



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2026 Capital Budget Request by fund source

Priority	College	Number	Project	Funding phase	State Bonds	Climate Commitment Act	Appropriation Request
1	Cascadia	4000222	CC5 Gateway building	Construction	\$ 42,112,000		\$ 42,112,000
2	Edmonds	4000114	Triton Learning Commons	Construction	\$ 44,819,000		\$ 44,819,000
3	Seattle Central	40001348	EcoDistrict Decarbonization	Design & Construction		\$ 22,409,000	\$ 22,409,000
4	North Seattle	40001347	District Energy Decarbonization Phase 1	Design & Construction		\$ 7,877,000	\$ 7,877,000
5	Clark	40001349	District Energy Decarbonization Phase 1	Design & Construction		\$ 21,307,000	\$ 21,307,000
6	Systemwide	40001338	CTC Building Tune-up Program	Grant Program		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
7	Edmonds	40001342	District Energy Decarbonization Electrical Supply Study	Design & Construction		\$ 639,000	\$ 639,000
8	Highline	40001345	District Energy Decarbonization Phase 1	Design & Construction		\$ 1,020,000	\$ 1,020,000
9	Tacoma	40001344	District Energy Decarbonization Electrical Supply Study	Design & Construction		\$ 717,000	\$ 717,000
10	Cascadia	40001346	Cascadia/UW Bothell District Energy Decarbonization Phase 1	Design & Construction		\$ 302,000	\$ 302,000
11	Systemwide	40001339	CTC Building HVAC Control-to-Schedule Upgrades	Grant Program		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
12	Systemwide	40001340	CTC HCFC-22 Refrigerant System Replacement	Grant Program		\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
					\$ 86,931,000	\$ 62,271,000	\$ 149,202,000

Certificate of Participation/Alternative Financing Requests

College	Number	Project	Funding phase	Alternative financing authority request
Lower Columbia	40001341	David Story Field Improvements	Design & Construction	\$ 3,000,000
Spokane	40001343	Main Building East Wing Renovation	Design & Construction	\$ 15,000,000

THIS YEAR'S BUDGETS ARE LEAN.

Total capital bond capacity is higher than normal for a supplemental budget year.

But...the Governor has proposed focusing a large portion of that capacity on housing and human services.

But...Climate Commitment Act funds are also available to fund qualifying projects.

THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET ONLY INCLUDED TWO CTC CAPITAL REQUESTS.

1. Retrocommissioning
2. HVAC Control to Schedule integration

Both are \$2 million appropriations and, if funded, will roll out to everyone as grant programs managed by our team.

BOTH CHAMBERS' CAP BUDGETS ARE IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TODAY!

- The Senate & House budget bills include:
 - RCx and Control-to-Schedule grant programs
 - Capital Building Fee backfill to replace funds reallocated to operating budgets.
 - Reappropriation of (\$484 K) for South Seattle's Automotive Tech renovation/expansion
 - COP authorities for Lower Columbia and Spokane College
- Senate includes \$5 million for Cascadia College 5 (partial funding)
- House includes decarb projects at Clark, N Seattle, and Seattle Central
- House also proposes raising pre-design thresholds (\$10 -> \$15 mill)

SOME RELEVANT POLICY BILLS.

- **HB 2353**
 - Raises the predesign threshold from \$10M to \$15M.
- **SHB 2420**
 - Increases the small works roster annual contract limits to \$650k by 2030.
- **SSB 6407**
 - Sets statutory budget requirements (e.g. minor works uses and limits, etc).
- **E2SSB 5061**
 - Requires that prevailing wage is set according to the time work is performed, not when the work was bid.

DECARBONIZATION PROJECT FUNDING REMAINS QUESTIONABLE.

25 state plans have been submitted and DSHS is working on another 7.

- The Leg is concerned that total costs (over 15-year timeline) is many billions.
- Agencies are concerned about getting partial project funding, but not enough to finish the full campus project over multiple biennia.

The Legislature needs an organized funding prioritization plan, and the House is proposing to fund that effort in the supplemental.

SOME INCENTIVES ARE AVAILABLE!

Commerce was provided \$150 million for the Tier 2 early adopter incentive program that opened July 2025. As of last month, they still had \$149 million.

- \$0.30 per square foot
- Buildings 20,000 to 50,000 square feet.
- \$6,000 to \$15,000 per building

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