

ESHB 2151 - H AMD 576

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that a capital
4 investment in higher education facilities is needed over the next
5 several biennia to adequately preserve, modernize, and expand the
6 capacity of the state's public two-year and four-year colleges and
7 universities. This investment is needed to responsibly preserve and
8 restore existing facilities and to provide additional space for new
9 students. Further, the legislature finds that capital appropriations
10 will need to respond to each of these areas of need in a planned,
11 balanced, and prioritized manner so that access to a quality system of
12 higher education is ensured.

13 (2) It is the intent of the legislature that a methodology be
14 developed that will guide capital appropriation decisions by rating and
15 individually ranking, in sequential, priority order, all major capital
16 projects proposed by the two-year and four-year public universities and
17 colleges. Further, it is the intent of the legislature that this
18 rating, ranking, and prioritization of capital needs will reflect the
19 state's higher education policies and goals including the comprehensive
20 master plan for higher education as submitted by the higher education
21 coordinating board and as adopted by the legislature.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 (1) Beginning with the 2005-2007 biennial capital budget submittal,
25 the public four-year institutions, in consultation with the council of
26 presidents and the higher education coordinating board, shall prepare
27 a single prioritized individual ranking of the individual projects
28 proposed by the four-year institutions as provided in subsection (2) of
29 this section. The public four-year institutions may aggregate minor

1 works project requests into priority categories without separately
2 ranking each minor project, provided that these aggregated minor works
3 requests are ranked within the overall list. For repairs and
4 improvements to existing facilities and systems, the rating and ranking
5 of individual projects must be based on criteria or factors that
6 include, but are not limited to, the age and condition of buildings or
7 systems, the programmatic suitability of the building or system, and
8 the activity/occupancy level supported by the building or system. For
9 projects creating new space or capacity, the ratings and rankings of
10 projects must be based upon criteria or factors that include, but are
11 not limited to, measuring existing capacity and progress toward meeting
12 increased space utilization levels as determined by the higher
13 education coordinating board.

14 (2) The single prioritized four-year project list shall be approved
15 by the governing boards of each public four-year institution and shall
16 be submitted to the office of financial management and the higher
17 education coordinating board concurrent with the institution's
18 submittal of their biennial capital budget requests.

19 (3)(a) The higher education coordinating board, in consultation
20 with the office of financial management and the joint legislative audit
21 and review committee, shall develop common definitions that public
22 four-year institutions and the state board for community and technical
23 colleges shall use in developing their project lists under this
24 section.

25 (b) As part of its duties under RCW 28B.80.330(4), the higher
26 education coordinating board shall, as part of its biennial budget
27 guidelines, disseminate, by December 1st of each odd-numbered year, the
28 criteria framework, including general definitions, categories, and
29 rating system, to be used by the public four-year institutions in the
30 development of the prioritized four-year project list. The criteria
31 framework shall specify the general priority order of project types
32 based on criteria determined by the board, in consultation with the
33 public four-year institutions.

34 (c) Under RCW 28B.80.330(4), the public four-year institutions
35 shall submit a preliminary prioritized four-year project list to the
36 higher education coordinating board by August 1st of each even-numbered
37 year.

1 (d) The state board for community and technical colleges shall, as
2 part of its biennial capital budget request, submit a single
3 prioritized ranking of the individual projects proposed for the
4 community and technical colleges. The state board for community and
5 technical colleges shall submit an outline of the prioritized community
6 and technical college project list to the higher education coordinating
7 board under RCW 28B.80.330(4) by August 1st of each even-numbered year.

8 (4) The higher education coordinating board, in consultation with
9 the public four-year institutions, shall resolve any disputes or
10 disagreements arising among the four-year institutions concerning the
11 ranking of particular projects. Further, should one or more governing
12 boards of the public four-year institutions fail to approve the
13 prioritized four-year project list as required in this section, or
14 should a prioritized project list not be submitted by the public four-
15 year institutions concurrent with the submittal of their respective
16 biennial capital budget requests as provided in subsection (2) of this
17 section, the higher education coordinating board shall prepare the
18 prioritized four-year institution project list itself.

19 (5) In developing any rating and ranking of capital projects
20 proposed by the two-year and four-year public universities and
21 colleges, the board:

22 (a) Shall be provided with available information by the public two-
23 year and four-year institutions as deemed necessary by the board;

24 (b) May utilize independent services to verify, sample, or evaluate
25 information provided to the board by the two-year and four-year
26 institutions; and

27 (c) Shall have full access to all data maintained by the office of
28 financial management and the joint legislative audit and review
29 committee concerning the condition of higher education facilities.

30 (6) Beginning with the 2005-2007 biennial capital budget submittal,
31 the higher education coordinating board shall, in consultation with the
32 state board for community and technical colleges and four-year colleges
33 and universities, submit its capital budget recommendations and the
34 separate two-year and four-year prioritized project lists."

35 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the requirement that the Higher Education

Coordinating Board integrate the two-year and four-year prioritized project list into one list prioritized by project.

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