SENATE PROPOSED 2018 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
The Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair released his recommended 2018 supplemental budget on February 19, 2018. In the coming days the House will release their budget proposal. 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. Regular session is scheduled to end on March 8th.

Operating Budget
The Senate 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 to integrate Native American curriculum into existing history and government course requirements.
- Provides funding for WSU to reestablish the sustainable aviation biofuels workgroup.
- Provides funding to the WSU Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center to create a plan for expansion of graduate research in the Wenatchee Valley.
- 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.
- Increases funding for State Need Grant to serve an additional 2500 students annually.
- Increases the College Bound Scholarship caseload, and provides matching funds for private contributions to the Washington Opportunity Scholarship program.

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 Senate proposed capital budget does not include any additional funding for Washington State University.

Capital Budget Summary

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