

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 6090

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As Passed Senate, January 18, 2018

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

**Brief Description:** Concerning the capital budget.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Frockt, Honeyford, Mullet, Darneille, Lias, Palumbo, Takko, Keiser, Van De Wege, Hunt, Nelson, Dhingra, Chase, Saldaña, Rolfes, McCoy, Carlyle, Wellman, Ranker and Kuderer).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 1/11/18, 1/15/18 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed Senate: 1/18/18, 49-0.

**Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill**

- Authorizes \$4.2 billion in new capital projects for the 2017-19 fiscal biennium; of this total, \$2.77 billion is financed with state general obligation bonds.
- Includes \$174 million in authorizations for agencies and institutions of higher education to enter into alternative financing contracts.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6090 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, 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

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capital assets such as land, buildings, and other infrastructure improvements. Funding for the 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 First Substitute Bill:** The Omnibus 2017-19 Capital Budget authorizes new capital projects for state agencies and institutions of higher education for the 2017-19 fiscal biennium.

For the 2017-19 biennium, a total of \$4.02 billion is appropriated; \$2.77 billion is appropriated from the proceeds of state general obligation bonds. The budget authorizes state agencies and institutions of higher education to enter into alternative financing contracts for a total of \$174 million.

Budget summary materials are available online at [www.fiscal.wa.gov](http://www.fiscal.wa.gov) under the Budget Bills and Documents header.

**Appropriation:** Various.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** Yes.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* 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; Lorrell Noahr, Washington Education Association; Brian Sims, Washington State School Directors Association; Ray Vefik, Washington State School Directors Association & Auburn School District; Charlie Brown, Federal Way and Franklin Pierce School Districts.

Other: Sherry Rudolph, Washington State PTA.

Higher Education. PRO: Becca Kenna-Schenk, Western Washington University; Steve DuPont, Central Washington University; Wayne Doty, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Marty Mattes, Bates Technical College; Eric Murray, Cascadia College; Chris Mulick, Washington State University; Walter Schacht, American Institute of Architects (AIA) Washington Council; Joe Dacca, Director of State Relations, University of Washington; Colleen Rust, The Evergreen State 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; Brian

Yearout, WA Federation of State Employees; Mike (Rocky) Hrachovec, citizen; Seamus Petrie, Washington Public Employees Association.

All Other. PRO: Jennifer Kilmer, Washington State Historical Society; Walter Schacht, American Institute of Architects (AIA) Washington Council; Shawn Collins, Opportunity Council; Michele Thomas, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance;

**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.