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During the 2017 legislative session, budget writers in the House and Senate reached agreement on a 2017–19 capital budget. But the \$4.2 billion capital budget was held up when legislators could not agree on an unrelated water-rights bill. For the first time in modern history, the Legislature adjourned without passing a biennial capital budget.

Despite efforts during the interim by Gov. Inslee and others to resolve the impasse, the state still does not have a capital budget, and hundreds of projects remain on hold across the state. Starting these projects and grants — and putting thousands of Washingtonians to work on them — remain a top priority.

Gov. Inslee is again submitting a full capital budget request for the 2017–19 biennium and urges lawmakers to approve it as soon as possible when the Legislature convenes in January.

In crafting the proposal, the governor used the Legislature’s latest agreed-to plan as the starting point. Besides making minor adjustments to reflect cost changes and address timeline issues, his budget makes modest changes in several areas. For example, it includes additional funding to align the capital budget with changes he is proposing in the operating budget to address issues at Western State Hospital. The capital budget also takes

advantage of more bond capacity resulting from lower interest rates to make additional investments in stormwater projects, hatcheries and toxic cleanups to improve salmon runs and help bolster declining killer whale populations.

K-12 education

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

School construction

Support the School Construction Assistance Program, a partnership with school districts to construct and modernize approximately 100 school projects throughout the state. (\$745.4 million bonds; \$260.1 million Common School Construction Account)

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

New skills center facilities and repairs

Construct new facilities at the Tri-Tech Skills Center in Kennewick and provide additional funds for minor repairs throughout the skills center system. (\$10.8 million bonds; \$3.0 million School Construction and Skill Centers Building Account)

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

STEM classroom grants

Help school districts develop science, technology, engineering and math laboratories and classrooms to aid students graduating in 2019 to meet new graduation requirements. Grants will supplement school district funds for project design, construction and renovation for STEM-related equipment and IT systems. (\$13.0 million bonds)

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Healthy Kids/Healthy Schools, emergency repairs and equal access grants

Remove water fixtures with lead, purchase physical education equipment, upgrade kitchen equipment and provide grants for emergency repairs and facility upgrades to meet federal disability standards. (\$4.0 million bonds; \$5.2 million Common School Construction Account)

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Small rural district modernization grants

Award grants to assist small rural school districts that have facilities with significant building system deficiencies. Replacing or modernizing

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the school facility through the school assistance program, instead of these grants, would present an extraordinary tax burden on property owners or exceed allowable debt for the district. (\$35.0 million bonds)

Mental health

Department of Commerce

Mental health community capacity

Expand community placement for individuals in crisis and those needing long-term mental health treatment. Creates six crisis diversion or stabilization facilities, two drug and alcohol detox facilities, two enhanced service facilities and other placements for hard-to-serve patients. (\$65.6 million bonds)

Department of Social and Health Services

Additional forensic wards at Western State Hospital

Construct two new 30-bed treatment units adjacent to the Center for Forensic Services to address growing demand for competency evaluation and competency restoration services. (\$26.9 million bonds)

Department of Social and Health Services

Improvements at Western State Hospital

Consolidate and make improvements to the Western State Hospital campus to better treat patients. Preserves facilities, designs treatment and recovery space, and enhances campus safety and security. (\$13.3 million bonds)

Department of Social and Health Services

Child Study and Treatment Center: Children's Long-term Inpatient Program capacity

Expand the Child Study and Treatment Center for children 5- to 18-years-old who are severely mentally ill. Current capacity is 47 beds, and this adds 18 beds. (\$12.9 million bonds)

Department of Social and Health Services

Improvements at Eastern State Hospital

Repair and remodel facilities for patient safety and other essential needs. (\$5.4 million bonds)

Housing and homelessness

Department of Commerce, Department of Ecology

Housing stock and buildable lands

Provide loans and grants for 1) building affordable housing projects; 2) studying how to overcome barriers to constructing innovative and high-quality low-income housing projects that are significantly less expensive to build than traditional housing; 3) cleaning up brownfield sites for affordable housing development; and 4) preserving approximately 284 homes through major building improvements and system replacements. These investments will serve a broad spectrum of vulnerable populations, including homeless people with chronic mental illness and individuals who are no longer receiving active treatment at a state psychiatric hospital; homeless families and individuals; farmworkers;

seniors; and individuals with special needs. (\$113.2 million bonds; \$10.0 million Washington Housing Trust Account)

