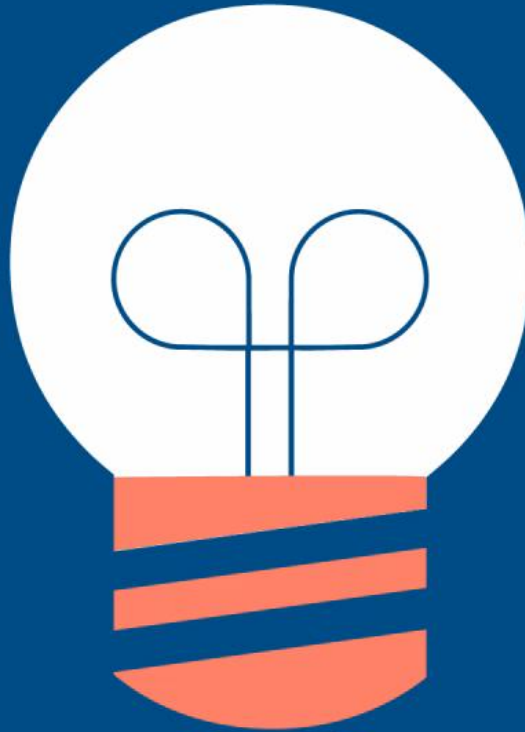




# RETHINKING HOW WE COLLECT REVENUE TO INVEST IN A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL

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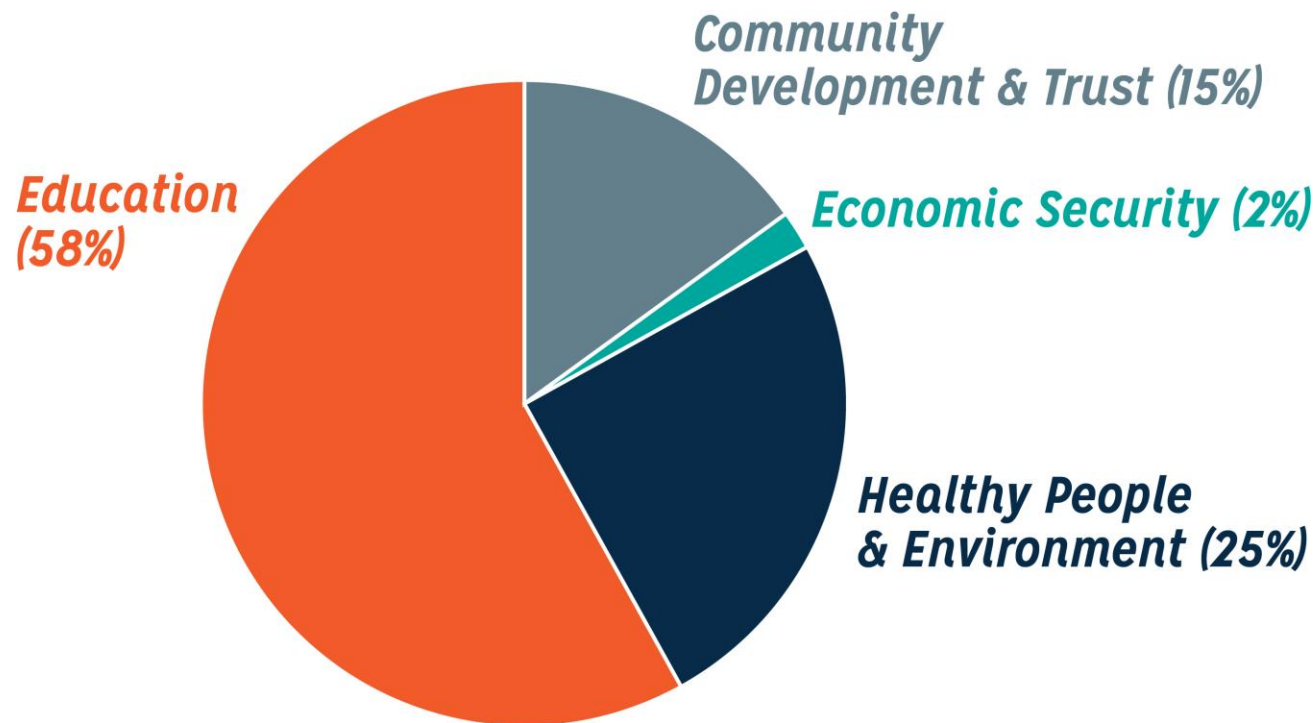
# WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2017



