

Talking Points: Inslee's Security Detail

- Washington State Patrol (WSP) plans to double the size of Inslee's traveling security detail at a cost of more than \$4 million over two years
 - Patrol plans to assign six additional troopers, a sergeant and a lieutenant to the Executive Protection Unit (EPU).
- The new troopers and related spending are expected to grow the EPU's \$2.6 million budget by about \$1.5 million in the current FY, and by \$2.7 million in FY 2020
 - The added costs include salaries and overtime, as well as hotels, flights and other travel-related expenses.
 - These cost estimates are based on Inslee remaining in the 2020 presidential race well into next year.
 - We are paying for him to run in a presidential primary he will not win so that he can travel the country and be a climate change activist.
 - The protection unit already had struggled with expenses and staffing related to Inslee's frequent travel last year as head of the Democratic Governors Association.
 - Last year, the EPU overshot its \$2.6 million allotments by \$400,000, leading the Patrol to borrow troopers from its field operation.
 - His bid for president has caused EPU Agents to be reallocated specifically for him, away from other actually necessary tasks.
- The governor's increasing travel is putting a strain on the troopers in the small unit, with the sergeant overseeing the EPU writing to superiors he was worried about the staff's health and welfare.
 - "We are literally sending troops all over the nation with sometimes only a couple days notice," wrote Sgt. Leonard Crichton. "I am pretty sure we cannot continue at this level without something breaking."
- Inslee's campaign boasted it raised more than \$1 million a few days after announcing his presidential candidacy.
 - Act Now on Climate, a super PAC supporting him, has already reported spending nearly \$1.3 million, according to FEC filings.
 - Taxpayers are virtually funding a large portion of his campaign's spending, even though he is raising millions of dollars from climate PACs
- Republicans have criticized the hit to taxpayers from Inslee's politicking
 - "The easy way to solve all this is the Inslee for President campaign to cut a check to the state treasurer," said state Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn. "The state can't mandate that the campaign pay for it, but the campaign can certainly step up and pay for it."
 - Republicans have sponsored a bill that would have the state create an account where private funds could be donated to defray the security costs related to a presidential campaign.

Jay Inslee already thinks and acts as if he is the President, continuing to waste our tax dollars for his security, on a campaign built to lose. WA State is funding the travel of a Climate Activist flying all over America to talk about how we should cut back on flying.