Energy

Department of Commerce

Clean energy

Award grants that develop, demonstrate and deploy technologies that save energy and reduce energy costs, cut harmful air emissions or increase energy independence for the state. Grants can also be used to modernize the electricity grid through projects that advance clean and renewable energy technologies. (\$40.6 million bonds; \$5.5 million Energy Efficiency Account)

Department of Commerce

Weatherization

Assist low-income households in all 39 counties in rehabilitating homes and improving home energy use. The program allows the state to maximize utility partnerships that offer payment arrangements and funding. (\$21.0 million bonds)

Department of Commerce

Energy efficiency and solar grants

Award grants to state agencies and local governments for projects that improve the energy efficiency of public facilities and street lighting, and install solar systems to reduce energy demand and costs. (\$5.5 million bonds; \$5.5 million Energy Efficiency Account)

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Infrastructure

Department of Commerce, Department of Health, Department of Ecology

Water systems

Provide assistance to local governments to repair, replace and expand wastewater, stormwater and drinking water systems. (\$279.2 million bonds; \$360.0 million federal)

Public health

Department of Health, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Lead remediation

Remediate known lead paint hazards in approximately 100 homes, child care facilities, rental properties and private schools to prevent harmful effects of lead exposure on young children. Replace water fixtures in public schools where testing indicates lead in drinking water. (\$2.6 million bonds)

Department of Health

Public Health Laboratory

Add new wings to the State Public Health Laboratories in Shoreline to accommodate the requirement that it conduct 17 new health screening tests. As a regional resource, the lab screens for new diseases in Washington, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Alaska. (\$2.6 million bonds)

Public safety

Washington State Patrol

Fire Training Academy improvements

Advance training capabilities by replacing the structurally inadequate burn building with one that better withstands live-fire training exercises and promotes more efficient training. (\$7.5 million certificate of participation; \$3.0 million Fire Service Training Account)

Preservation of state assets

Department of Social and Health Services, Department of Enterprise Services, Department of Corrections, other agencies

Various projects

Preserve state-owned facilities and protect the health and safety of staff, clients and visitors. (\$243.4 million bonds; \$169.0 million other funds)

Toxics and hazardous waste

Department of Ecology, Washington Pollution Liability Insurance Agency

Toxic cleanup

Award grants to local governments to clean up toxics sites and underground storage tanks to protect public and environmental health. The grants create jobs and promote economic activity by redeveloping contaminated sites. A total of \$27.7 million restores the 2016 supplemental budget reduction and keeps these important toxics cleanup projects moving forward.

(\$54.2 million bonds; \$8.5 million Model Toxics Control Accounts; \$28.8 Cleanup Settlement Account; \$12.7 million PLIA Underground Storage Tank Revolving Account)

Department of Ecology

Hazardous waste reduction/coordinated prevention grants

Award grants to local governments for solid and hazardous waste plans for waste reduction and recycling programs, household hazardous waste collection and regulatory oversight. (\$10.0 million bonds)

Stormwater

Department of Ecology

Water supply, stormwater, flood protection and Southern Resident killer whale recovery projects

Award grants to tribes, local governments, state agencies and nongovernmental organizations for projects that restore natural conditions in floodplains; construct flood protection and stormwater systems that prevent pollutants from entering areas where Southern Resident killer whales are regularly present; and increase water supply to basins. A total of \$70.1 million restores the 2016 supplemental reduction and continues these important projects. (\$292.1 million bonds; \$10.0 million other funds)

- » Catastrophic flood relief – \$60.0 million
- » Columbia River water supply development program – \$33.8 million

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- » Floodplains by design – \$35.4 million
- » Othello water supply and storage – \$1.0 million
- » Stormwater financial assistance program – \$107.1 million
- » Yakima River Basin water supply – \$31.1 million
- » Rural water availability – \$20.0 million

Recreation

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

Support habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, riparian protection, farmland preservation and trails. Includes grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to construct or renovate outdoor facilities. (\$80.0 million bonds)

State Parks and Recreation Commission

Preserve assets

Build or improve restrooms, utilities and other park amenities to provide a better experience for state parks visitors. (\$50.3 million bonds; \$7.3 million other funds)

Department of Commerce, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Youth recreation programs

Build or renovate indoor and outdoor recreational facilities for youth. (\$11.0 million bonds)

Fish

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Salmon recovery

Protect and restore salmon habitat by replanting stream banks and dikes, removing levees and acquiring pristine habitat in the Puget Sound basin and throughout the state. (\$67.7 million bonds; \$50.0 million federal)

Department of Fish and Wildlife, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Fish passage barrier removal

