

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6003

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, February 26, 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, 2/26/26 [DPS].

Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill

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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6003 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Robinson, Chair; Stanford, Vice Chair, Operating; Trudeau, Vice Chair, Capital; Frame, Vice Chair, Finance; Gildon, Ranking Member, Operating; Torres, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Schoesler, Ranking Member, Capital; Dozier, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Kauffman, Muzzall, Pedersen, Riccelli, Saldaña, Wagoner, Warnick and Wilson, C..

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

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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 (First Substitute): The 2025-2027 biennial capital budget appropriations, including appropriations for general government agencies, human services programs, natural resources agencies, and educational institutions, are modified.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (First Substitute):

- Adds projects throughout the bill and makes technical corrections.

Appropriation: The bill contains an appropriation(s) totaling \$728 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 on Original Bill (January 12, 2026): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* 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 Hault, 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.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill (February 24, 2026): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* Please refer to the February 24, 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: Joan Penney, Housing Hope; Mary Munjua, United CCO; Josh Townsley, Evergreen Habitat for Humanity; Aya Samman, Comprehensive Healthcare; Samia El Mouslimany, Cherry Street Village; Safa Aldib, MAPS Redmond; Aaron Czyzewski, Food Lifeline; Karen Stratton, American Indian

Community Center; Sebastian Ruiz, Mujares in Action; Angela Ngiangi Diansasila, Congolese Integration Network; Mark Finney, Thrive International; Ginger Kwan, Open Doors for Multicultural Families.

OTHER: Erica Hallock, Start Early WA; AyeNay Abye, The Tubman Center for Health and Freedom; Karina Patel, The Tubman Center for Health and Freedom; Ryan Donohue, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King & Kittitas Counties; Lisa Yohalem, HealthPoint; Mike Pugsley, Ashley House; Jeff DeLuca, Washington State Community Action Partnership; Kim Justice, Partners for Our Children; Brad Banks, Evergreen Recovery Centers; Michele Thomas, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance; Jesse Simpson, Housing Development Consortium; Leona Colegrove, Tribal Court Judge, Quinault Indian Nation; David Lieberman, African Community Housing and Development; SAMETH MELL; Grace Kim, Schemata Workshop; Sarah Dickmeyer, Plymouth Housing; Francoise Milinganyo, Congolese Integration Network.

K-12 Public Schools. PRO: Mitch Denning, Alliance of Educational Associations.

OTHER: Tyler Muench, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Higher Education. PRO: Arlen Harris, WA State Board for Community & Technical Colleges; Eric Murray, Cascadia College; Christopher Rosenquist, Associated Students of Western Washington University; Connor Haggerty, Washington State University.

Natural Resources. PRO: Dave Herrera, Skokomish Indian Tribe; Jason Callahan, Green Diamond Resource Company; Skippy Shaw, The Nature Conservancy; w. Jay Gordon, Washington state dairy federation; Rose Gundersen, WA Retail Association; Mark Streuli, WA Cattlemen, WA Wheat Growers, WA Potato and Onion Assoc.; Isaac Kastama, Clean & Prosperous Washington.

CON: Ryan Elting, Whidbey Camano Land Trust; David Troutt, Nisqually Indian Tribe.

OTHER: Nathan Daniel, Great Peninsula Conservancy; Elaine Oneil, Washington Farm Forestry Association; Scott Richards, Bonneville Environmental Foundation; Alexei Calambokidis, Trout Unlimited; Cole Baldino, South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group ; Rebecca Springer, City of Ellensburg; Jim Freeburg, Stewards of Washington State Lands; Daniel Whelan, Sustainable Northwest; Daniel Hault, Outdoor Discovery Project.

All Other. PRO: Katrina Brown, Terrain Spokane; Gary Rowe, Public Works Board; Lincoln Ferris, Seattle Chinese Garden; Hoda Abdullahi, Living Well Kent.

OTHER: Tye Menser, Thurston County; Terry Pottmeyer, Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank; Elpidia Saavedra, City of Toppenish; Chairman Nino Maltos, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe; James Hove, Climate Solutions; Steven Ellis, Association of Washington Cities.

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