

Jobs

Middle class families are struggling and we must invest in good-paying jobs. People who work hard and play by the rules deserve to have a chance to access a job and provide for their family

Bricks, mortar and more for mental health, nutrition and the environment

2014 Supplemental Capital Budget / [SB 6020](#) – The House supplemental capital budget – incorporated in an amendment to Senate Bill 6020 -- focused on investing in mental-health facilities and beds and state mental-health facility improvement; nutrition equipment and water-bottle filling stations in public schools; Clean Water Act mitigation and flood-hazard reduction; and other projects throughout the state. **The \$166 million budget would have generated a projected 1,660 jobs.** *(Died in Senate)*

Classrooms for all-day kindergarten and K-3 students

\$700 million for classrooms / [HB 2797](#) – The Supreme Court’s January 9, 2014 order on McCleary stated:

“The plaintiffs cite OSPI’s Facilities Capacity Report to note that school districts are strapped for the physical space to meet these goals. Pls.’ Resp. at 32,36. OSPI estimates that additional capital expenditures are required of approximately \$105 million for full-day kindergarten and \$599 million for K-3 class-size reduction is essential, but the State must account for the actual cost to schools of providing these components of basic education. We recognized long ago that the paramount duty to amply fund education under article IX, section 1 must be borne by the State, not local school districts.”

HB 2797 authorizes revenue bonds backed by lottery revenues to address all-day kindergarten and K-3 class size reduction facility needs; requires the State Finance Committee and the Office of Financial Management to conduct an objective analysis to determine the most appropriate financing structure for the lottery revenue bonds; directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a plan and proposed rules for grant allocation. The grant program does not require a match from local school districts. **Using the assumption that \$1 million in capital funding means 10 jobs, HB 2797 would have resulted in at least 7,000 jobs.** *(Died in Senate)*



2014 Supplemental Transportation Budget

2014 Supplemental Transportation Budget / [HB 2762](#)/[SB 6001](#) – The 2014 Supplemental Transportation budget continues to support many construction projects across the State including; I-90 Snoqualmie Pass, I-405, US 395, SR 520, the Colman Dock and the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal. The budget also provides a financing plan to fund the cost overruns on the 520 bridge project by refinancing toll revenues and redirecting savings found in other projects. This was done without changing the scope of or removing any previously funded transportation projects across the State. The budget also provides operating funds to support Amtrak service while ensuring obligations for over \$800 million of federal funds are met. In addition, the budget provides important investments in information technology at the Department of Licensing and requires improved project delivery at the Washington State Department of Transportation. **The 2014 Transportation budget supports over 47,000 jobs in Washington State.** *(Delivered to Governor)*