Ensure compliance with federal regulations and state priorities by constructing hatchery water intakes and fish screening and related hatchery infrastructures. Provides \$25.0 million in grants to local, tribal and private entities and small forest landowners for fish barrier removal and coordinating a statewide strategy. Also provides \$12.5 million for coastal restoration grants for watersheds; creek, prairie and wetlands conservation and restoration; barrier removal; and culvert corrections projects. (\$58.2 million bonds)

- » Minter Minter hatchery intakes – \$6.5 million
- » Samish hatchery intakes – \$4.9 million

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Hatcheries production and Southern Resident killer whale recovery projects

Design, construct and renovate hatcheries and related infrastructures to meet new fish culture rearing standards and improve fish and water inventories. This will further increase prey for

Southern Resident killer whales as well as ensure recreational fishing opportunities in rivers and lakes throughout the state. (\$25.8 million bonds)

- » Hoodspout hatchery pond renovation – \$4.8 million
- » Kalama Falls hatchery raceways and pollution abatement design and permit – \$1.0 million
- » Clarks Creek hatchery rebuild – \$11.4 million
- » Hurd Creek hatchery – \$800,000
- » Southern Resident killer whale recovery projects – \$1.0 million
- » Naselle hatchery renovation – \$8.0 million

Forest fires

Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Hazard reduction

Reduce forest fire hazards on state trust lands and high-risk private noncommercial timber lands, including forest health thinning on 10,000 acres of Department of Fish and Wildlife lands. The work includes prescribed burning of up to 7,000 acres per year. (\$18.0 million bonds)

Early learning

Department of Commerce

Early learning facility grants

Award facility construction and renovation grants to current and potential providers in the Early Childhood Education Assistance Program and the

Early Achievers program. This funding will help provide additional classrooms needed for ECEAP by the 2020–21 school year, as required by law. (\$15.5 million bonds)

Higher education – four-year institutions

Eastern Washington University

Interdisciplinary science center

Construct an interdisciplinary science center to house teaching labs and support space for the biology, chemistry/biochemistry, geology and physics departments. The current science building, built in 1962, has serious deficiencies and is unable to meet program needs and accommodate expected STEM enrollment growth. (\$67.0 million bonds)

Washington State University

Plant sciences building

Build a new plant sciences building on the Pullman campus. The building will house faculty and associated students with research programs in plant biochemistry, plant pathology, horticulture and crop sciences. This project will complete construction of the complex of facilities that support collaboration among the university's plant scientists. (\$52.0 million bonds)

Central Washington University

Health sciences building

Construct the first phase of the health sciences building to house classrooms, class laboratories, research laboratories, student study areas and offices. The facility will offer improvements in

laboratory quality, technology and student spaces and house all health sciences programs in the building including nutrition/dietetics, clinical physiology, exercise science and emergency medical services. (\$23.0 million bonds)

University of Washington

Population health sciences building

Construct a facility to advance efforts to improve the health and well-being of people around the world. The Gates Foundation is contributing \$210.0 million to the facility, which will serve as a research hub for faculty and others working on an ambitious new population health initiative to address challenges such as poverty, health care access, equity and climate change. The building will support 1,500-plus students, 30 of whom will be Institute of Health Metrics students. (\$15.0 million bonds)

University of Washington

Clean energy center

Complete design and begin construction of a research building to house the Center for Advanced Materials and Clean Energy Technologies and clean energy test beds. CAMCET will be an interdisciplinary center with faculty from various science and engineering programs. It will house learning labs, research labs, meeting rooms and multidisciplinary space. (\$20.0 million bonds)

Higher education – community and technical colleges

Edmonds Community College

Science, engineering and technology building

Build a science, engineering and technology facility to meet growth needs of programs in allied health, engineering, materials science, mathematics and natural sciences, construction management, occupational safety and health technician, and construction trades. The building will also provide space for the IT department, multiuse classrooms and faculty offices. (\$37.7 million bonds)

Big Bend Community College

Professional technical education center

Replace five 1950s-era military facilities with a centralized professional technical education center. The new facility will encompass 76,000 square feet and provide flexible industry lab space that can be adapted to meet changing program and community needs. New technological infrastructure will be featured in the facility to allow for more rural outreach and innovative education delivery strategies. (\$35.0 million bonds)

Whatcom Community College

Learning commons

Construct a learning commons building to help the college meet growing student enrollments and provide access to student services. The learning commons will be a three-story, 65,000-square foot facility with space for academic support services such as tutoring, math and writing centers, and for library resources. It will also provide space to serve 816 new students. (\$34.0 million bonds)