# THE WASHINGTON STATE BUDGET IS A REFLECTION OF OUR SHARED VALUES



*The enacted 2017-19 Washington state operating budget by value area\**



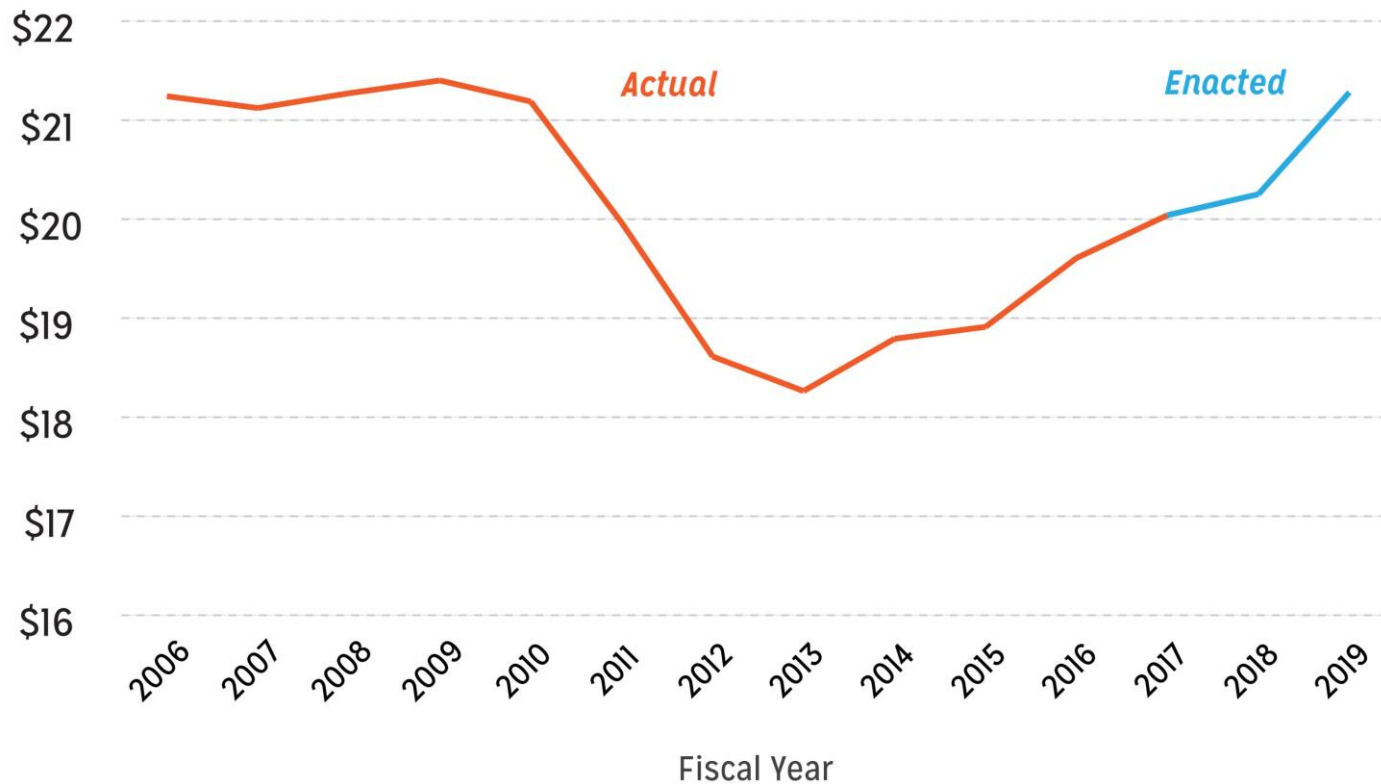
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# WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC INVESTMENT WON'T RECOVER TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS UNTIL 2019



*Washington state government spending by fiscal year, adjusted for inflation and population growth, 2006-2019, dollars in billions\**



