

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## ESSB 6248

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As Passed Senate, February 26, 2020

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

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

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Frockt and Honeyford; by request of Office of Financial Management).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 1/14/20, 2/20/20, 2/21/20 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed Senate: 2/26/20, 49-0.

### Brief Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill

- Authorizes \$283 million in capital projects for the 2020 supplemental capital budget for the 2019-21 fiscal biennium; of this total \$65 million is financed with state general obligation bonds.
- Includes \$131 million in authorizations for agencies and higher education institutions to enter into alternative financing contracts.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6248 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair, Operating, Capital Lead; Mullet, Capital Budget Cabinet; Brown, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Becker, Billig, Carlyle, Darneille, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Lias, Muzzall, Pedersen, Rivers, Schoesler, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick and Wilson, L..

**Staff:** Richard Ramsey (786-7412)

**Background:** The programs and agencies of state government are funded on a two-year basis. The capital budget generally includes appropriations for acquiring, constructing, and repairing capital assets such as land, buildings, and other infrastructure improvements.

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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. The primary two-year budget is passed in odd-numbered years, and a supplemental budget making adjustments to the two-year budget often is passed during even-numbered years. The current capital budget covers the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021.

**Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill:** The 2019-21 biennial capital budget made appropriations of \$4.9 billion, of which \$3.183 billion was financed from state general obligation bonds. The biennial budget authorized \$204 million for agencies and higher education institutions to enter into alternative financing contracts.

The 2020 supplemental capital budget authorizes \$283 million in capital projects; of this total \$65 million is financed with state general obligation bonds. The 2020 supplemental capital budget includes \$131 million in authorizations for agencies and higher education institutions to enter into alternative financing contracts.

**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.