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The legislature adjourned on time this weekend after much back and forth jockeying for last minute amendments. Austin Jenkins has a great weekend wrap-up report [here](#). High level revenue and spending points from AWB on the Operating 2019-2021 and Supplemental 2017-2019: [ESHB 1109](#)

- \$52.4 billion in appropriations for 2019-21 is nearly \$8 billion higher than last biennium (\$44.6), a 17.5 percent increase in spending.
 - Sen. Mullet (D-Issaquah) was the only Democrat to vote against the budget, citing failed opportunities to look for reforms to save costs in School Employees Benefit Board (SEBB), and fund sweeps of Public Works Account.
 - The overall spending level does not include the impact of [HB 2158](#) (Workforce Investment Act), a B&O surcharge for a dedicated workforce investment account that generates almost \$1 billion over four years. Washington Research Council has a write-up on that policy choice [here](#).
- The McCleary deal of 2017-18 is undone. That deal was for state property tax levy to go up in exchange for caps on local levy authority. In the late hours of the final day [SB 5313](#) passed. It gives additional levy authority to local school districts. The new caps had just gone into effect this year. The authority given is uneven. School Districts with more than 40,000 pupils; i.e., Seattle School District, get more levy authority than smaller districts, under the rationale that it costs more to provide educational enhancement programs for children in an urban environment. Republicans argued the policy will lead us swiftly back into inequity and litigation.
- \$2.5 billion in new taxes over 4 years, not including what may come in newly authorized local levy authority.

For Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the budget look for a follow-up *WOVE* email sharing a breakdown of what exists in the 2019-21 Biennial Budget. Here are a few of the bills we were following this session and their final status after Sine Die.

Bill #	Short Title	Status	Sponsor	Notes
E2SHB 1599	Promoting career and college readiness through modified high school graduation requirements.	Del to Gov	Stonier	Pathways to Graduation & de-linking of required state testing
2SHB 1424	Concerning access to state career and technical course equivalencies.	Del to Gov	Steele	Expands state approved CTE EqCr's by districts
SHB 1621	Concerning basic skills assessments for approved teacher preparation programs.	Del to Gov	Ybarra	Modifies testing requirements to participate in Plan II CTE Prep Programs
E2SHB 1660	Concerning the participation of students who are low income in extracurricular activities.	S 2nd Reading	Bergquist	Did not pass, but pilot language in final budget

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