

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6003

As of February 23, 2026

Title: An act relating to the capital budget.

Brief Description: Concerning the capital budget.

Sponsors: Senators Trudeau, Schoesler, Chapman and Nobles; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 1/12/26, 2/24/26.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Makes supplemental capital budget appropriations for the 2025-2027 biennium.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Michael Bezanson (786-7449)

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, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

Summary of Bill: The 2025-2027 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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Appropriation: The bill contains an appropriation(s) totaling \$614 million from various accounts.

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 12, 2026): Please refer to the January 12, 2026 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: Housing and Human Services. PRO: Ryan Donohue, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King & Kittitas Counties; Po Leapai, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance; William Booth, Creating Pathways; Rose Lathrop, Kulshan Community Land Trust; Baer-David Dobson, NW Colony Mobile Community; Courtney Hendrix, NW Colony Mobile Community; Michone Preston, Habitat for Humanity of Washington State; Kathryn Opina.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

OTHER: Jason Gauthier, South Sound Housing Affordability Partners; Michael Moran, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; Rena Shawver, Okanogan County Community Action Agency; Linda Lauch, American Indian Community Center (AICC); Bilan Aden, African Community Housing and Development; Sebastian Ruiz, Mujeres in Action (MiA); Anna Bondarenko, Thrive International Tacoma.

K-12 Public Schools. PRO: Jay Tyus, Superintendent, Wilbur and Creston Cooperative School Districts; Superintendent Ingrid Colvard, WA Assoc of School Administrators (WASA), Stevenson-Carson School District; Mitch Denning, Alliance of Educational Associations; Joan Huston, Cascadia Technical Academy.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

Higher Education. PRO: Steve DuPont, Central Washington University; Nora Selander, Western Washington University; Christopher Rosenquist, Associated Students of Western Washington University; David Buri, Eastern Washington University.

CON: Kevin Chang, University of Washington; Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

OTHER: Darrell Jennings, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Dr. Eric Murray, Cascadia College; Connor Haggerty, Washington State University.

Natural Resources. PRO: David Troutt, Nisqually Indian Tribe.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

OTHER: Michael Moran, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; Vanessa Kritzer, Washington Association of Land Trusts; Monica Montgomery, Great Peninsula Conservancy; Daniel Hoult, Outdoor Discovery Project.

All Other. PRO: Eli Lieberman, Washington State Green Bank.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

OTHER: Axel Swanson, Washington State Association of County Engineers; Scott Hazlegrove, WA Association of Sewer & Water Districts; Steven Ellis, Association of Washington Cities; Vince McGowan, Public Works Board; Katrina Brown, Terrain Spokane; Elpidia Saavedra, City of Toppenish.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: K-12 Public Schools. OTHER: Radu Smintina, School's Out Washington.