

Developments in Childcare and Other Early Learning Programs

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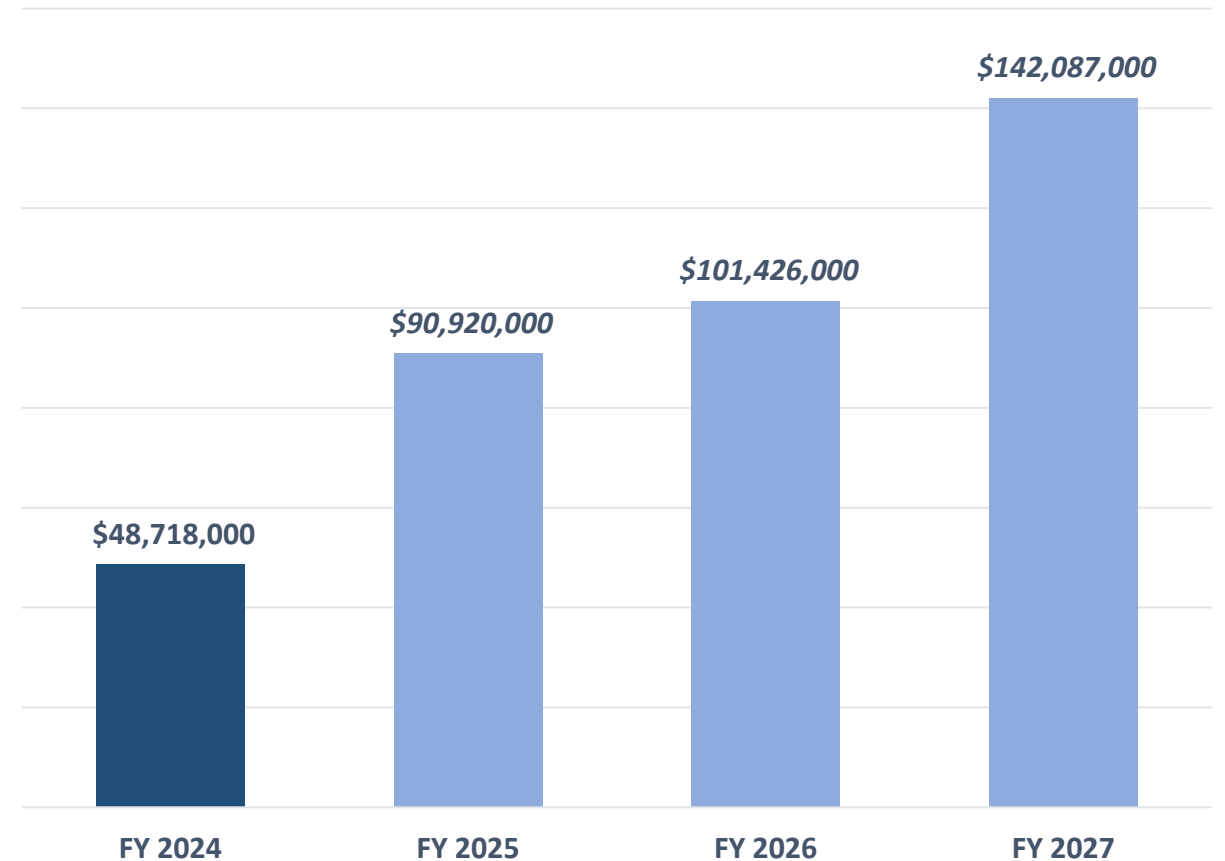
AGENDA

1. Senate (SCS)
 - Early Learning Budget Overview
2. Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
 - Transition to Kindergarten
 - Early Childhood Special Education
3. Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)
 - Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT)
 - Working Connections Child Care (WCCC)
 - Early Childhood Education & Assistance (ECEAP) & Head Start
 - Early Start Act (2015); Fair Start for Kids Act (2021)

Transition to Kindergarten (TK) is a program for 4-years-olds identified to need additional preparation to be successful kindergarten students in the following school year

