INTRODUCTION

The University of Washington is a multi-campus university in Seattle, Tacoma and Bothell, as well as a world-class academic medical center. The UW has 17 colleges and schools and offers 1,800 undergraduate courses each quarter. The UW confers more than 12,000 bachelors, masters, doctoral and professional degrees annually. Though its primary missions are education, research, and community service, an institution as vast as the UW also is central to the fiscal health and well-being of the state of Washington. The University of Washington’s daily operations provide ongoing financial benefits to the state’s economy. The University significantly impacts the statewide economy through expenditures, government revenues, and the employment and personal income of residents.¹

The results presented in the University of Washington economic impact study are generated on an annual basis. The economic impact in future years can either be higher or lower based on the number of students, capital expansion, increases in external research and the level of state appropriations. Finally, it is important to note that the economic and employment impacts reported in this report represent the “fresh dollar” impact of UW. Stated simply, if UW were not located in the state, $9.1 billion in impact and more than 69,803 jobs would not be generated.

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¹ According to IMPLAN analysis (2008 data), the overall size of the state and local government supported education sector (industry code 438) in Washington State is $13.1 billion in industry output, 218,219 jobs and $11.6 billion in employee compensation.

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