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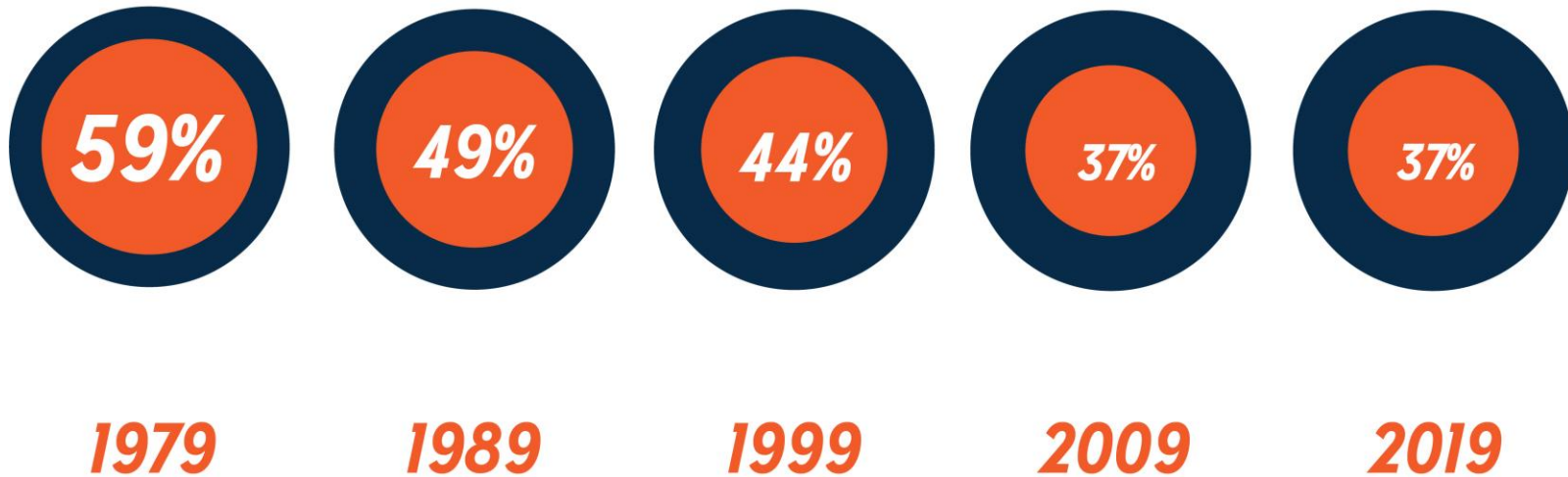


- **Neither stable nor dependable**
- **Neither transparent for consumers nor even-handed for businesses**
- **Inequitable and upside-down**

# WASHINGTON'S SALES TAX COVERS AN EVER-SHRINKING PORTION OF OUR ECONOMY



*Washington state taxable retail sales as a share of total state personal income by fiscal year, 1979-2017*