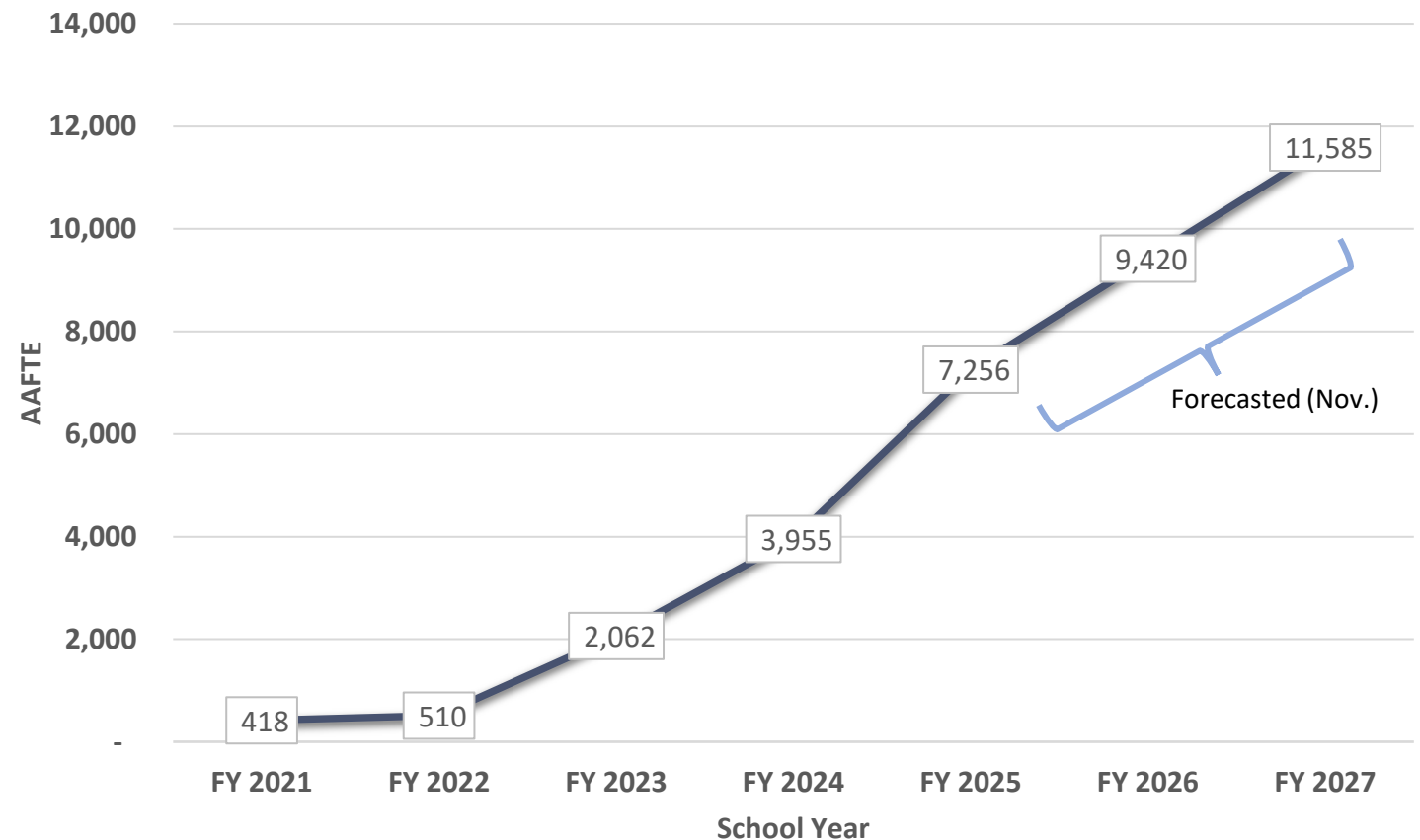
- HB 1550 (2023) established the program
 - Prior to 2023 TK was funded as K
- After 2023 funded in a manner similar to a kindergarten student
- Funded per annual full-time equivalent (AAFTE)
- Funding increases as enrollment increases

