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Subject: Final Compromise - 2024 Supplemental Operating and Capital Budgets (making changes to underlying 2023-25 biennial budgets)

Leadership in the House and Senate released their compromise 2024 supplemental [capital](#) and [operating](#) budgets on March 5 and March 6, respectively. The final compromise follows the initial proposals from leadership of both chambers last month. The full legislature approved the budgets and adjourned on-time on March 7. This brief covers final compromise budgets as approved by the legislature. In April, the Governor vetoed one provision that applied to the University in the operating budget. This brief has been updated to reflect respective changes, which are **highlighted**.

In sessions occurring in even-numbered years, lawmakers are tasked with amending the two-year budget set in the 2023 legislative session; their primary focus is on changes for the second fiscal year (FY25) in the biennium. Once finalized, the supplemental operating budget will be incorporated into the UW's Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) operating budget. This will be presented to the Board of Regents as an information item in May, and then returns as an action item in June.

For a review of the 2023-25 biennial budget or previous budget proposals, please see our [briefs page](#). For more information regarding the UW's requests for state funding, please see our request on [this page](#).

## OPERATING BUDGETS

At the end of last year's legislative session, the economic outlook in Washington state was forecasted to be positive. Overall revenue projections released by the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (ERFC) have continued to improve, though growth is slowing. The most recent forecast in February of this year projected a \$122 million increase in revenue for the 2023-25 biennium. Total revenue for the biennium is now projected to reach \$67 billion.

Based on the February 2024 forecast, the compromise budget proposed by leadership in the Senate and House reflects an increase over the underlying biennial budget. Many of the UW's academy requests are slated for funding and UW Medicine would receive a significant one-time appropriation of \$60 million in FY25.

### Direct Impacts to the UW

Overall, the compromise supplemental budget reflected an increase of **\$91.6 million** over the 2023-25 biennial budget. The increase in funding is largely attributed to additional funding for UW Medicine. Table 1, below, shows the total funding in 2024 supplemental budget proposals compared to the enacted 2023-25 biennial budget.

**Table 1: UW State Funding - 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Proposals**  
Near General Fund State (in \$1,000s)

Budget	FY1	FY2	Total
<i>Enacted 2023-25 Biennial Operating Budget</i>	583,064	520,505	<b>1,103,569</b>
<i>Governor's Proposed 2024 Supplemental Budget</i>	585,011	597,561	<b>1,182,572</b>
<i>Senate Proposed 2024 Supplemental Budget</i>	585,328	613,797	<b>1,199,125</b>
<i>House Proposed 2024 Supplemental Budget</i>	584,347	599,420	<b>1,183,767</b>
<b>Compromise 2024 Supplemental Budget</b>	<b>585,215</b>	<b>609,922</b>	<b>1,195,137</b>

Table 2, below, details the 2024 supplemental operating budget and previous proposals. While we frequently see other state agencies receive allocations that stipulate funds to be provided to or contracted with the University, this list of provisos includes only appropriations directly to the University. Only incremental Near-General Fund appropriations from the General Fund-State (GF-S) and the Workforce Education Investment Account (WEIA) are shown in the tables. All provisos, including those funded from other state accounts, are described in more detail on the following pages.

