

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESSB 5965

As Passed Senate, July 1, 2017

Title: An act relating to making supplemental capital appropriations for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, making capital reappropriations for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium, and making new appropriations for the school construction assistance program for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium.

Brief Description: Making supplemental capital appropriations for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, making capital reappropriations for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium, and making new appropriations for the school construction assistance program for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Honeyford).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 6/30/17 [DPS, DNP, w/oRec].

Floor Activity:

Third Special Session: Passed Senate: 7/01/17, 47-2.

Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill

- Provides reappropriations of \$2.5 billion for projects funded in prior biennia appropriations.
- Adjusts the 2015-17 Capital Budget by a net decrease of \$5.8 million.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5965 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Braun, Chair; Brown, Vice Chair; Rossi, Vice Chair; Honeyford, Vice Chair, Capital Budget ; Bailey, Becker, Fain, Miloscia, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Warnick and Zeiger.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Ranker, Ranking Minority Member; Frockt, Assistant Ranking Minority Member, Capital Budget; Billig, Carlyle, Darneille and Pedersen.

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Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Rolfes, Assistant Ranking Minority Member, Operating Budget; Conway, Hasegawa and Keiser.

Staff: Richard Ramsey (786-7412)

Background: The programs and agencies of state government are funded on a two-year basis, with each fiscal biennium beginning on July 1st 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.

Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill: The 2017-19 Capital Budget authorizes new capital projects for state agencies and institutions of higher education for the 2017-19 fiscal biennium. The bill makes adjustments to the 2015-17 Capital Budget.

The 2015-17 Capital Budget is adjusted; there is a net decrease of \$5.8 million. The budget makes reappropriations of \$2.5 billion for 2017-19 to continue projects authorized in prior biennia appropriations are able to continue without disruptions to construction schedules. This includes:

- \$1.2 billion for natural resources projects;
- \$584 million for public schools and other education;
- \$447 million for general government projects;
- \$167 million for higher education projects; and
- \$116 million for human services projects.

Budget summary materials are available online at www.fiscal.wa.gov under the Budget Bills & Documents header (Capital Budget).

Appropriation: Various.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony (Third Special Session 2017): No public hearing was held.

Persons Testifying: N/A.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: N/A.