

**Washington State 2013 – 2015 Biennial Budget
AARP Budget Priorities - Key Outcomes**



Budget Item	AARP Position	Senate Majority Coalition Caucus Proposal	House Democratic Proposal	Final Outcome budget signed by Governor Inslee 6-30-13	Impact
Medicaid Expansion	Full expansion, no co-pays	Full expansion, significant co-pays, \$303 million savings	Full expansion, no co-pays, \$265 million	Full expansion, no co-pays, \$351 million savings	40,000 people age 50-64 will be newly eligible for Medicaid health care coverage.
Prepare for Age Wave	Establish committee & study financing	\$50,000 for LTC financing study, caregiver and ADRC reports.	\$50,000 to establish legislative executive committee on aging and disability	Committee on Aging and Disability established, funded for two years at \$146k	Structure in place to plan for the age wave.
Adult Dental	Restore benefit	Partial restoration \$9 million	Full restoration, \$23.8 million	Full Restoration at total cost of \$23.3 million	Dental benefits restored to 100,000 people age 55+
Home Care Hours	No new cuts	Cuts assistance for help with laundry and shopping, \$10.6 million savings	No new cuts	No new cuts	Home care hours preserved for 6,000 clients.
Kinship Caregiver Program	Retain	Cut to achieve \$2.2 million in savings	Retained	Retained	Financial assistance for 2,500+ low-income grandparents raising grandchildren preserved.
Office of Public Guardianship	Retain	Retain	Cut	Cut by half, \$411,000 savings	More than 50 very poor, incapacitated people will lose access to guardians.
Protect Vulnerable Adults (In-Home and Residential)	Invest in 40 new FTEs	Not included	Funded \$1.2 million 28.7 FTEs when fully phased in.	No new investment	State agencies will struggle to ensure timely and effective response to abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults.
Pensions for retired state workers	Preserve defined benefit	Move to defined contribution, reduce health care subsidies.	No changes	No changes – defined benefit preserved, no health subsidy cut	Financial security for current and future retirees protected.

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