**Table 2: 2024 Supp. Operating Budget Proposals**  
Near General Fund State (in \$1,000s)

	Governor	Senate	House	Legislative Compromise		
	2023-25 Total	2023-25 Total	2023-25 Total	FY24	FY25	2023-25 Total
<b>2023-25 Biennial Budget (base funding)</b>	<b>1,103,569</b>	<b>1,103,569</b>	<b>1,103,569</b>	583,064	520,505	<b>1,103,569</b>
<b>Maintenance Level Changes</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>3,457</b>	1,474	1,983	<b>3,457</b>
Maintenance & Operations (ML+PL)	153	129	129	-	129	129
Tuition Backfill Inflation Adjustment	1,213	1,213	1,213	526	687	1,213
ML Central Service Adjs.	51	55	55	49	6	55
Worker's Compensation	3,056	3,056	3,056	1,529	1,527	3,056
College in the High School	(550)	(1,235)	(1,235)	(630)	(605)	(1,235)
Alternative Jet Fuels	239	239	239	-	239	239
<b>Policy Level Changes</b>	<b>74,841</b>	<b>92,099</b>	<b>76,741</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>87,434</b>	<b>88,111</b>
PL Central Service Adjs.	1,434	620	1,430	(83)	714	631
Total Employee Benefits Changes	(428)	53	(67)	10	(47)	(37)
UW Hospital Support	50,000	65,000	50,000	-	60,000	60,000
School of Dentistry RIDE Expansion	2,505	2,505	2,505	-	2,505	2,505
Allen School Scholars	330	330	330	-	330	330
Legal Service Shift (AGO)	-	-	(1,838)	-	-	-
BHTF Support	20,000	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Semiconductor Teaching Lab	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
State Elections Database (SB 5837)	-	250	-	-	173	173
Ballot Rejection (SB 5890)	-	10	-	-	10	10
Lakeland Village Records (SB 6125)	-	267	-	-	267	267
Pesticide Application Safety Comm.	-	8	4	-	-	-
Nurse Anesthetist Workforce (SB 6286)	-	148	-	-	250	250
988 System Timeline (SB 6308)	-	264	-	-	-	-
OHBH Long Term Planning	-	100	-	-	-	-
Environmental Forensic Science Center	-	307	-	-	307	307
College in the High School	-	630	-	630	-	630
Memory & Brain Wellness Center	-	50	50	-	50	50
Nordic Nations Pilot Program	-	350	-	-	350	350
Reproductive Health Access	-	412	412	-	412	412
WCPS Planning/FIFA Soccer Field Renovation	-	180	180	-	180	180
BHTF Legal Services	-	615	615	-	615	615
UW Barnard Center	-	-	250	-	250	250
Co-Response Services (HB 2245)	-	-	806	-	535	535
European Green Crab Research	-	-	174	-	174	174
Conditional Scholarship Report	-	-	250	-	250	250
Entrepreneur In Residence Program	-	-	300	-	300	300
Higher Ed Opioid Prevention (HB 2112)	-	-	232	-	232	232
Junior Summer Institute	-	-	140	-	140	140
Postsecondary Student Needs	-	-	73	-	73	73
Ranked Choice Voting Study	-	-	125	25	100	125
SMART Center	-	-	370	120	250	370
Center for DV Research	-	-	400	-	(1,100)	(1,100)
Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SB 6228)	-	-	-	-	214	214
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>1,182,572</b>	<b>1,199,125</b>	<b>1,183,767</b>	<b>585,215</b>	<b>609,922</b>	<b>1,195,137</b>

## Tuition Policy

As expected, the compromise supplemental budget assumes the continuation of current tuition policy (enacted by 2ESSB 5954, 2015), which has allowed resident undergraduate tuition increases of between 2.2-3.0 percent each year. The allowable increase for the 2024-25 academic year will be 3.0 percent. Part of the state's tuition policy requires an inflationary adjustment to tuition backfill amounts provided in previous budgets. The backfill adjustment in the current compromise budget results in an additional \$1.2 million over the biennium.

## Compensation and Benefits

### **Compensation:**

Salary increases for faculty and staff were the University's highest priority requests for the 2023-25 biennial budget. Collective bargaining agreements for UW represented staff were approved by the state during the 2023 session. For FY25, the state budget assumes 3 percent salary increases for non-represented faculty and staff. None of the budget proposals make compensation changes to the 2023-25 budget. It is notable, however, that Washington State University would receive \$2.5 million in temporary compensation support that is associated with their first Academic Student Employee (TAs and RAs) contract.

### **Benefits:**

Monthly employer contribution caps for employee benefits in all budget proposals would be unchanged for FY24 (\$1,145). The compromise budget would update FY25 contribution caps from \$1,191 in the current biennial budget to \$1,170 (-\$21). Previous proposals from the Senate and House would have updated FY25 contribution caps to \$1,174 (-\$17) and \$1,169 (-\$22), respectively. Benefit assumptions represent significant costs across all UW activities and are passed through to unit cost centers via benefit load rates. All proposed benefits rates assume that state employee vision plan hardware benefits would increase to \$200 every two years.

## Maintenance Level Changes

The UW submitted two budget requests at the maintenance level including maintenance and operations for the UW Medicine – Northwest Behavioral Health renovation, and funding for legislation that passed during the previous legislative session but was not funded in the 2023-25 operating budget. We have summarized each maintenance level request below.

