

CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 25-02-09)

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Wenatchee Valley College – increase of local capital expenditure authority for Center for Technical Education and Innovation project 40000198

Brief Description

Wenatchee Valley College seeks approval to spend up to an additional \$3,300,000 in local funds for design and construction of the Center for Technical Education and Innovation.

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

This project supports enrollments and student success by providing modern and relevant facilities.

Background information and analysis

Wenatchee Valley College currently has state funds of \$51,452,655 and \$700,000 in local funds for project 40000198 to construct the Center for Technical Education and Innovation. The project recently received bids that exceed the available funding for the project by \$3,300,000. This is the second time the project bid, each time the lowest responsive bid exceeded the available funding.

The local labor market is experiencing a shortage of electrical and mechanical contractors which appear to be driving up the costs. The college has explored alternatives with the Department of Enterprise Services and the State Board to accept the current low bid and move forward with construction.

On January 31, 2025, Wenatchee Valley College's Board of Trustees authorized up to \$3,300,000 in additional local funds through resolution 25-01 for this project so the college can enter into the contract for construction.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 25-02-09 giving Wenatchee Valley College authority to spend up to an additional \$3,300,000 in local funds to construct the new Center for Technical Education and Innovation.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

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STATE OF WASHINGTON STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES RESOLUTION 25-02-09

A resolution relating to Wenatchee Valley College's request to spend up to an additional \$3,300,000 in local funds for design and construction of the Center for Technical Education and Innovation.

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, Wenatchee Valley College currently has state funds of \$51,452,655 and \$700,000 in local funds to construct the Center for Technical Education and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, due to construction cost escalation since the project was authorized and a labor market shortage of electrical and mechanical contractors, the contractor bids for the construction phase contract exceeds available funding; and

WHEREAS, the college has worked with the Department of Enterprise Services and the State Board, for options to accept the low bid and avoid rebidding the project; and

WHEREAS, by approving resolution 25-01, the Wenatchee Valley College board of trustees has authorized up to \$3,300,000 in local funds for this project on January 31, 2025.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Wenatchee Valley College to spend up to an additional \$3,300,000 in local funds to build the Center for Technical Education and Innovation; 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



Chris Bailey, interim secretary



Martin Valadez, chair