



# 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

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## Investing in College Campuses and Climate Recovery

Our community and technical college system's \$122 million supplemental request targets emergency repairs at Bellingham Technical College, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and funding two priority capital projects.

### Energy-performance standards

According to the Washington State Department of Commerce, buildings are the most rapidly growing source of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington state. The building sector is the state's second largest carbon polluter behind transportation, and accounts for 27% of statewide emissions. Investing in building energy efficiency is the most cost-effective way to significantly reduce building sector emissions.<sup>1</sup>

With full funding of this request, our colleges would:

- Install energy submeters in individual buildings to ensure compliance with energy performance standards established under the 2019 Clean Buildings Act (HB 1257) and then expanded in 2022 (SB 5722). Fast action is required to meet the first mandatory compliance date of June 1, 2026.
- Develop decarbonization plans for campuses with centralized heating and cooling plants. Decarbonization plans for campuses with centralized energy systems serving at least five buildings and more than 100,000 square feet of building space are required under HB 1390, which sets a due date

of June 30, 2024 for planning to begin, and June 30, 2025 for plans to be submitted to the Department of Commerce for review and approval.

- Tune up and optimize inefficient building systems through a "retro-commissioning" grant program. The grant program would be created through this request and administered by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

These investments would equip colleges to meet state energy performance standards for buildings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve operational efficiencies, and avoid significant penalties, thereby preserving funding for instruction and student services.

### Priority design and construction projects

Our college system's 2024 budget request also seeks funding for repairs to the Bellingham Technical College Campus Center Building and for two major capital projects not funded in the biennial budget: the Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies at Lower Columbia College in Longview, and the Performing Arts Building replacement at Columbia Basin College in Pasco. Funding these requests would serve students while reducing a backlog of capital projects needed across Washington's 34 community and technical colleges.

Source: 1. Department of Commerce website Sept. 2, 2023: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/buildings/clean-buildings-standards/>

Priority	College	Project	Phase	Request	Cumulative
1	Bellingham TC	Campus Center Emergency Repairs *	Design & Construct	\$ 19,384,000	\$ 19,384,000
2	Statewide	CBPS SBCTC Statewide Utility Submeters for Clean Buildings Act	Design & Construct	\$ 8,540,000	\$ 27,924,000
3	Statewide	HB 1390 - Decarbonization Planning	Planning	\$ 724,000	\$ 28,648,000
4	Statewide	CTC Energy Efficiency Program	Grant program	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 30,648,000
5	Lower Columbia	Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies	Construction	\$ 43,704,000	\$ 74,352,000
6	Columbia Basin	Performing Arts Building Replacement	Design & Construct	\$ 47,876,000	\$ 122,228,000

College	Project	Authority
Renton	Building J Renovation	\$ 2,000,000

\* Includes \$5.3 million from reallocated project savings requiring legislative authorization.

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