	\$	26,973,000	\$	27,540,000	\$	28,119,000
Safety Net	\$	-	\$ 70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$ 70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$	70,832,000
Total School Year	\$	-	\$ 551,980,000	\$	568,567,000	\$ 578,578,000	\$	587,116,000	\$	597,958,000	\$	609,027,000
State Fiscal Year		2025	2026		2027	2028		2029		2030		2031
Multiplier Increase	\$	-	\$ 353,457,000	\$	468,209,000	\$ 479,085,000	\$	487,491,000	\$	497,274,000	\$	507,716,000
Eliminate Enrollment CAP	\$	-	\$ 19,432,000	\$	25,794,000	\$ 26,408,000	\$	26,872,000	\$	27,412,000	\$	27,989,000
Safety Net	\$	-	\$ 54,895,000	\$	70,832,000	\$ 70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$	70,832,000
Rule Making FTE Section 3	\$	-	\$ 21,000	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
FTEs for Section 3	\$	-	\$ 67,000	\$	62,000	\$ 62,000	\$	62,000	\$	62,000	\$	62,000
Total Fiscal Year	\$	-	\$ 427,872,000	\$	564,897,000	\$ 576,387,000	\$	585,257,000	\$	595,580,000	\$	606,599,000
Biennium	2	2023-2025	2025	-202	7	2027	7-20	29	2029-2033		3	
Total Biennium	\$	-	\$		992,769,000	\$		1,161,644,000	\$ 1,202,1		1,202,179,000	

State Fiscal Year Funding	2025		2026		2027	2028		2029	2030		2031	
001-1 GF Total School Dist and Tribal	\$	-	\$ 426,184,000	\$	562,555,000	\$ 573,961,000	\$	582,791,000	\$ 593,066,000	\$	604,034,000	
17F Opp Pathway Charter	\$	-	\$ 1,688,000	\$	2,342,000	\$ 2,426,000	\$	2,466,000	\$ 2,514,000	\$	2,565,000	
Total Fiscal Year	\$	-	\$ 427,872,000	\$	564,897,000	\$ 576,387,000	\$	585,257,000	\$ 595,580,000	\$	606,599,000	
Biennium	2023-202	25	2025	-2027	7	2027	7-202	29	2029-2031		1	
Total Biennium	\$	-	\$		992,769,000	\$		1,161,644,000	\$	1,202,179,00		

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

sill Number: 5	5263 S SB	Title: S	pecial education t	funding	Agen	cy: SDF-School I Note - SPI	District Fiscal
art I: Estim	ates						
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stimated Cash I	Receipts to:						
ACCOUNT			FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
School District L NEW-7	ocal-Private/Local		427,784,00	564,835,000	992,619,000	1,161,520,000	1,202,055,000
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Account School District I	Local-Private/Local		427,784,000	564,835,000	992,619,000	1,161,520,000	1,202,055,00
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(3) Amended

- (b) Removed the section that explains that special education funding is not dependent on the serving districts reporting but rather the resident district numbers. Also, how students from a nonhigh district or attending through an interdistrict agreement should be treated.
- (c) Removed the section addressing how the enrollment percentage is calculated and that it does not include Age 3-5 or institutional education enrollment.

Section 3: Amends RCW 28A.150.392 and 224 c 127 s 2

(6) Amended

Updated the high-need student eligibility for safety net awards 2 times the average per-pupil expenditures, for school districts with fewer than 1,000 full-time equivalent students and 2.2 times the average per-pupil expenditures for school districts with 1,000 or more full-time equivalent students to 1.5 times the average per-pupil expenditure as defined in Title 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7801 starting in the 2025-26 school year.

Section 4: This act takes effect September 1, 2025

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.

Cash revenue equals state expenditures less rule making and application process FTEs.

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 assumes local education agencies will expend all revenue received in full less rule making and changes in application process. See State note for further details.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
NEW-7	School District Local	Private/Lo	427,784,000	564,835,000	992,619,000	1,161,520,000	1,202,055,000
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		Total \$	427,784,000	564,835,000	992,619,000	1,161,520,000	1,202,055,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
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	427,784,000	564,835,000	992,619,000	1,161,520,000	1,202,055,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	427,784,000	564,835,000	992,619,000	1,161,520,000	1,202,055,000

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

Part V: New Rule Making Required

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

		Special E	duc	ation SSB 5263							
School Year	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28		2028-29		2029-30		2030-31
PreK Multiplier	1.2000	1.6381		1.6381	1.6381		1.6381		1.6381		1.6381
Single Multiplier		1.3200		1.3200	1.3200		1.3200		1.3200		1.3200
Enrollment CAP	16%	None		None	None		None		None		None
Multiplier Increase	\$ -	\$ 456,074,000	\$	471,732,000	\$ 481,220,000	\$	489,311,000	\$	499,586,000	\$	510,076,000
Eliminate Enrollment CAP	\$ -	\$ 25,074,000	\$	26,003,000	\$ 26,526,000	\$	26,973,000	\$	27,540,000	\$	28,119,000
Safety Net	\$ -	\$ 70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$ 70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$	70,832,000
Total School Year	\$ -	\$ 551,980,000	\$	568,567,000	\$ 578,578,000	\$	587,116,000	\$	597,958,000	\$	609,027,000
State Fiscal Year	2025	2026		2027	2028		2029		2030		2031
Multiplier Increase	\$ -	\$ 353,457,000	\$	468,209,000	\$ 479,085,000	\$	487,491,000	\$	497,274,000	\$	507,716,000
Eliminate Enrollment CAP	\$ -	\$ 19,432,000	\$	25,794,000	\$ 26,408,000	\$	26,872,000	\$	27,412,000	\$	27,989,000
Safety Net	\$ -	\$ 54,895,000	\$	70,832,000	\$ 70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$	70,832,000	\$	70,832,000
Total Fiscal Year	\$ -	\$ 427,784,000	\$	564,835,000	\$ 576,325,000	\$	585,195,000	\$	595,518,000	\$	606,537,000
Biennium	2023-2025	2025-	-202	7	2027	7-202	29	2029-2030		0	
Total Biennium	\$ -	\$ 		992,619,000	\$ 		1,161,520,000	\$ 1,202,0		1,202,055,000	

State Fiscal Year Funding	20	25	2026		2027	2028		2029	2030		2031	
001-1 GF Total School Dist and Tribal	\$	-	\$ 426,096,000	\$	562,493,000	\$ 573,899,000	\$	582,729,000	\$ 593,004,000	\$	603,972,000	
17F Opp Pathway Charter	\$	-	\$ 1,688,000	\$	2,342,000	\$ 2,426,000	\$	2,466,000	\$ 2,514,000	\$	2,565,000	
Total Fiscal Year	\$	•	\$ 427,784,000	\$	564,835,000	\$ 576,325,000	\$	585,195,000	\$ 595,518,000	\$	606,537,000	
Biennium	2023	-2025	2025	2027	7	2027	7-202	<u>.</u> 9	2029	2029-2030		
Total Biennium	\$	-	\$		992,619,000	\$		1,161,520,000	\$	1,202,055,00		