



KEY POINTS

- ❖ Diversions from the capital budget kill design and construction jobs.
- ❖ New facility and infrastructure investments are needed to promote economic growth.
- ❖ Pencil-Ready Projects create Shovel-Ready Jobs.
- ❖ Design is a wise investment. Every dollar spent on design supports 10-15 dollars in construction.
- ❖ Every \$1 billion spent on construction creates 13,820 jobs and \$732 million in wages.
- ❖ Funding design now means that construction projects will be ready when more money is available.

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INVEST IN FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

SUPPORT HB 1089 & SB 5035

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THE CAPITAL BUDGET AFFECTS WASHINGTON'S ECONOMY

Washington State's architects are an important economic resource. The state ranks sixth in the nation in the number of registered architects residing in the state.

State funded projects contribute to Washington State's economic health by creating jobs for architects, engineers, contractors, laborers, suppliers and a host of associated businesses, which generates tax revenues for the state and local governments.

Every \$10 million spent on building construction typically requires 160,000 labor hours and creates 285 full-time, family wage jobs.

Washington is losing architects at a record pace. Since July 2008, Washington has lost over 3,700 design and 64,800 construction jobs (losses of 8.31% and 30.84% respectively). Many more design professionals are not officially employed but are now working for significantly less wages in their current or new jobs.

It is time for the state to plan for the future and support new projects.

STOP THE TRANSFERS

In the last four years, \$2 billion has been taken out of capital investments and spent on other programs. A 2011 study conducted by Bellevue-based Hebert Research, found that such transfers have resulted in the loss of jobs and lowered overall wages in the state. *Every billion dollars transferred from the capital budget to general governmental spending results in 1,000 fewer jobs and \$55 million less in wages.*

SUPPORT A ROBUST CAPITAL BUDGET FOR DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

The current forecast is that the state can issue \$1.8 billion in new bonds to pay for vital infrastructure at schools, community colleges, universities, cities, counties, and more. *Every \$1 billion spent on design and construction creates 13,820 jobs and \$723 million in wages.* These are family-wage jobs with benefits. Infrastructure investment not only creates short term jobs but lays the foundation for future economic growth.

PENCIL-READY PROJECTS CREATE SHOVEL-READY JOBS

It is important that capital spending include a balance between design and construction services. If a project is not designed, it cannot be built.

Every dollar spent on design supports 10 to 15 dollars in construction. Design costs are generally 6-10% of a project's overall cost. A small investment in design leads to many more construction jobs. We need construction jobs to bring us out of this economic recession and boost state revenues.

It takes two to four years to design a new building. If design projects are not funded now, it puts the state at risk for leaving thousands of construction workers idle while projects are in the design phase.