TK Budget



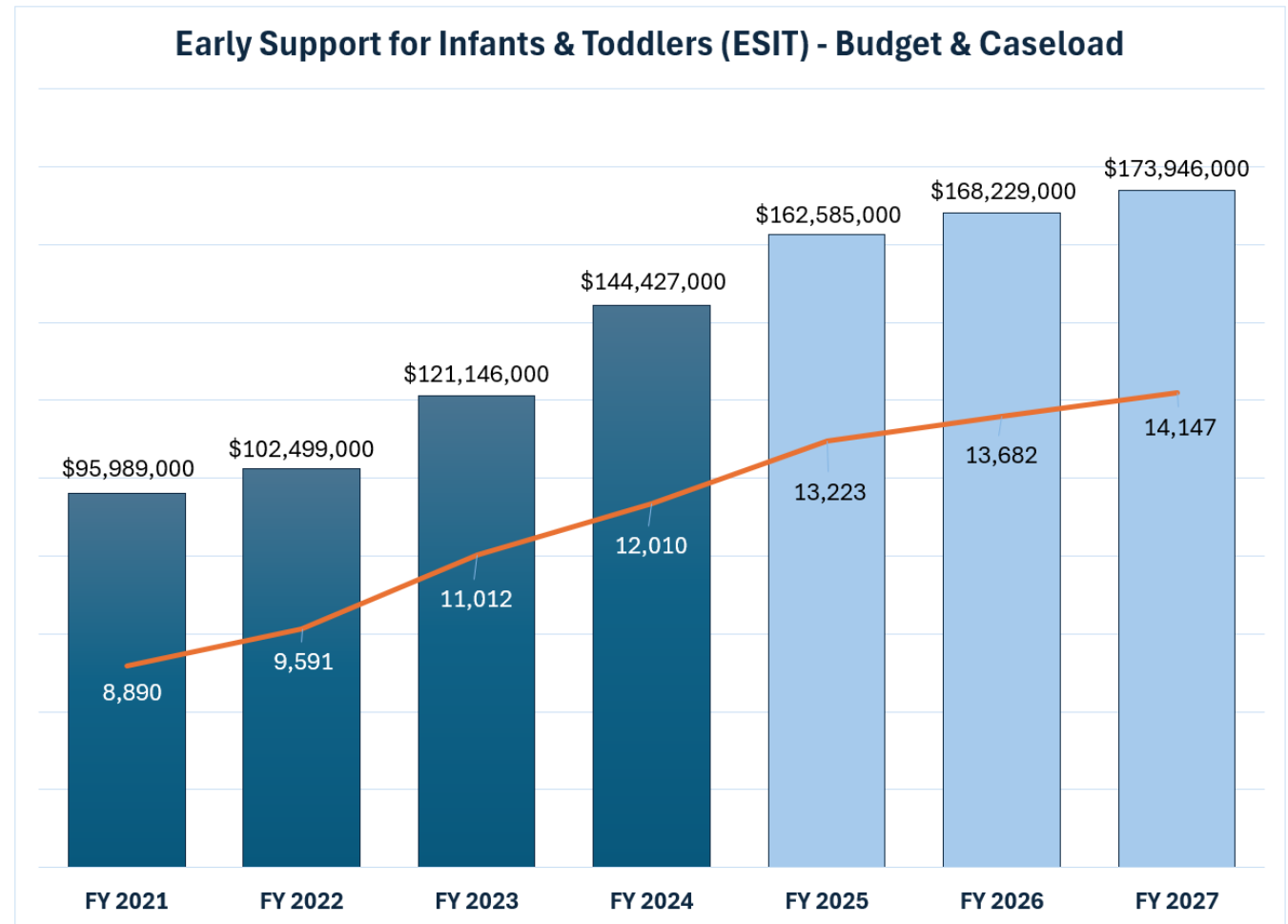
- Started tracking for purposes of the forecast in the 2019-2020 school year (FY 2021)
- Prior to 2023, TK counted as K for purposes of funding

TK Enrollment Over Time



ESIT is an early intervention service for birth to 3 with developmental delays

- FY 2025 - 2027 incorporates November 2024 Forecast estimates
- Funding is GF-State & \$10M/yr federal IDEA* funds.
- Majority of caseload growth from FY 2024 to FY 2025 is due to a count adjustment per HB 1916 (2024) – not increase in children served.

