

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5949

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As of February 14, 2024

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

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

**Sponsors:** Senators Mullet and Schoesler; by request of Office of Financial Management.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 1/11/24, 2/15/24.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Makes supplemental capital budget appropriations for the 2023-2025 biennium.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Staff:** Shani Bauer (786-7468)

**Background:** The capital expenses of state government, and its agencies and programs, are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus capital budget adopted by the Legislature in odd numbered years. State capital expenses are paid from state general obligation bonds and from various dedicated funds and accounts. The primary two-year budget is passed in odd-numbered years, and a supplemental budget making adjustments to the two-year budget is passed during even-numbered years. The current capital budget covers the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

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

**Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute):** The 2023-2025 biennial capital budget appropriations, including appropriations for general government agencies, human services programs, natural resources agencies, and educational institutions, are modified.

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Budget summary materials can be found in SCS tab in the committee materials for the public hearing.

**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 (January 11, 2024):** Please refer to the January 11, 2024 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Ways & Means Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/#!/WM/////year>.

**Persons Testifying (January 11, 2024):**

K-12 Public Schools. PRO: Tyler Muench, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction; Andrew Villeneuve, Northwest Progressive Institute; Mitch Denning, Alliance of Educational Associations; LEN MC COMB, COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK OF WA./WA.ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH/WA SCHOOL BASED HEALTH A ALLIANCE; Devin Denney, Highline Public Schools.

OTHER: Melissa Stone, Washington State PTA; Nancy Chamberlain, Washington State PTA; Alexa Allman, Deer Park School District.

Higher Education. PRO: Steve DuPont, Central Washington University; Morgan Hickel, University of Washington; Nora Selander, Western Washington University; Darrell Jennings, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; James Lemerond, Bellingham Technical College; Matt Seimears, Lower Columbia Community College.

OTHER: David Buri, Eastern Washington University.

Human Services. OTHER: Ryan Donohue, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King & Kittitas Counties; Ramona Hattendorf, The Arc of King County; Shawn Latham, Self Advocates In Leadership; Michone Preston, Habitat for Humanity of Washington State; Josh Townsley, Habitat for Humanity; Michele Thomas, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance; Connie Grindol, Independent Nurses.

Natural Resources. PRO: Vanessa Kritzer, Washington Association of Land Trusts; Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam; Jessica Helsley, Wild Salmon Center; Mara Zimmerman, Coast Salmon Partnership; Tom Kollasch, Pacific Conservation District; Natalie Schmidt, Tacoma Water; Alona Steinke.

CON: David E Ortman, ALPS; FWOC; FOBL; LCBAS; MidFORC; NCCC; SLK; WW, WUM ; Chris Maykut, Friends of Bumping Lake; Jamie Mattson; Carla Williams.

All Other. PRO: Mary Connolly, South Sound Housing Affordability Partners; Brittany Gregory, Administrative Office of the Courts; Michael White, King County; Wesley Jessup, Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture (EWSHS- Eastern Washington State Historical Society); James Lovell, Chief Seattle Club; Kenny Pittman, Communities of Concern Commission; Faaluaina Pritchard, Communities of Concern Commission; Axel Swanson, Washington State Association of County Engineers.

OTHER: Kathryn Gardow, Chair, Public Works Board; Tsega Desta, Ethiopian Community in Seattle; Brandy DeLange, Association of Washington Cities.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.