

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESSB 6095

As Passed Senate, February 23, 2018

Title: An act relating to the capital budget.

Brief Description: Concerning the supplemental capital budget.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Frockt, Mullet, Liias, Keiser and Saldaña; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 1/11/18, 2/19/18, 2/20/18 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed Senate: 2/23/18, 44-4.

Brief Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill

- Authorizes \$353 million in new capital projects for the 2018 supplemental budget of the 2017-19 fiscal biennium; of this total, \$186 is financed with state general obligation bonds.
- Includes \$64 million in authorizations for agencies and institutions of higher education to enter into alternative financing contracts.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6095 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair; Braun, Ranking Member; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member; Bailey, Becker, Billig, Brown, Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Fain, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Mullet, Palumbo, Pedersen, Ranker, Rivers, Schoesler, Van De Wege, Wagoner and Warnick.

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 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

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Capital Budget is primarily from state general obligation bonds, with other funding derived from various dedicated taxes, fees, and state trust land revenues.

Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill: The enacted 2017-19 Capital Budget (SSB 6090) appropriated \$2,719 million from state bond proceeds from the net bond authorization (E2SHB 1080) of \$2,930 million. The remaining bond capacity was \$211 million.

ESSB 6095 is the 2018 supplemental capital budget. This proposal makes new bond appropriations of \$185.6 million and \$167.7 million in cash accounts for a total appropriation of \$353.3 million. The bond capacity remaining for the 2019 supplemental Capital Budget is \$25.7 million. Reappropriation savings are \$94,000 in state bonds and \$50 million in other funds.

The major bond investments include:

Public Schools. The supplemental budget makes the following increases totaling \$66.2 million:

- School Construction Assistance Program - \$51.3 million;
- Distressed Schools - \$9 million; and
- Small Rural District Modernization Grants - \$6.0 million.

Higher Education. Funding is provided for designs of major projects at the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), including:

- Cascadia Center for Science and Technology - \$3.4 million;
- Everett Community College: Learning and Resource Center - \$4.0 million;
- Grays Harbor College: Student Services and Instructional Building - \$4.2 million;
- North Seattle Library building Renovation - \$3.5 million; and
- Walla Walla Science and Technology Building Replacement - \$1.2 million.

Savings totaling \$17.5 million are taken for Facility Repairs, Minor Works, and Site Repairs. In addition, the budget authorizes \$112 million in alternative financed projects at the SBCTC.

Behavioral Health. The supplemental budget makes investments in state mental hospitals and community-based facilities, including:

- two additional forensic wards at Western State Hospital - \$27 million;
- Behavioral Health Community Capacity competitive grants - increased by \$33 million; and
- Behavioral Rehabilitation Services Capacity Grants - \$2 million.

Local and Community Projects. The Department of Commerce is provided \$24.5 million to make grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations statewide for a wide range of 57 community-based projects.

Natural Resources. The Healthy Housing Remediation Program is provided \$7 million, including \$5 million for Mount Baker Properties Cleanup and Affordable Housing Development. State Parks projects are funded at \$3.6 million above the 2017-19 enacted capital budget. The Aquatic Land Enhancement Account is provided \$10.7 million; and 20 additional projects will be funded.

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 on Original Bill: Please refer to the January 11, 2018, recording of the public hearing on the Senate AV Capture All website at <http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/Pages/avcaaudio.aspx>.

Persons Testifying: K-12 Public Schools. PRO: Mitch Denning, Alliance of Educational Associations; Brian Sims, Washington State School Directors Association; Kirk Pawlowski, ESD 112 Construction Services Group.

Higher Education. PRO: David Buri, Eastern Washington University; Wayne Doty, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Marty Mattes, Bates Technical College; Eric Murray, Cascadia College.

Natural Resources. PRO: Doug Levy, Washington Recreation & Park Association and Recreational Boating Association of Washington; Lisa Pelly, Trout Unlimited; Scott Revell, Roza Irrigation District; Darcy Nonemacher, Washington Environmental Council; Seamus Petrie, Washington Public Employees Association.

All Other. PRO: Marie Sullivan, Quinault Indian Nation; Amber Carter, Identify Clark County and Port of Vancouver; Shawn Collins, Opportunity Council.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: K-12 Public Schools. No one.

Higher Education. No one.

Natural Resources. No one.

All Other. No one.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Proposed Substitute: Please refer to the February 19, 2018, recording of the public hearing on the Senate AV Capture All website at <http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/Pages/avcaaudio.aspx>.

Persons Testifying: K-12 Public Schools. PRO: Jessica Vavrus, Washington State School Directors' Association; Lisa Dawn-Fisher, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Higher Education. PRO: David Beyer, Everett Community College; Jim Minkler, Grays Harbor College; Kevin McKay, Vice President, Finance & Operations; Wayne Doty, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Natural Resources. PRO: Doug Levy, Washington Recreation and Park Association; Jennifer Ziegler, City of Edmonds; Brian Adams, Director, Skagit County Parks and Recreation.

Mental Health. OTHER: David Lord, Disability Rights Washington.

All Other. PRO: Anna Johnson, Joint Animal Services, Thurston County Law Enforcement; Mary Alice Grobins, Chair, Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District; Julia Johnson, Mayor, City of Sedro-Woolley.

CON: Donna Patrick, Developmental Disabilities Council; Diana Stadden, Arc of Washington State; Ivanova Smith, Self Advocates in Leadership.

OTHER: Marie Sullivan, Quinault Indian Nation; Jeff DeLuca, Washington State Community Action Partnership; Amber Carter, Port of Vancouver and Identity Clark County

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