

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5965

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As of June 29, 2017

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

**Brief Description:** Relating to the capital budget.

**Sponsors:** Senator Honeyford.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 6/30/17.

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Provides \$335 million from the Common School Construction Account for school construction to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 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.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**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 Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute):** The 2017-19 Capital Budget authorizes new K-12 capital projects for the 2017-19 fiscal biennium. The bill makes adjustments to the 2015-17 Capital Budget.

For the 2017-19 biennium, a total of \$335 million is appropriated to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the School Construction Assistance Program. The

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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 so that 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](http://www.fiscal.wa.gov) under the Budget Bills & Documents header.

**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.