

FUTURE ACTION ITEM #5

Fiscal Year 2026 State Supplemental Budget Operating Request
(Leslie Brunelli/Glynda Becker-Fenter/Chris Jones/
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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026 Supplemental Operating Budget Request

PROPOSED: That the Washington State University Board of Regents approve the Fiscal Year 2026 State Supplemental Operating Budget Request and that the Board delegate authority to the President to approve the final request and any adjustments that may be needed prior to the submission to the Office of Financial Management (OFM), including development of additional decision packages if required to address strategic needs. The delegation of authority would be contingent upon the final request being presented to the full Board of Regents as an information item at the September 2025 meeting.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The proposed request for the Fiscal Year 2026 State Supplemental Operating Budget Request is described below:

- 1. Masters Entry to Professional Nursing Degree Program (MEPN)**
Funding would establish the state's first 14-month-long MEPN program for students already holding a Bachelor's degree to increase the supply of licensed nurses and nurse educators.
Request amount: \$1.4 million annually
- 2. WSU ROAR stabilization and expansion**
Funding would replace an expiring federal grant and expand the College of Education's signature program to promote independent living and job skills for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a residential setting on the Pullman campus.
Request amount: \$600,000 annually