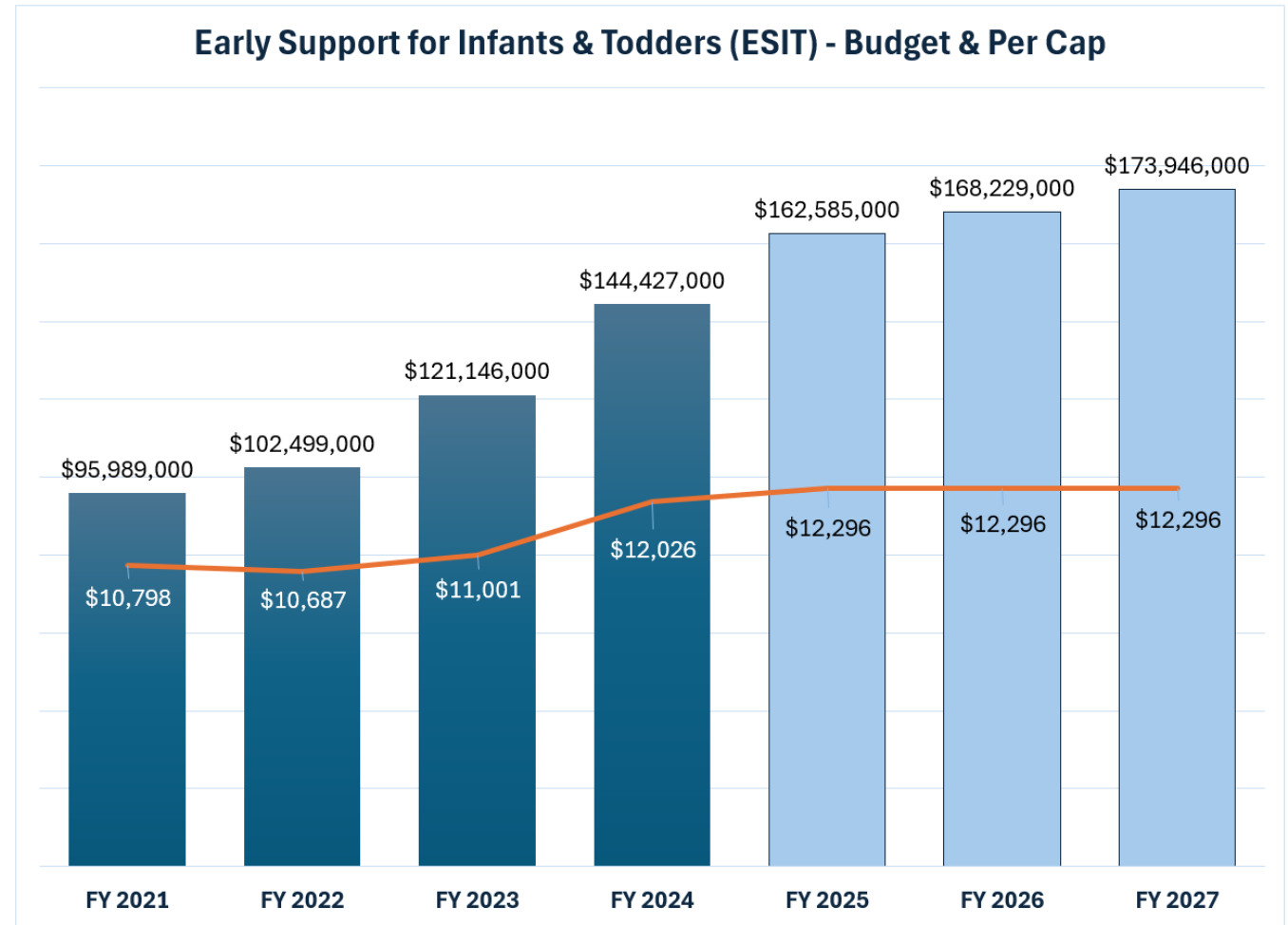


* Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)

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- FY 2025 - 2027 incorporates November 2024 Forecast estimates
- Reimbursement rate is 1.15x the SpEd BEA* rate (RCW 43.216.580)
- The per cap has increased as the BEA rate has increased.

