HOUSE PROPOSED 2018 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

The House Appropriations Committee Chair released his recommended 2018 supplemental budget on February 20, 2018. Next, 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. Regular session is scheduled to end on March 8th.

Operating Budget

The House operating budget:

- Fully funds these two 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.
  - Makes WSU the sole fiscal agent for the Washington Academy of Sciences by transferring appropriations from UW to WSU.
- Provides funding for textbook stipends for eligible gold star family members.
- Provides funding for the WSU Extension Energy program to make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for promoting sustainable development of renewable natural gas in Washington.
- Provides one-time funding for WSU’s integrated weed control project.
- Provides funding to the WSU Long Beach Extension Unit for additional staff
- 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 $926/month per employee in fiscal year 2019.
- Increases funding for State Need Grant to serve an additional 6200 students in FY 2019.
- Provides matching funds for private contributions to the Washington Opportunity Scholarship program and expands other state financial aid programs.

Capital Budget

Although the legislature did not pass a capital budget bill for 2017-19 during their regular session (spring 2017), a compromise capital budget passed on January 19, 2018 during the 2018 Supplemental Session. [Budget summary link below]. The February House proposed capital budget does not include any additional funding for Washington State University.

Capital Budget Summary