- **Maintenance & Operations for the UWMC-NW Behavioral Health Renovation:** The University requested \$153,000 in FY25, which is half of the ongoing cost in future fiscal years. The project is expected to reach substantial completion by January 2025 and construction was a state-funded legislative priority in conjunction with the Behavioral Health Teaching Facility. The Governor's budget would have fully funded the University's request, but the compromise budget would use a lower per/gross square foot funding rate seen in Senate and House proposals, resulting in a lower funding amount of \$129,000 in the first year and double the amount in future years (GF-S).
- **Funding for SB 5447, Alternative Jet Fuels Reporting:** The University requested \$239,000 in FY25 and \$144,000 ongoing. The Legislature passed SB 5447 during the 2023 session, which directed the UW Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences (DEOHS) to calculate and report on jet fuel emissions around SeaTac International Airport. The Legislature provided funding to every state agency involved with this work, except

for the UW. Without funding, it is not feasible for DEOHS to complete the study. The compromise budget would fully fund the University's request for FY25 and future fiscal years consistent with previous proposals (WEIA).

## Policy Level Changes

The compromise budget provides funding for all UW budget requests at the policy level but would not address a shift of legal support staff for the UW Division of the Attorney General's Office (AGO). While this was not an official request submitted by the UW in September, a joint request was later submitted in coordination with the AGO. More detail about each is policy level request is below:

## UW Budget Requests:

- **UW Medicine Safety Net and Medical Training Support:** The University requested up to \$100 million in FY25 to support critical safety net care, medical training and education, and other services at UW Medical Center and Harborview Medical Center. UW Medicine received one-time funding during the 2023 legislative session for FY23 and FY24 and is making progress in addressing challenges related to payer mix and complex discharge. However, UW Medicine needs additional state support for FY25 to address increasing labor costs and prevent significant and harmful service reductions. The compromise budget provides \$60 million in FY25, coded as one-time funding (GF-S).
- **Dentistry RIDE Expansion:** The University requested \$2.5 million in FY25 and each year thereafter, in collaboration with Eastern Washington University (EWU), to expand the capacity and footprint of the Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE) program in Spokane. The request will double the cohort and add a second year to the program in Spokane, which will enhance Spokane's function as a regional campus and hub for professional education. The compromise budget fulfills the request with ongoing funding (WEIA).
- **Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering Startup Program:** The University requested \$330,000 in FY25 and \$455,000 ongoing for the Startup program (now Allen Scholars), which supports and prepares students with high potential and academic need to succeed in the CSE BS program. The state provided \$455,000 in FY23 then one-time funding of \$125,000/year for the current biennium (FY24 and FY25) in the 2023 session (though we requested \$455,000 ongoing). This would bridge the gap in FY25 and make the funding permanent. The compromise budget fulfills the request with \$330,000 in FY25 and an ongoing amount of \$455,000 in future fiscal years (WEIA).
- **UW Division of the AGO Staffing Shift:** If implemented, this would have shifted approximately 10 FTE legal support staff to the AGO from the UW. The cost of the shift would have been built into the central service model for AGO billing authority, and a portion of state funding would be allocated to the UW. **The compromise budget did not address this request.** We will work with partners in the AGO to determine our approach for a future request.

## Additional Provisos in the Compromise Budget:

- **Center for Behavioral Health & Learning support:** formerly known as the "Behavioral Health Teaching Facility (BHTF)", \$20 million is provided in FY25 for the state portion of the 75 long-term civil commitment beds at the UW BHTF. A report is due by June 30, 2025, that will inform ongoing funding based on actual costs (GF-S).
- **State Elections Database:** \$173,000 in FY25 to support the Washington Elections Database. This is expected to be ongoing funding (GF-S) and supplements an existing appropriation due to new requirements.

