FINAL BILL REPORT ESSB 5949

Brief Description: Concerning the capital budget.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Mullet and Schoesler; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background: The capital expenses of state government, and its agencies and programs, are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus capital budget adopted by the Legislature in odd numbered years. State capital expenses are paid from state general obligation bonds and from various dedicated funds and accounts. The primary two-year budget is passed in odd-numbered years, and a supplemental budget making adjustments to the two-year budget is passed during even-numbered years. The current capital budget covers the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

Summary: The 2023-2025 biennial capital budget appropriations, including appropriations for general government agencies, human services programs, natural resources agencies, and educational institutions, are modified.

Budget summary materials can be found by navigating to the Senate 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Proposal at fiscal.wa.gov.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 49 0 House 96 0 (House amended) Senate 46 0 (Senate concurred)

Effective: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

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