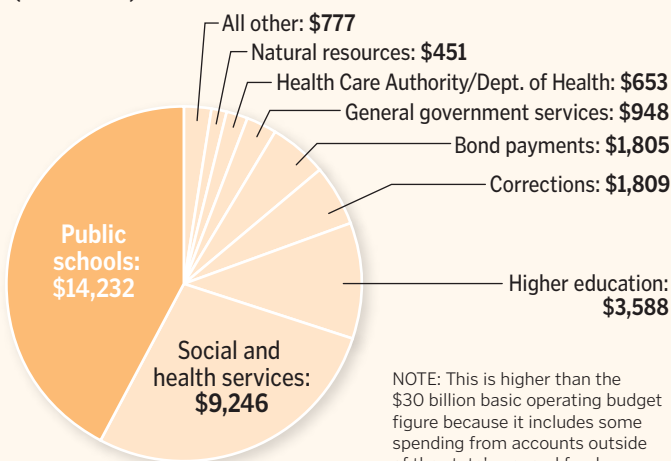


Budget basics

Maintaining government spending at the planned level would have cost \$33.3 billion in the next two years. Gov. Chris Gregoire proposed cutting the next budget for operating the state by \$3.3 billion to stay within the \$30 billion in tax revenue expected to come in during that time. Her proposal would cut services in many areas, take on higher caseloads and school enrollments, and use some one-time money moves to balance the books.

Break down for the 2009-11 operating budget

(in millions)



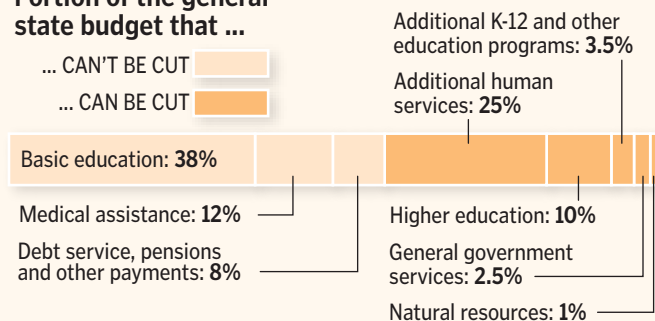
Where the cuts will come from

Most of the general state budget cannot be trimmed back because of federal law requiring schools, health care for the poor, and other services. That focuses budget cuts on the areas where the state can decide how much it spends.

Portion of the general state budget that ...

... CAN'T BE CUT

... CAN BE CUT



Add-ons

There also were \$3 billion in added costs in this budget because of rising numbers of students in schools, offenders in prisons, people needing medical help and more.

Added costs (in millions)