- **Ballot Rejection:** \$10,000 in FY25 to implement [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5890](#), which establishes a work group to approve a uniform ballot envelope design to be used by all counties starting with the 2026 primary election. This is expected to be ongoing funding (GF-S).
- **Lakeland Village Records:** \$267,000 in FY25 to develop a preservation plan for artifacts at Lakeland Village as required under [Substitute Senate Bill 6125](#). Funding is coded as one-time (GF-S).
- **Nurse Anesthetist Workforce:** \$250,000 in FY25 to implement [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6286](#) which directs the UW Center for Health Workforce Studies to study workforce shortages in anesthesia care. This is expected to be one-time funding (GF-S).
- **Environmental Forensic Science Center:** \$307,000 in FY25 to support the operation of the Environmental Forensic Science Center. This is expected to be one-time funding (GF-S) and supplements existing funding.
- **College in the High School:** \$630,000 in FY24 to support the College in the High School program expansion resulting from the passage of Chapter 314, Laws of 2023 ([2SSB 5048](#)). This is coded as a one-time allocation and offsets a reduction to an existing appropriation. See the "[Other Notable Changes](#)" section for more information (WEIA).
- **Memory and Brain Wellness Center:** \$50,000 in FY25 is provided to support the Memory and Brain Wellness Center and the expansion of the Dementia Friends Program. This is expected to be one-time funding (GF-S).
- **Nordic Nations Pilot Program:** \$350,000 in FY25 to establish a pilot program to support activities related to cooperation with academic institutions, governmental and public agencies of the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden, and the Kingdom of Norway. Funding is coded as a one-time (GF-S).
- **Reproductive Health Access:** \$412,000 in FY25 is provided to develop and implement the Washington Reproductive Access Alliance, allowing small and rural public hospital districts to partner with UW Medicine to provide substantially equivalent services under the Reproductive Privacy Act. Funding is expected to be ongoing (GF-S).
- **World Cup Planning/FIFA Soccer Field Renovation:** \$180,000 in FY25 is provided to support soccer field renovation and associated lighting upgrades to prepare for the 2026 World Cup hosted by Seattle. The compromise [capital budget](#) also includes funding for stadium renovation. Funding is expected to be one-time (GF-S).
- **Center for Behavioral Health & Learning - Legal Services:** \$615,000 in FY25 is provided for legal costs associated with the 75 long-term civil commit residents at the Center for Behavioral Health & Learning. Our intent is to include the incremental costs of these AGO positions in the cost report on running civil commit services to seek full reimbursement. Funding is expected to be ongoing with \$1.24 million assumed for the 2025-27 biennium (GF-S).
- **UW Barnard Center:** \$250,000 in FY25 for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health to identify existing infant and early childhood mental health workforce initiatives and activities. A report is due June 30, 2025. This is expected to be one-time funding (WEIA).
- **Co-response Services:** \$535,000 in FY25 to support co-response curriculum development and certification and credential opportunities. This is expected to be one-time funding (GF-S).
- **European Green Crab Research:** \$174,000 in FY25 for genome sequencing and other research that may improve control and eradication of the European green crab. This is expected to be one-time funding (GF-S).

