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Special Session Report

Third Special Session Update

Lawmakers pushed through a new \$43.7 billion budget in less than a day on Friday, avoiding a partial shutdown of state government. Governor Inslee signed the budget at 11:15 pm, less than an hour before the midnight deadline!

While the 2017-2019 Operating Budget is now a done deal, the legislature did not adjourn Sine Die. There are still a number of important issues left to be resolved and 19 days left in the third special session. Lawmakers are expected to return to Olympia after the July 4th Holiday and wrap up their business the week of July 10th.

After everything is said and done, this will go down as one of the longest and most contentious legislative sessions we have seen. The last time a legislative session carried into July was in 2015 when they adjourned on July 13th, making it the longest legislative session in Washington State history!

Activity on Priority Bills / Issues of Interest

SB 5883 Final 2017-2019 Operating Budget Passed 6/30

- \$5.389 million E911 Account (NG911 and ESInet Implementation)
- **\$2 million E911 Account (Funding for grants to small, rural counties for replacement equipment necessary to maintain 911 services after the state's transition to a next generation 911 system)**
- \$221,000 (Restoration of E911 funds to E911 Account from State Patrol Fund sweep)
- No E911 Account fund sweep
- -\$38,000 E911 Account for SHB 1258 (Travis Alert) Funding for the Military Department to help review and design training programs to notify first responders and law enforcement regarding emergency situations where a person with a disability is present at the scene.
- \$951,000 Disaster Response Account (Carlton Complex Fire Relief to Okanogan and Ferry counties to address deficiencies within their communications infrastructure for 911 dispatch.)

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FYI...

Additional information:

The \$2 million funding for grants to small, rural counties that was included in the final operating budget is not an additional appropriation but is an earmark within the pre-existing appropriation for the Military E911 Account.