

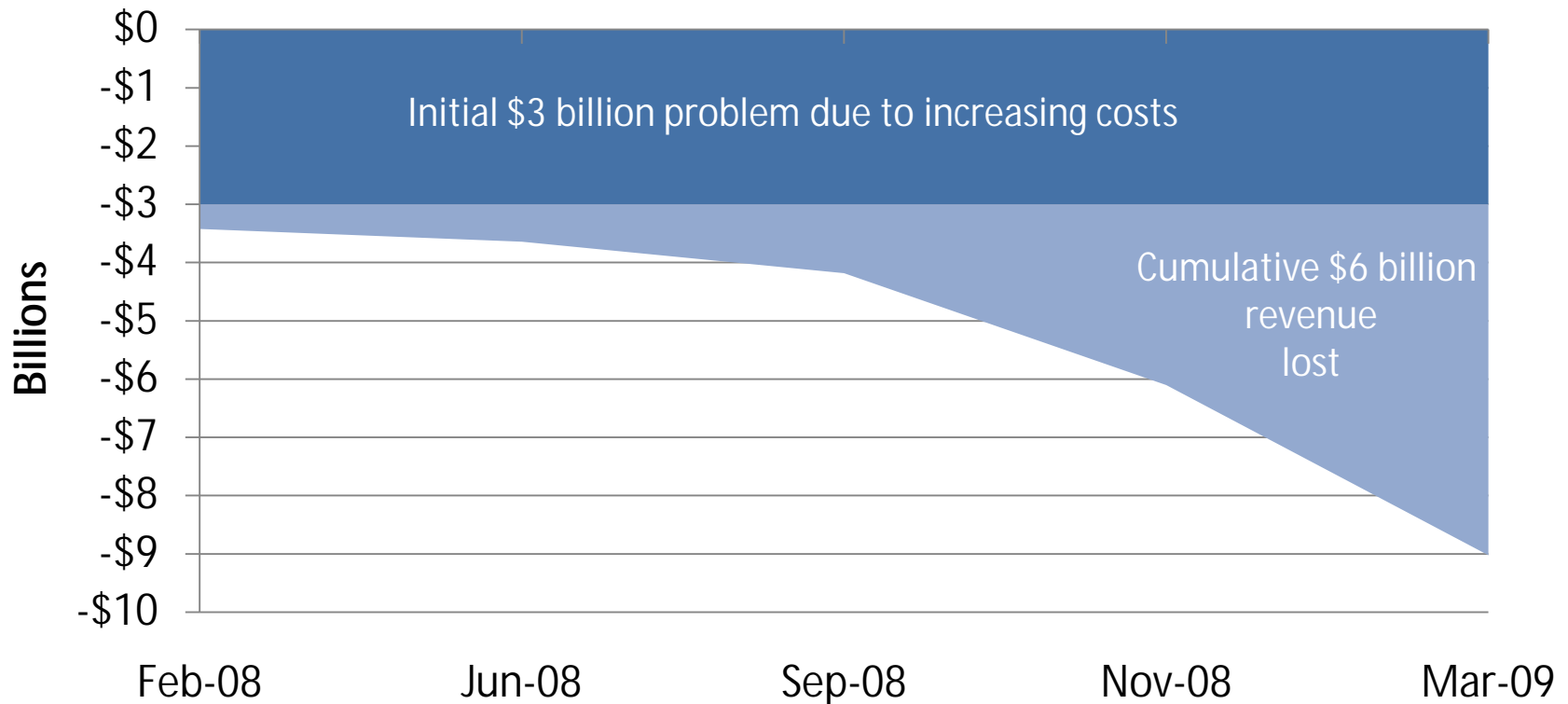
The 2009-11 Budget Story

Where we've been and
where we are now

Overview

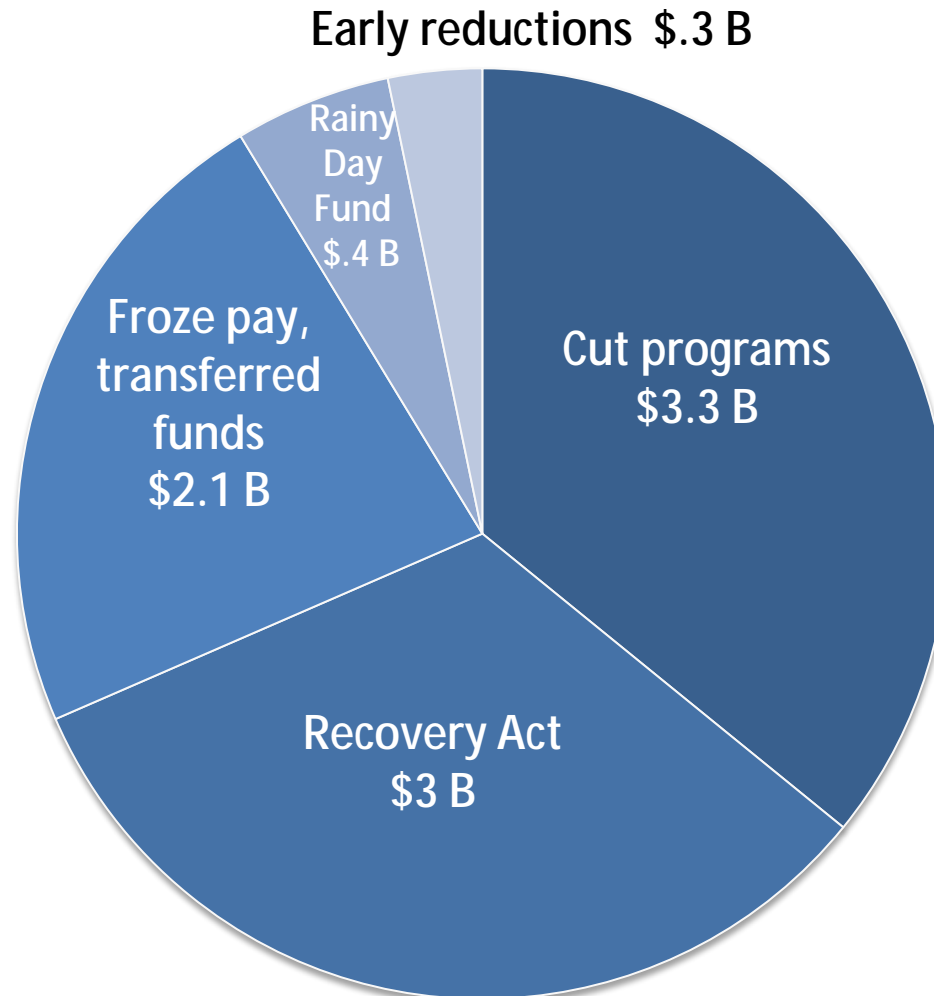
- Over past 18 months, Washington has seen largest drop in revenue in recent memory.
- Last session, we closed \$9 billion shortfall through:
 - cuts to programs and services
 - use of Recovery Act funds
 - fund transfers, including Rainy Day Fund
- As revenue projections continue to decline, we will need to cut more to stay in balance.
- Reduction options are limited by constitutional and federal spending mandates. This will narrow our choices.

\$9 Billion Problem by March 2009



- Before recession, \$3 billion problem projected for 2009-11 due to health care inflation, K-12 growth, prison population growth, pension obligations.
- Problem grew with recession, resulting in \$6 billion loss in revenue from Feb. 2008 - March 2009.

