

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1165

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### As Amended by the Senate

**Title:** An act relating to the capital budget.

**Brief Description:** Making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for capital improvements.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Capital Budget (Originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Mitchell, Radcliff, Hankins and O'Brien; by request of Governor Locke).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Capital Budget: 3/31/99 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 4/1/99, 93-2.

Senate Amended.

Passed Senate: 4/14/99, 47-2.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b></p> <p>· Adopting the 1999-01 Capital Budget.</p>
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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL BUDGET

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 18 members: Representatives Mitchell, Republican Co-Chair; Murray, Democratic Co-Chair; Edmonds, Democratic Vice Chair; Esser, Republican Vice Chair; Alexander; Anderson; Barlean; Bush; Constantine; Dunshee; Hankins; Koster; Lantz; Mastin; Miloscia; O'Brien; Ogden and Schoesler.

**Staff:** Bill Robinson (786-7140).

**Background:**

The programs and agencies of state government are funded on a two-year basis, with each fiscal biennium beginning on July 1 of odd-numbered years. The capital budget generally includes appropriations for the acquisition, construction, and repair of capital assets such as land, buildings, and other infrastructure improvements. Funding for the capital budget is primarily from state general obligation bonds, with other funding derived from various dedicated taxes, fees, and state trust land timber revenues.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The omnibus 1999-01 capital budget authorizes \$2.293 billion in new capital projects, of which \$987.6 million is from new state bonds authorized for the 1999-01 biennium. Reappropriations of \$1.2 billion are made for uncompleted projects approved in prior biennia.

The capital budget also authorizes state agencies to undertake various lease-purchase and lease development projects.

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**EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENT(S):** The Senate reduced the total capital budget by \$8.2 million and the bonded portion by \$2.7 million. The reduction represents a relatively small amount, but the priorities of expenditure were significantly changed. The major areas of priority differences are: School construction, salmon recovery, housing, higher education, and prison construction.

**Appropriation:** The sum of \$987.6 million from general fund-supported bonds and \$1.306 billion from other funds for new capital projects for 1999-01.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.