- **Conditional Scholarship Report:** \$250,000 in FY25 for a report on usage of conditional scholarships for students who committed to working in the public behavioral health system. This report is due June 30, 2025. This is expected to be one-time funding (WEIA).
- **Entrepreneur in Residence Program:** \$300,000 in FY25 to sponsor graduate and post-graduate international students for a pilot Entrepreneur-In-Residence program. This is expected to be one-time funding (WEIA).
- **Higher Education Opioid Prevention:** \$232,000 in FY25 is provided for the implementation of [Second Substitute House Bill 2112](#) which includes additional opioid and fentanyl prevention education and awareness, including for staff working in residence halls on the use of naloxone. This is expected to be ongoing with a total of \$469,000 proposed for the 2025-27 biennium (GF-S).
- **Junior Summer Institute:** \$140,000 in FY25 is provided for the Junior Summer Institute Program to pilot a regionally focused expansion that provides a pathway for historically underrepresented students into public policy and public services. This is expected to be one-time funding (WEIA).
- **Postsecondary Student Needs:** \$73,000 in FY25 to increase staffing so there is a full-time benefits navigator on each campus. This is expected to be ongoing funding with \$148,000 proposed for the 2025-27 biennium (WEIA).
- **Ranked Choice Voting Study:** \$25,000 in FY24 and \$100,000 in FY25 for the UW Evans School to study ranked choice voting and provide a report to the Legislature by June 1, 2025. This is expected to be one-time funding (GF-S).
- **SMART Center:** \$120,000 in in FY24 and \$250,000 in FY25 for the School Mental Health Assessment Research and Training (SMART) Center to research and report on collection and use of data in public schools within the multi-tiered systems of supports and Integrated Student Supports Framework. A preliminary report is due December 1, 2024, and a final report is due June 30, 2025. This is expected to be one-time funding (GF-S).
- **Center for DV Research:** The compromise budget removes \$1.5 million of existing WEIA funding and re-allocates a one-time appropriation of \$400,000 in FY25 from GF-S. The result of this change is a \$1.1 million reduction in the current biennium. Funding is intended for the UW Center for Excellence in Research, Policy, and Practice to Reduce Domestic Violence (DV Center) and for the implementation of [Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1715](#) which passed the legislature during the 2023 legislative session. The reduction in funds was made at the request of the sponsor of the legislation in 2023. The new appropriation of \$400,000 was made to sustain the work of our faculty until the next legislative session where we will work to chart a possible path forward.
- **Substance Use Disorder Treatment:** \$214,000 in FY25 is provided for the Addictions, Drug, and Alcohol Institute to create a patient shared decision-making tool to assist behavioral health and medical providers when discussing medication treatment options for patients with alcohol use disorder outlined in [Second Substitute Senate Bill 6228](#).
- **Ibogaine Assisted Therapy:** \$250,000 in FY25 to support the UW Center for Novel Therapeutics in Addiction Psychiatry for an initial study of ibogaine assisted therapy. This is funded through the Opioid Abatement Settlement Account (not considered Near General Fund) and thus is not included in the table above. Funding is coded as one-time.
- **PFAS Chemical Screening:** \$500,000 in FY25 for the study and development of mobile screen methods for fluorine, an indicator of per- and polyfluoralkyl (PFAS) chemicals. A report is due June 30, 2025, on the development of a



screening method and recommendations to limit harmful exposures to PFAS Chemicals. This is funded through the Model Toxics Account (not considered Near General Fund) and thus is not included in the table above. Funding is coded as one-time.

- **Thriving Communities:** \$263,000 in FY25 is provided for the institution to hire two grant writers to offer technical assistance to tribal and community groups in the [Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Program](#). This is funded from the Climate Commitment Account (not considered Near General Fund) and thus is not reflected in the table above. Funding is expected to be ongoing.

**Provisos from House and Senate Proposals Not Included:**

- **Pesticide Application Safety Committee:** Funding was intended to implement [Senate Bill 6166](#) or [House Bill 2302](#) (companion bills) which would extend the duration of the Pesticide Application Safety Committee work group to July 1, 2035. However, neither bill was approved by the legislature.
- **988 System Timeline:** Funding for UW was intended for the implementation of [Senate Bill 6308](#) which extends the duration of the Crisis Response Improvement Strategy Committee facilitated by UW Medicine. There was concurrence by leadership for UW Medicine to transition out of this supportive role, so the facilitation of this committee now will be redirected to the Washington State Health Care Authority starting in January 2025.
- **Olympic Heritage Behavioral Health (OHBH) Long Term Planning:** Originally, funding was intended for the Behavioral Health Institute at Harborview Medical Center and the University of Washington School of Medicine, in consultation with the Office of Financial Management, to develop recommendations considering multiple different long-term uses of up to 40 residential treatment facility beds located at the Olympic Heritage Behavioral Health (OHBH) facility. This has since changed to UW Medicine holding a consultative role to OFM while they hold the funding and are the responsible party to draft the report.

**OTHER NOTABLE CHANGES**

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- **College in the High School:** The 2023-25 biennial operating budget provided \$1.64 million in each FY24 and FY25 for College in the High School courses as provided in [Second Substitute Senate Bill 5048](#). However, the 2024 supplemental operating budget will cut this funding based on College in the High School enrollment numbers from FY22. It should be noted that College in the High School students enrolled in FY22 did not have access to the subsidy; staff believe this could lead to an inaccurate enrollment count. At the maintenance level, the compromise budget reduces the original appropriation by \$630,000 in FY24 and \$605,000 in FY25, or an approximately 40 percent reduction from the original proviso. At the policy level, and mentioned above, the compromise budget includes a separate allocation that nullifies the College in the High School reduction in FY24. We have communicated to legislative staff and legislators our position that funding provided in the 2023-25 operating budget should be held harmless and will continue to monitor funding levels for College in the High School as we enter a new biennium.
- **Graduate Medical Education Direct Payment Program:** The compromise budget directs the Health Care Authority to create a Graduate Medical Education Direct Payment Program with the potential to pull down additional federal funds to support graduate medical education costs for UWMC, Harborview, and the Family Medicine Residency Network across the state.