* OSPI Basic Education Allocation (BEA) Rate

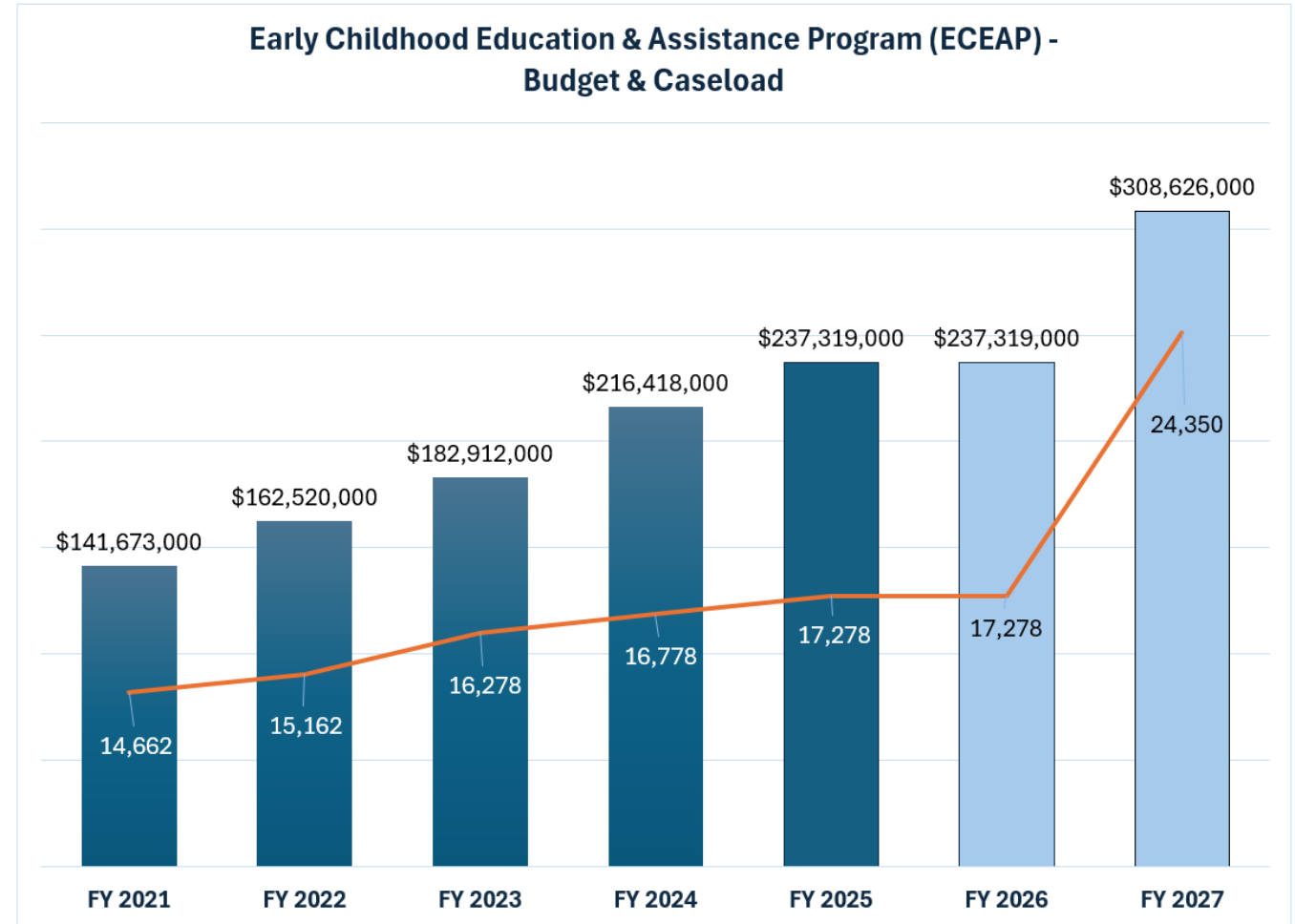


ECEAP is preschool for eligible families

- 2023-25 Budget includes \$91M ELTA* & \$80M Opp Pthwys Accounts. Remainder GF-State.
- Slots are Part-Day (PD), School-Day (SD), or Working-Day (WD).
- Slot numbers are *not* driven by forecasting (non-entitlement). Slots are expanded at policy level.
- ECEAP becomes entitlement in FY 2027 (RCW 43.216.556)**