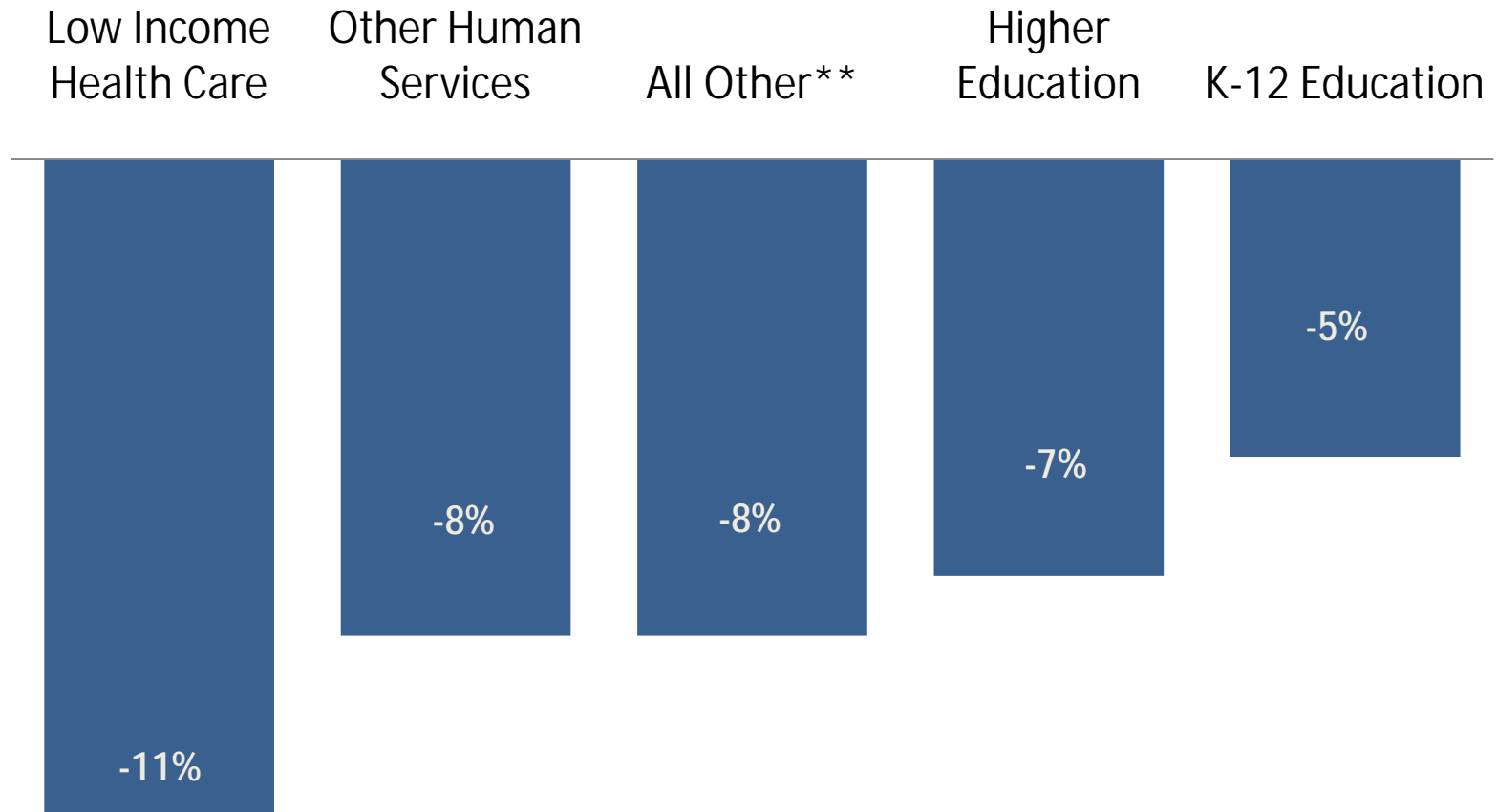
Solving \$9 Billion Gap: Actions to balance budget



\$3.3 Billion in Cuts and Efficiencies: Examples

- **\$600 million** in K-12 through class size increases.
- **\$557 million** in higher education by reducing 1,800 employees and raising tuition 14% (universities), 7% (community colleges) per year.
- **\$386 million** through administrative or across-the-board cuts.
- **\$255 million** from Basic Health Plan by increasing premiums 70% and reducing enrollment by 36,000 (36%).
- **\$127 million** in payments to hospitals.
- **\$130 million** from Corrections, including **\$73 million** by reducing beds and community supervision.

All Areas of Budget Cut Percent Reduction*



* Includes adjustments for additional tuition and Recovery Act money that offset reductions. Excludes compensation and special appropriations.

** Includes general government (including legislative and judicial agencies); natural resources; transportation; other education agencies.

Sources of \$2.6 Billion Shortfall

Revenues dropping

- \$686 million June forecast
- \$238 million September forecast
- \$760 million November forecast
- \$154 million Tax lawsuit pending
- **\$1.84 billion** **Subtotal**

Costs rising, issues emerging

- \$659 million increased demand for health care, schools, prisons
- \$12 million forest fires, landslides, dam failures, other possible emergencies
- \$71 million lawsuits blocking planned cuts
- **\$742 million** **Subtotal**

