GOVERNOR’S PROPOSED 2018 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Governor Inslee released his recommended 2018 supplemental budget on December 14, 2017. The Governor’s budget is the first step in formulating a supplemental budget. The Legislature will convene for the regular 60-day session on January 8th, and over the course of the legislative session the House and Senate will each propose budgets. Ultimately, the Legislature will agree to a conference or compromise budget, which will be signed by the respective House and Senate leaders and then be sent to the Governor for his signature.

Operating Budget

Governor Inslee’s operating budget:

- Fully funds all three initiatives that WSU asked for in its supplemental budget request:
  - Funds implementation costs of SB 5939, which creates a solar energy incentive program administered by the WSU Energy Program.
  - Provides operations funding for the Joint Center for Deployment and Research in Earth Abundant Materials (JCDREAM) beginning in FY 2019.
  - Makes WSU the sole fiscal agent for the Washington Academy of Sciences by transferring appropriations from UW to WSU.
- Provides funding for premiums associated with a State paid family leave program that begins in January 2019.
- Decreases the state employee health insurance funding rate from $957/month to $906/month per employee in fiscal year 2019.

Capital Budget

Governor Inslee’s supplemental capital budget:

- Funds $113.91 million of capital projects for the 2017–19 biennium that were also included in Senate Bill 5981. They are:
  - Plant Sciences construction, $52 M
  - Global Animal Health Phase II construction, $23 M
  - Tri-Cities Academic Building design, $3 M
  - Minor Capital Preservation, $22 M
  - STEM Teaching Labs/Building Infrastructure Upgrades, $1 M
  - Vancouver Life Sciences Building predesign $.5 M
  - Preventative Maintenance & Building System Repairs, $10 M
  - Joint Center for Deployment & Research in Abundant Materials – Equipment, $2 M