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Sponsor(s): Senator Zarelli

Brief Description: Providing for stewardship and preservation of public college and university facilities.

SB 6049 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Affirms that preventive and ongoing facility maintenance, properly supported, can prevent and mitigate preservation backlogs.

Declares an intent to set in motion a series of structural changes that will support facility stewardship and ensure that, moving forward in time, the state of Washington and its institutions of higher education do not again face a 1.3 billion dollar deficit of capital improvements to preserve existing buildings for their current use.

Implements the summary recommendation that asks the legislature to designate an agency to sustain and expand the comparable framework and assemble information as needed to support facilities-related budget and policy development for biennial sessions starting in 2005.

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to periodically contract to update the comparative framework that examines and rates the relative condition of state and mixed higher education facilities. The scope of work, focus, funding, and expectations for data and support from state agencies shall be as defined by the legislature through the omnibus appropriations act.