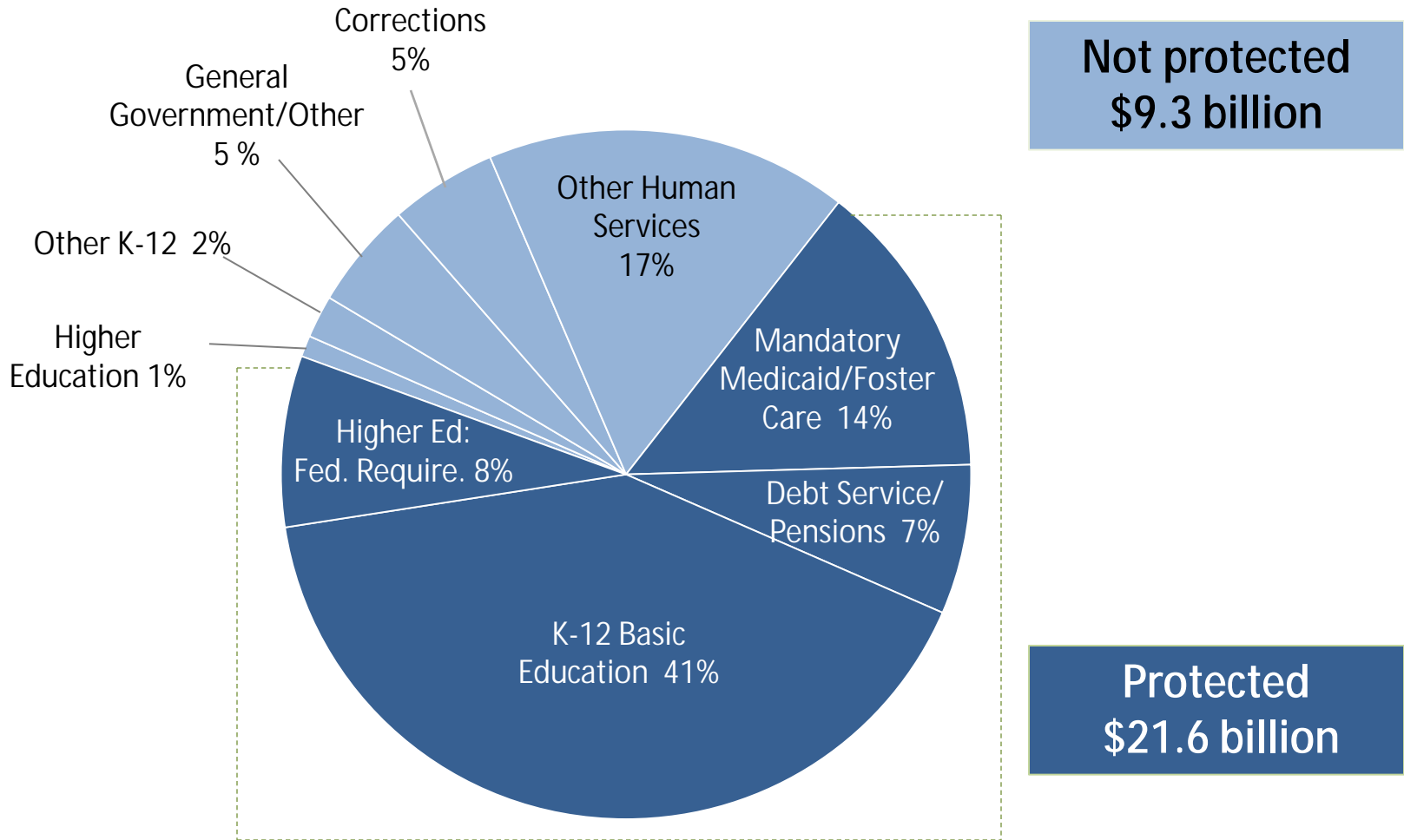
What Should We Expect?

Revenue uncertainty continues

According to state Economic and Revenue Forecast Council:

