Congress Approves 2026 Budget Law with Increases of 5.7% for Health and 7.6% for Housing

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The new national budget has grown by 1.7% compared to the approved 2025 budget. The government highlighted, among other aspects, the contribution from the mining royalty, which will distribute over \$227 billion to regional governments and more than \$226 billion to municipalities.



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Following its approval in Congress, the 2026 budget bill is now ready for enactment.

During its final legislative processing day, the initiative was reviewed by a joint committee comprising 5 deputies and 5 senators, who addressed the 14 discrepancies that arose between the Senate review and the Chamber of Deputies.

Subsequently, this report was endorsed by the Chamber of Deputies with a vote of 66 in favor and 35 against. Accordingly, the government announced that the total budget for 2026 will amount to \$86.2 trillion, representing a 1.7% increase compared to the budget approved for 2025.

Key Figures from the 2026 Budget

- A 5.7% increase in health resources between 2025 and 2026, equivalent to over \$900 million. Health funding will have grown by over 30% during this government period.
- In 2026, the largest investment in the GES since its inception will take place.
- Funding for over **115,000 surgeries** will be allocated to reduce waitlists.
- During this governmental term, the pension budget will have increased by
 55%.
- The housing budget will grow by over **37%** during this government term, allowing for the construction of more than 260,000 homes, with a 7.6% increase in housing resources between 2025 and 2026.
- The budget for the Local Network of Supports and Care will have increased by 300% over this government term.
- In 2026, 100 Community Care Centers will be established.
- The budget for **security and public order** will have grown by 16.8% during this government period.

- Resources are allocated for the training of nearly 3,700 Carabineros, over 700
 detectives, and 250 police agents from the PDI.
- More than 1,000 vehicles will be renewed for Carabineros de Chile, and over 130 for the PDI.
- The La Laguna Penitentiary Facility in Talca will be inaugurated, while work continues on reopening new women's penitentiaries in Antofagasta and La Unión.
- The 24×7 model will be implemented at border controls including Integración
 Austral, San Sebastián, and Cardenal Samoré, adding to the four currently
 operational at Chacalluta, Chungará, Colchane, and Los Libertadores.
- Nearly \$580 billion will be invested in **Sustainable Productive Development** between 2023 and 2026.
- The mining royalty will distribute more than \$227 billion to regional governments and over \$226 billion to municipalities.
- Funding for the Ministry of Public Works will have seen a **33% increase** between **2022 and 2026**.

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