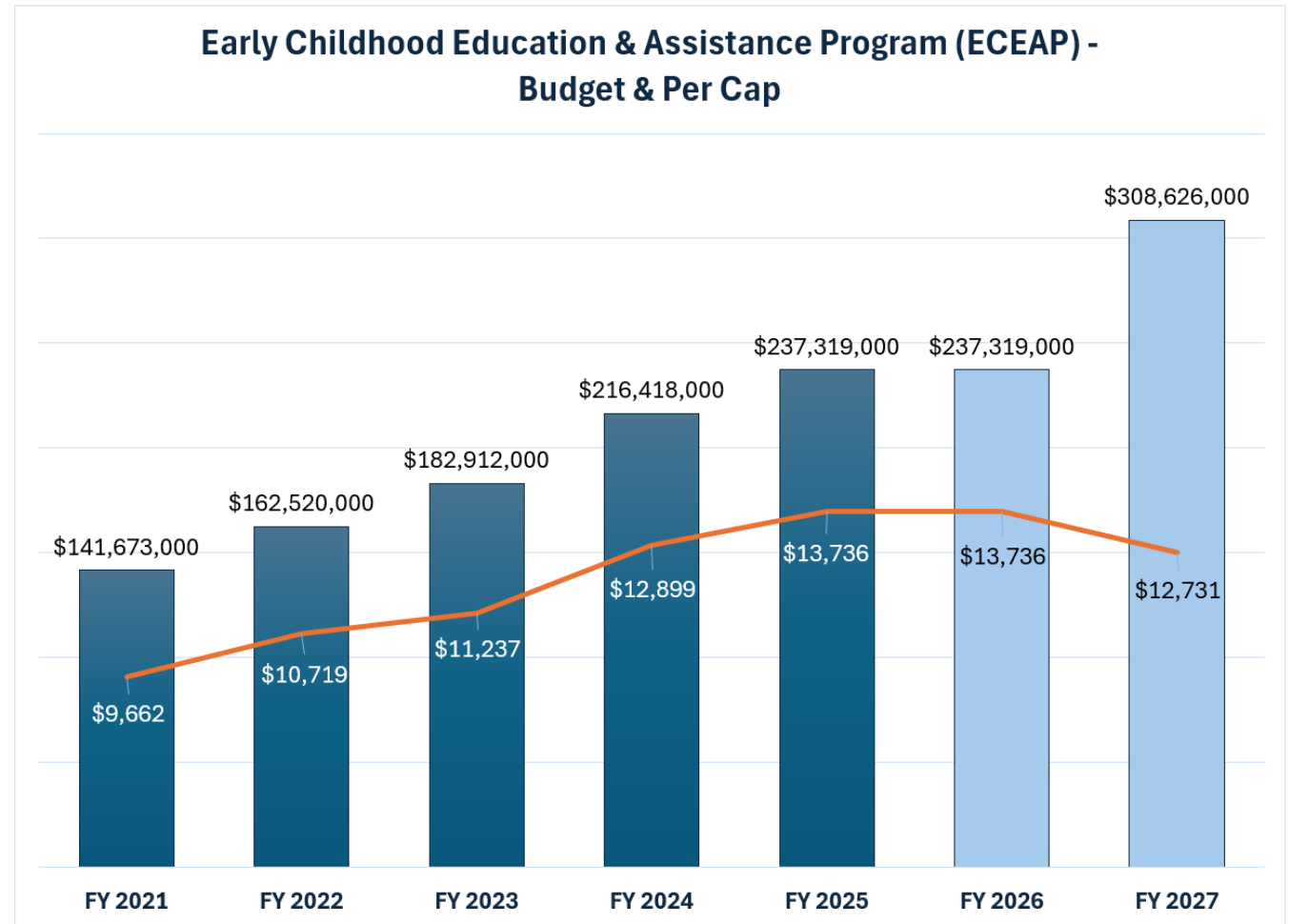
* Education Legacy Trust Account

** Chart assumes additional entitlement slots are PD



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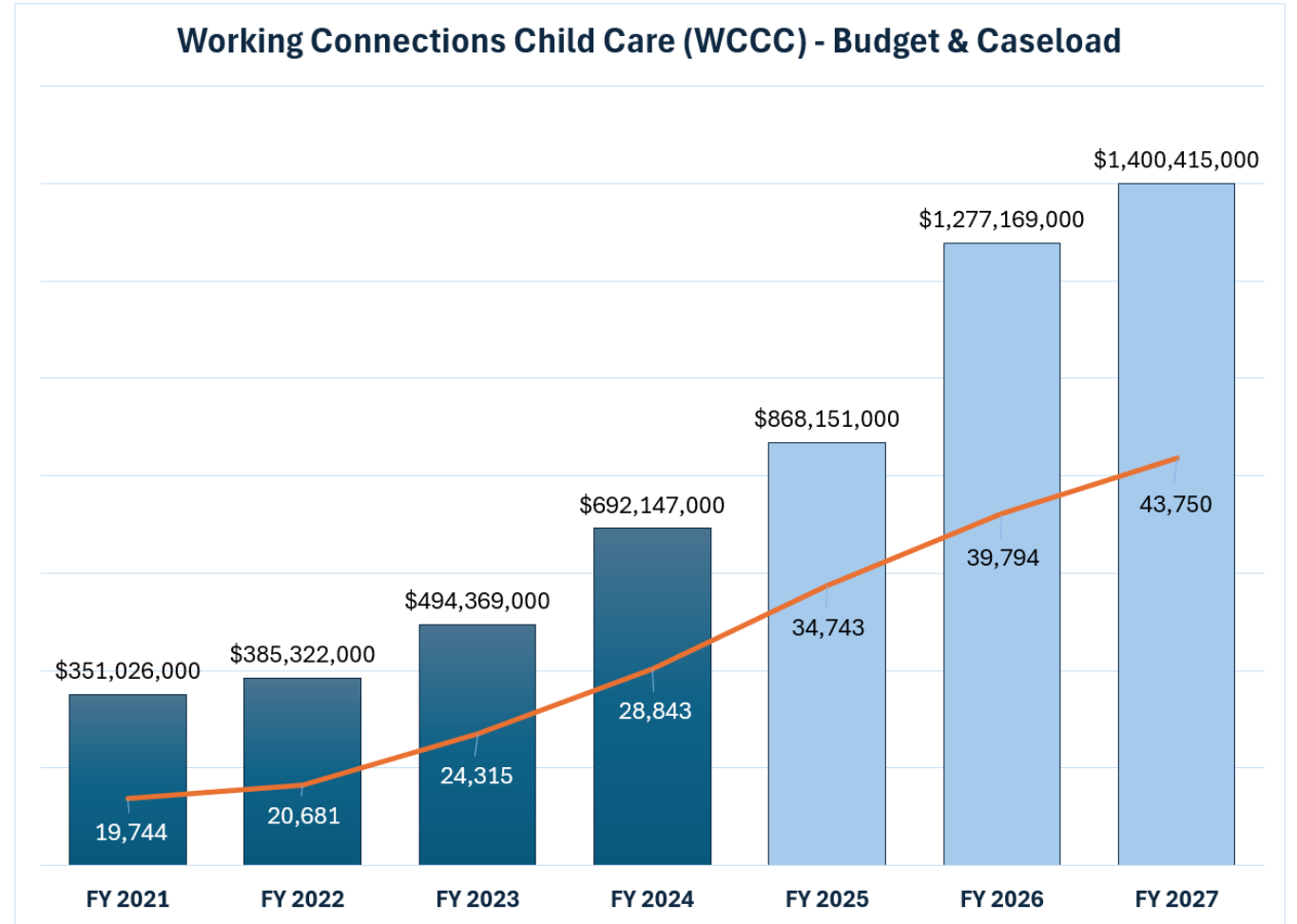
- Slots are either Part-Day (PD), School-Day (SD), or Working-Day (WD).
- Rates vary by slot. Chart displays average.
- State has funded rate increases in recent years
- Current rates:
 - PD: \$9,836
 - SD: \$15,638
 - WD: \$23,411



WCCC is subsidized childcare, aged 0 to 12

- FY 2025 - 2027 incorporates November 2024 Forecast estimates
- Budget displayed is (a) Base Subsidy + (b) Tiered Reimbursement
- FY 2025 Fund Sources:
 - \$381.2M GF-State
 - \$135.8M ELTA* Acct (state)
 - \$176.7M TANF** (federal)
 - \$174.5M CCDF*** (federal)
- Caseload:
 - Peaked Jun. 2010 (39,697)
 - Lowest Sep. 2021 (18,830)

* Education Legacy Trust Account
 ** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
 *** Child Care Development Fund



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- Reimbursement rates are rebased to the 85th percentile of market (RCW 43.216.828)
- Rates vary by age category and region. Chart displays average.
- Licensed Family Homes rates are negotiated with SEIU 925

