

## Capital Budget

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*The capital budget pays for construction projects in every corner of Washington state: Elementary schools and college science labs, parks and prisons, the capital budget creates jobs while building a better future for our kids and grandkids.*

*Unfortunately, the Senate did not agree to negotiate this year, and for the first time in decades, the session ended without passing a capital budget.*

### **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)*

### **Building classrooms for early learners**

**School construction / [HB 2797](#)** – Kids need classrooms. Part of the Supreme Court's ruling on fully funding public schools said the state must do a better job of addressing overcrowded classrooms from kindergarten to third grade. Those are the years that researchers say are critical for smaller class sizes and personal attention from teachers. House Bill 2797 was a bipartisan bill to put up to \$700 million toward building classrooms around the state. It would create 7,000 jobs to build needed classrooms. School districts across the state are in need of additional classrooms to offer their students smaller class sizes, including 346 additional classrooms needed in Seattle alone, 150 in Spokane, 120 in Vancouver and 57 in Snohomish. Click [here](#) for a list of school districts and their reported classroom needs. *(Died in Senate)*