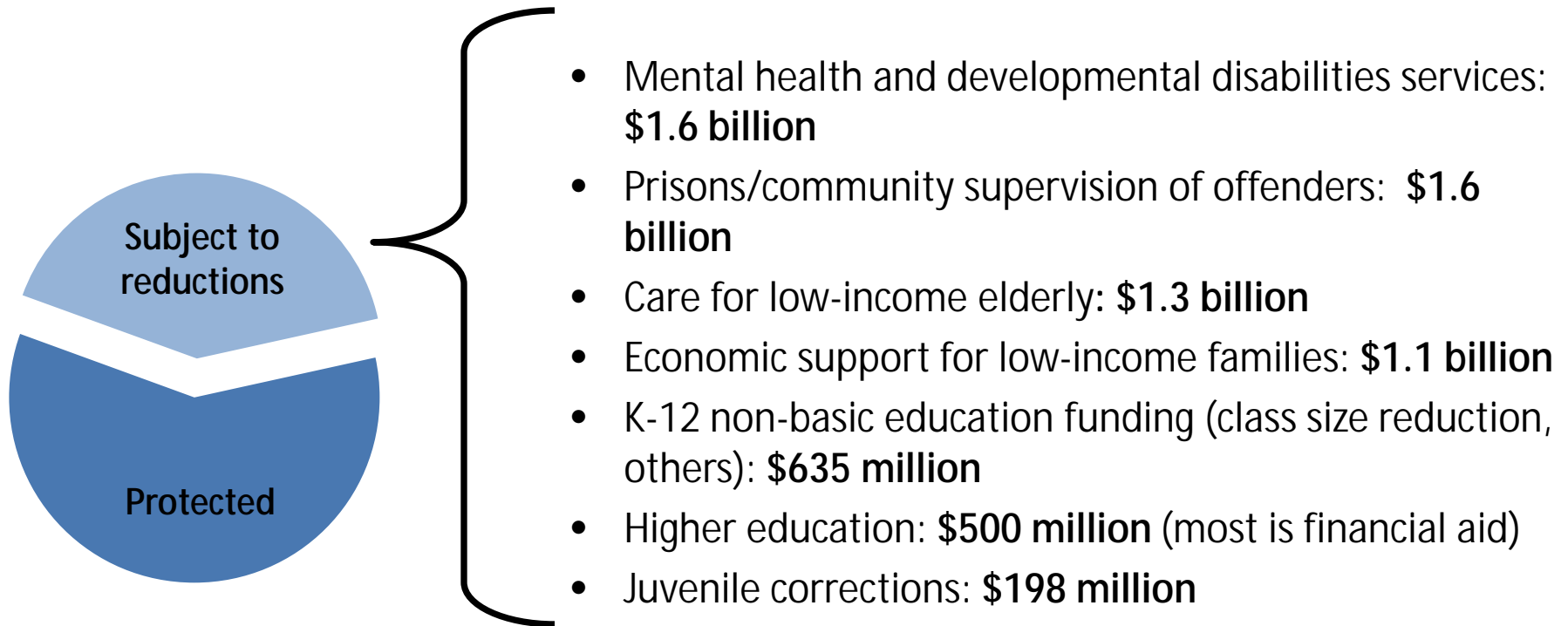
- State revenues will lag economic recovery
- Job growth will lag economic recovery
- Unemployment will remain high
- Less revenue expected in 2009-11 than collected in 2007-09

Majority of \$31 Billion Budget Is Protected: Tied to state constitutional or federal requirements

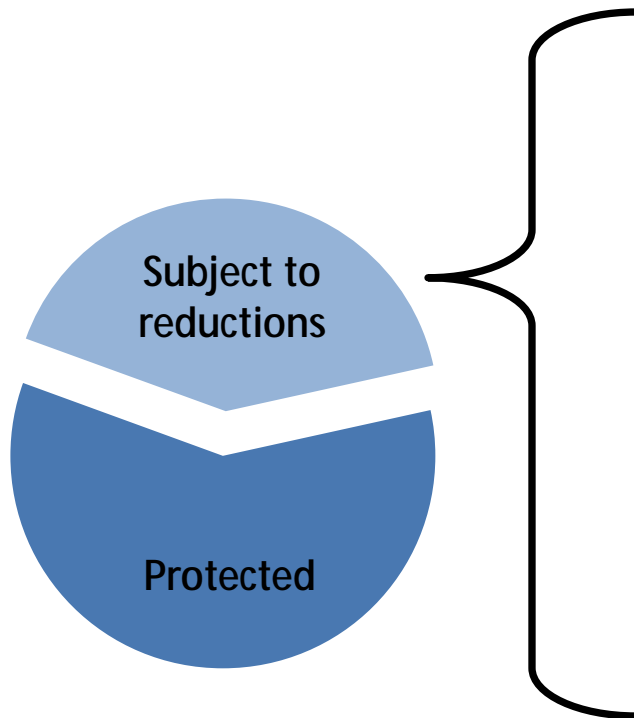


70% of the Budget Is Protected

Possible Areas for More Cuts: Non-Protected Budget



Examples Not Enough to Fill Gap: Non-Protected Budget



- Eliminating all state-funded environmental and natural resource protection, and all recreation and parks programs : **\$364 million.**
- Eliminating all state support for cultural and art organizations, and all early learning programs: **\$164 million.**
- Eliminating 23 of smallest general fund agencies: **\$52 million**

Budget Timeline

Time	Action
Mid December	Governor's Supplemental Budget released
Feb. 18, 2010	Revenue forecast released
March 11, 2010	Session adjourns