

## Higher education and the Senate 2009-11 proposed budget:



- Number of students using Washington's public higher education system: **302,931**
- Cost to maintain current level of service in state colleges and universities: **\$3.96 billion**
- Increase in number of students using our higher education system since 2005: **19,771**
- Increase in number of students in our higher education system in the past year: **11,024**
  - Number of new budgeted enrollments needed to maintain current rates of college attendance: **16,000**
- Total amount cut from the higher education system in the Senate budget: **\$512 million**
  - Average cut to each Washington technical and community college budget after a five percent tuition increase: **7 percent**
  - Average cut to each four-year university's budget after a seven percent tuition increase: **11 percent**
- Number of Washington students who will not be admitted to one of our colleges or universities because budgeted slots had to be cut: **10,500**
  - Number of higher education employees who could lose their jobs: **2,300**
- Dollars cut from state sponsored research, library hours, library acquisitions, plant operations, extended learning, and other public service programs: **\$125 million**
  - High demand fields listed to be emphasized: **5**
  - Bachelor of Arts degrees to be emphasized: **0**
- Forecasted state unemployment rate for 2010: **10 percent**
  - Current state unemployment: **8.4 percent**
- Number of laid-off workers that expect to go to community/technical colleges as the unemployment rate nears 10 percent: **15,000**