

## CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 25-02-05)

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### Renton Technical College–local capital expenditure authority to remodel Building J

#### Brief Description

Renton Technical College seeks approval to finance up to \$8,000,000 backed by local funding to renovate floors 2 and 3 in Building J.

#### How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

This project supports enrollments and completions by providing modern and relevant facilities for students, faculty, and staff.

#### Background information and analysis

Renton Technical College proposes to renovate floors 2 and 3 of Building J (UFI #A05747), a 61,963 gross square foot (GSF) instructional building. The building was originally constructed in 1988 and other than a remodel of the first floor that is recently completed, the space has not been significantly remodeled since.

Building J will house Adult Basic Education and general education programs including, math, communication, humanities, English and Social sciences. Classrooms and offices in Building J are difficult to find, access, and use for their intended instructional purposes by students and staff. Navigating between the classrooms must be done by traversing through a cluster of adjoining rooms or by exiting and re-entering the building via an exterior corridor. Additionally, there is a lack of office space required for faculty and staff.

A project to renovate just the first floor of Building J was completed. The scope of this request will be to renovate floors 2 and 3 to improve access, visibility, transparency, and efficiency. It will provide additional classrooms, faculty/staff offices, HR training space and conference room, as well as communal space for students.

The estimated cost of the renovation project is \$8,000,000, which the college will finance through a Certificate of Participation. The college has identified local funding for the debt service. The Renton Technical College Board of Trustees authorized the project and financing request January 15, 2025.

The college will partner with the Department of Enterprise Services to manage the public works process and provide project management for the construction services.

Per Chapter 39.94 of the Revised Code of Washington, all capital financing requires approval from the Legislature and the State Finance Committee. Once the project receives legislative approval through the capital budget, the State Finance Committee can market and sell the financing bond for this purpose.

## Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommend approval of Resolution 25-02-05, granting Renton Technical College the authority to request up to \$8,000,000 in local financing as part of the 2025-27 capital budget to remodel floors 2 and 3 in Building J.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

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## **STATE OF WASHINGTON**

### **STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

### **RESOLUTION 25-02-05**

A resolution relating to Renton Technical College's request to finance up to \$8,000,000 backed by local funding, to renovate Building J (UFI #A05747).

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 28B.50 and State Board policy, 6.20 the State Board any expenditure of capital funds, any expenditure for a capital purpose, and each capital improvement project affecting educational facilities, must be approved by the State Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Renton Technical College wishes to provide modern and relevant facilities for students, faculty, and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Building J was constructed in 1988 and houses Adult Basic Education and general education programs including, math, communication, humanities, English and Social sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, classrooms and offices in Building J are difficult to find, access, and use for their intended instructional purposes by students and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the college would like to modernize Building J by renovating floors 2 and 3 to improve access, visibility, transparency, and efficiency. It will provide additional classrooms, faculty/staff offices; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to renovate floors 2 and 3 of Building J is estimated at \$8,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the board of trustees approved the request for Certificate of Participation financing the Building J renovation project on January 15, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature and State Financing Committee must approve financing for capital purposes in the capital budget.


**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Renton Technical College to finance up to \$8,000,000, supported by local funding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges will seek to have the Legislature include authorization in the 2025-27 capital budget for Renton Technical College to finance up to \$8,000,000 using a Certificate of Participation to renovate floors 2 and 3 in building J; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to this action, including any necessary changes to the State Board's Policy Manual, as necessary, for actions taken by the Governor, Legislature, data corrections, externally imposed restrictions or guidelines, uniform accounting and reporting requirements, and unanticipated changes in state or federal law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on (02/06/2025)

Attest

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Chris Bailey, interim secretary

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Martin Valadez, chair