

CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 25-04-11)

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Bates Technical College–local capital expenditure authority for welding and HVAC shop expansion

Brief Description

Bates Technical College seeks approval to spend up to \$2,441,207 in local capital funds to remodel space at the downtown campus (UFI #A04062) to create an additional welding and HVAC shop. These improvements will allow the college to serve more students in these high-demand programs, ensuring that the facilities remain modern, relevant, and conducive to high-quality education.

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

This project supports student success by providing modern and relevant facilities and increasing access and retention to populations who can benefit most from continuing education.

Background information and analysis

The welding and HVAC programs at Bates Technical College are in high demand. By expanding space for these two programs, the college will attract and be able to serve more students, addressing the growing need for skilled workers in these fields. The remodel will include creating additional space for welding and HVAC training, ensuring that the facilities are equipped to support increased enrollment and provide a high-quality educational experience.

Bates Technical College’s President approved this local capital expenditure up to \$2,441,207 request on 3/3/2025.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 25-04-11 giving Bates Technical College authority to spend up to \$2,441,207 in local funds for the Welding & HVAC Shop Expansion project.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

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STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

RESOLUTION 25-04-11

A resolution relating to the Welding & HVAC Shop Expansion at Bates Technical College, authorizing the college to spend up to \$2,441,207 in local funds to remodel space at the downtown campus (UFI #A04062) to create an additional welding shop and HVAC shop.

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, Bates Technical College's Welding and HVAC programs are in high demand and expanding these programs will allow the college to attract and serve more students; and

WHEREAS, the remodel will create additional space for welding and HVAC training, ensuring that the facilities are modern, relevant, and conducive to high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, this project directly supports Bates Technical College's mission of providing exceptional learning opportunities by ensuring that the college's facilities remain conducive to high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, Bates Technical College's President approved this local capital expenditure request up to \$2,441,207 on March 3, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Bates Technical College to spend up to \$2,441,207 in local funds to remodel space at the downtown campus to create an additional welding shop and HVAC shop, ensuring the facilities remain fit for the intended purpose and capable of serving more students.

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 (04/10/2025)

Attest



Chris Bailey, interim secretary



Martin Valadez, chair