- **Central Services:** As we have seen in recent years, the final compromise includes significant increases in billing authority for other state agencies to charge the University for programs or services, which receive only partial state funding. Worker's compensation central services would increase by \$3.7 million per year starting in FY24, with \$1.5 million per year funded. There are also significant increases to OFM central services in the compromise budget.
- **Cannabis Revenue Distributions:** Consistent with the Senate and House budgets, the final compromise would make only minor adjustments to funding levels from the Dedicate Cannabis Account.
- **High THC Cannabis:** The compromise budget provides \$656,000 for the HCA to contract with UW's Addiction, Drug, and Alcohol Institute to implement [Second Substitute House Bill 2320](#) and develop, implement, test, and evaluate guidance and health interventions for health care providers and patients at risk for developing serious complications due to cannabis consumption. Funding is expected to be ongoing. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)
- **Engineering Pathways and Programs:** The compromise transportation budget provides \$1 million to the Washington State Transportation Center to support increasing pathways into transportation careers with funding going towards internship programs, a short-term training program and a professional master's degree fellowship between the Department of Transportation and the UW's civil and environmental engineering program. Of this amount, \$81,000 is set aside to conduct analysis and provide recommendations on engineering pathways in the state. Funding is coded as one-time (Motor Vehicle Account).



## FINANCIAL AID

Table 3, below, outlines financial aid provisions for the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) in 2024 supplemental operating budget proposals.

<b>Table 3: Financial Aid Funding in 2024 supplemental budget proposals (in \$1,000s)</b>	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Legislative Compromise</b>
WA College Grant Eligibility-SNAP	239	-	239	239
WAVE Scholarship	500	500	500	500
Financial Aid Terms	1,000	8,280	-	1,500
Launch NW	-	-	500	500
Native American Apprentices	-	-	1,200	1,200
National Guard Grants	-	425	1,570	425
Passport to Careers	-	2,000	1,000	1,000
Incarcerated Student Grants	-	330	-	330
BH Conditional Scholarships	-	-	150	150
State Work Study	-	-	200	200
College in the High School- Private	-	-	100	100
<b>Total Funding:</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>11,535</b>	<b>5,459</b>	<b>6,144</b>

In the legislative compromise budget, the following investments are made:

- **The Washington College Grant Eligibility – SNAP:** Funding guarantees Washington College Grant eligibility to students who participate in Washington’s Basic Food Program or the Food Assistance Program in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Prospective students would be notified of their eligibility for the Washington College Grant when enrolled in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- **WAVE Scholarship:** Funding will support the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence program which recognizes high school seniors, and community & technical college students for exemplary performance in career and technical education programs.
- **Financial Aid Terms (previously titled “Washington College Grant Eligibility”):** Funding will allow for the expansion of timeframes for the Washington College Grant, College Bound Scholars, and Passport to Careers to align with the timeframe of federal Pell Grants. This enables students to remain eligible for the state grants for 18 full-time academic quarters or six years.
- **Launch NW:** Funding will support the development and implementation of a mentoring scholarship.
- **Native American Apprentices:** Funding will allow implementation of [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2019](#) 2019 which establishes a Native American Apprentice Assistance Program.
- **National Guard Grants:** Funding provided will support this grant program to eligible students (members of the Washington National Guard) to get an approved degree or certificate.
- **Passport to Careers:** Funding is provided to support eligible students (in foster care or who have experienced homelessness) in the Passport to Careers financial aid program, including student grant awards, campus student support, and contracted support services.