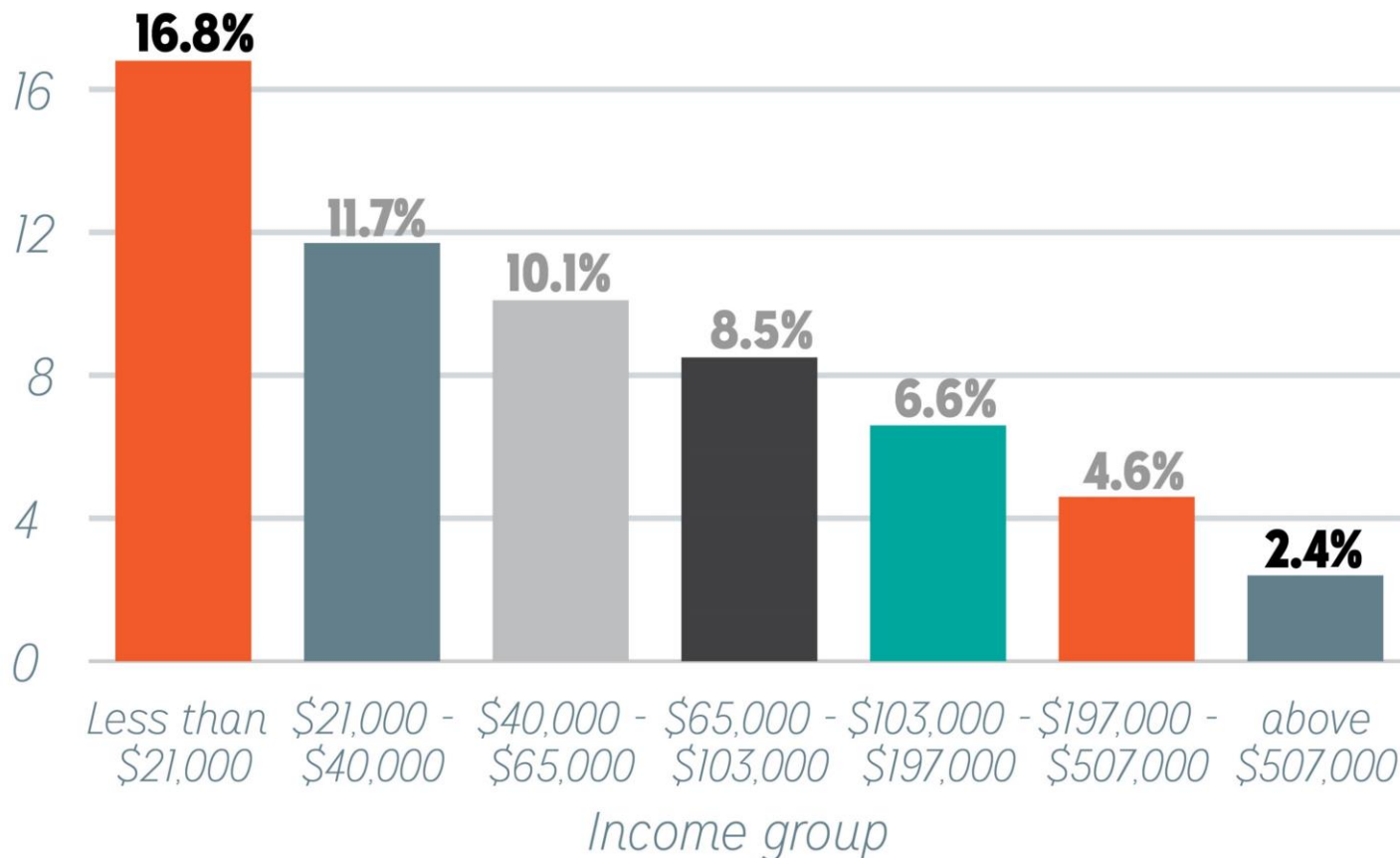


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# WASHINGTON'S TAX CODE IS UPSIDE-DOWN



*Washington state and local taxes as a share of family income by income group in 2015.*



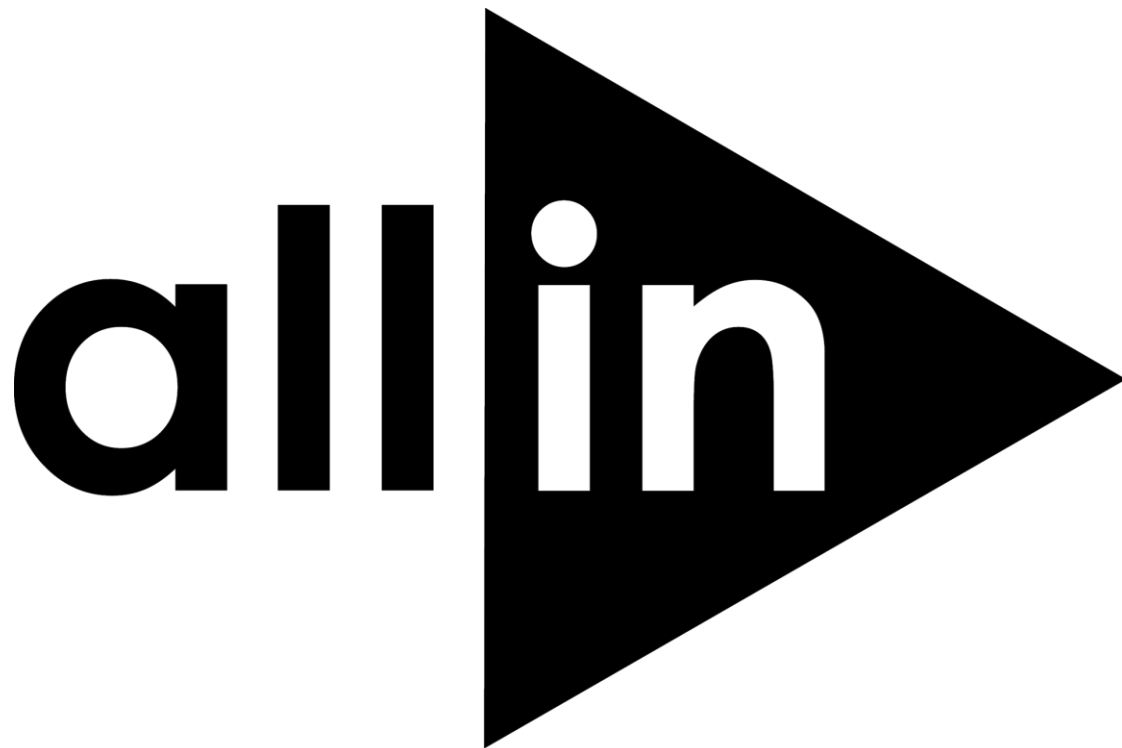
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# BUILDING A REVENUE CODE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



- **Eliminate the tax break on capital gains.**
- **Enact progressive credits and rebates.**
- **Clean up the property tax code.**

**Get Involved!**



**FOR WASHINGTON**

# THANK YOU!

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