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## Capital Budget Committee

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### HB 1216

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

**Sponsors:** Representatives Tharinger, Leavitt and Callan; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Makes biennial capital budget appropriations for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.</li><li>• Makes 2025 supplemental capital budget appropriations for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.</li></ul>



**Hearing Date:** 1/16/25

**Staff:** John Wilson-Tepeli (786-7115).

**Background:**

Washington operates on a biennial budget cycle. The Legislature authorizes expenditures for capital needs in the State Omnibus Capital Appropriations Act (Capital Budget) for a two-year period, and it authorizes bond sales through passage of a bond bill associated with the Capital Budget to fund a portion of these expenditures. Historically, over 50 percent of the Capital Budget has been financed by state-issued general obligation bonds with the balance funded by dedicated accounts, trust revenue, and federal funding sources. The primary two-year budget is passed in the odd-numbered years, and a supplemental budget adjusting the two-year budget is often passed during the even-numbered years. The 2025-27 Capital Budget covers the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

The Capital Budget includes appropriations for the acquisition, construction, and repair of capital

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assets such as state office buildings, prisons, juvenile rehabilitation centers, residential habilitation centers, mental health facilities, military readiness centers, and higher education facilities. The Capital Budget also funds a variety of environmental and natural resource projects, parks and recreational facilities, public kindergarten through grade-12 school construction, and grant and loan programs that support housing, public infrastructure, community service facilities, and art and historical projects.

**Summary of Bill:**

The 2025-27 Capital Budget authorizes total spending of \$9.1 billion, of which \$4.9 billion is financed through new general obligation bond proceeds. The 2025 Supplemental Capital Budget increases bond appropriations by \$48.6 million and decreases other appropriations for a net increase of \$27.2 million in spending during the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

The original bill is Governor Inslee's Capital Budget proposal for the 2025-27 biennium and the 2025 Supplemental Budget for the 2023-25 biennium. Supporting documents prepared by the Office of Financial Management may be found at <https://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/state-budgets>

**Appropriation:** The bill contains appropriations from various accounts.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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