- **Incarcerated Student Grants:** Funding will support implementation of [Substitute Senate Bill 5953](#) which allows incarcerated individuals to apply for and use federal and state financial aid grants for postsecondary education programs at the Department of Corrections.
- **Behavioral Health Conditional Scholarships:** This funding will support implementation of [House Bill 1946](#) which expands uses for the behavioral health scholarship program within the Washington Health Corps.
- **State Work Study:** Funding will support study on modifying reimbursement rates for employers who employ work study students.
- **College in the High School-Private:** Funding will allow for a provide not-for-profit institutions to offer College in the High School courses free to public high school students.

#### Other Proposed Investments in Higher Education

- Funding in the compromise operating budget also includes investments that would support post-secondary access and wellbeing. These investments include a financial aid texting program to increase accessibility to information, naloxone and testing strips, a study on the establishment and implementation of a scholarship fund, and contracting support for WSAC for procurement management.

For information about the operating budget, contact [Jed Bradley](#) or [Lauren Hatchett](#). For more information about financial aid, please contact [Alexis Mercedes Rinck](#).

## CAPITAL BUDGET

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The House and Senate passed the compromise supplemental capital [budget](#) on Wednesday, March 6. The compromise capital budget closely matches the [House](#) and [Senate](#) proposals from earlier this session, as well as Governor Inslee's [proposal](#) from December. Like the previous proposals, the compromise capital budget adds \$43.9 million in new direct appropriations to UW compared to the current 2023-25 capital budget. **The compromise capital budget fully funds UW's request for \$5 million for initial design and planning work for a new Chemical Sciences Building and renovation of Bagley Hall.**

**The compromise capital budget also provides \$38.9 million from the [Climate Commitment Act \(CCA\)](#) for energy renewal projects at UW's three campuses, as well as at the UW Medical Center-Montlake and Northwest campuses.** These investments will help reduce maintenance costs and service interruptions, and further enhance UW's Clean Energy Strategy and compliance with state climate initiatives. Support for the following projects was requested by UW and funded in the compromise capital budget via the CCA:

- **\$14 million** for the installation of piping to expand distribution of centralized cooling water at UW Seattle.
- **\$8.4 million** for the replacement of gas fired boilers and associated infrastructure at UW Tacoma.
- **\$8 million** for the replacement of HVAC equipment at UW Medical Center-Montlake.
- **\$6.5 million** for the replacement of gas boilers and upgrades to the central plant at UW Bothell.
- **\$2 million** to support a predesign/feasibility study for a central utility plant at UW Medical Center-Northwest.

Please note that funding for the above energy renewal projects is contingent on the CCA remaining in place. Should the CCA be repealed via Initiative 2117 in November, the funding for these projects will not be provided.

The UW's request for an additional \$10 million from the CCA to support the [Clean Energy Institute](#) was not funded in any of the proposed capital budgets and was also not funded in the compromise budget.

The compromise capital budget also provides funding for two UW Medicine related priorities. **\$5 million is provided to Harborview Medical Center** via the Washington State Department of Commerce to support pre-design, siting, and design costs for a new behavioral health services building as well as predevelopment costs for a Pioneer Square behavioral health services clinic. Meanwhile, **\$1.2 million is provided to Airlift Northwest** via the Department of Commerce to support a new hangar in East Wenatchee.

Finally, the compromise capital budget provides **\$2.58 million for soccer practice field upgrades in advance of the 2026 World Cup** provided via the Department of Commerce. Funding for projects was included in all three previous budget proposals, though only the Senate proposal specified that funding should go to the UW.

Please see the table below for a comparison of the UW's capital budget request to the amounts that would be directly allocated to the UW in each budget. For more information about the capital budget, contact [Michael Lantz](#).

**Table 4: 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget  
Proposals (in \$1,000s)**

Appropriations (Requested Projects)	2024 UW Supplemental Request			Compromise Budget		
	State Bonds	UW Building Account	Climate Commitment Account	State Bonds	UW Building Account	Climate Commitment Account
Chemical Sciences and Bagley Hall	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	
UW Seattle - Central Chilled Water	-	-	14,000	-	-	14,000
Clean Energy Institute (in CAMCET)	-	-	10,000	-	-	
UW Tacoma - Gas to Electric	-	-	8,400	-	-	8,400
UWMC - Montlake HVAC Systems	-	-	8,000	-	-	8,000
UW Bothell - Central Plant	-	-	6,500	-	-	6,500
UWMC - NW Campus Central Plant	-	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,900</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,900</b>