

2019-21 Biennial Budget Decision Package

Agency: 350 – Supt of Public Instruction

DP code/title: Regionalization for Spokane charter schools

Budget period: 19-21 Regular Session

Budget level: ML

Agency RecSum text:

The legislature passed House Bill 2242 (2017) in response to a court ruling on school finance. House Bill 2242 included a new funding component called a “regionalization” factor. Based on the statute, charter schools are to receive the same regionalization factor as the school district in which they are geographically located. However, due to an oversight, the regionalization factor for the charter schools in Spokane does not reflect the same regionalization factor as Spokane Public Schools. This request intends to correct that oversight.

Fiscal detail: To be completed by budget staff

Operating Expenditures	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Washington Opportunity Pathways Account – State 17F-01	196,375	176,975	145,975	112,650
Total Expenditures	196,375	176,975	145,975	112,650
Biennial Totals	\$373,350		\$258,625	
Staffing	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Average Annual	0.0		0.0	
Object of Expenditure	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
N – Grants, Benefits & Client Services	196,375	176,975	145,975	112,650

Package description

House Bill 2242 (2017) included a new funding component called a “regionalization” factor. The factor ranges from 1.0 to 1.24, and is applied to the apportionment funding for school districts and charter schools. Schedules on the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee website define the regionalization factor that applies to each school district and charter school. Based on provisions in RCW 28A.710.280, charter schools are to receive the same regionalization factor as the school district in which they are geographically located. However, due to an oversight, the regionalization factor for the charter schools in Spokane on the current LEAP schedule does not reflect the same regionalization factor as Spokane Public Schools.

What is the problem, opportunity or priority you are addressing with the request?

This request is aimed at correcting the LEAP schedule for Spokane charter schools to ensure they receive the level of funding that was intended by the legislature when they passed House Bill 2242 (2017).

What is your proposed solution?

OSPI requests the LEAP schedule be amended to reflect the correct regionalization factor for Spokane charter schools. Amending the factor will ensure they receive the funding to which they are entitled under the current statute.

What are you purchasing and how does it solve the problem?

Funding this request will ensure that Spokane charter schools receive the funding to which they are entitled under current law.

What alternatives did you explore and why was this option chosen?

If this proposal is not funded, Spokane charter schools will not receive the funding to which they are entitled under current law.

Assumptions and calculations

Expansion or alteration of a current program or service

Not applicable.

Detailed assumptions and calculations

The regionalization factors applicable to Spokane Public Schools were applied to the funding for their two charter schools. The following table reflects the factors and the cost assumptions.

Regionalization Factors and Cost Assumptions				
District	SY 2019–20	SY 2020–21	SY 2021–22	SY 2022–23
Regionalization factor	1.06	1.05	1.04	1.03
Total school year costs	\$201,000	\$170,000	\$139,000	\$105,000

Fiscal year costs	\$196,375	\$176,975	\$145,975	\$112,650
Biennial totals		\$373,350		\$258,625

Workforce assumptions

Not applicable.

Strategic and performance outcomes

Strategic framework

Not applicable.

Performance outcomes

Not applicable.

Other collateral connections

Intergovernmental

This request will provide additional funding for the charter schools in Spokane.

Stakeholder response

Not applicable.

Legal or administrative mandates

This funding request corrects an oversight in a document that is instrumental in the implementation of the current statute.

Changes from current law

Not applicable.

State workforce impacts

Not applicable.

State facilities impacts

Not applicable.

Puget Sound recovery

Not applicable to OSPI.

Other supporting materials

- March 21, 2018 Letter of intent from legislators (attached)

Information technology (IT)

Information Technology

Does this DP include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

☒ No

☐ Yes

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