



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON —

April 1, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Esteemed Colleagues:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Sections 1005, 1010, 3019, and 6076, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6003 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the capital budget."

Section 1005, pages 4-5, Department of Commerce, 2019-21 Behavioral Health Capacity Grants

This section purports to amend the second supplemental budget for the 2023-2025 biennium. However, that budget is no longer in effect and cannot be modified. As a result, the proviso is not implementable. For this reason, I am vetoing Section 1005.

Section 1010, pages 15-17, Department of Commerce, 2025-27 Building Communities Fund Program

The amended language in this section allows the Washington State Department of Commerce to reimburse grant recipients for 100 percent of the eligible project costs. This new language is in conflict with the underlying statute that requires state grant assistance not to exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project. I support the Legislature's goal of increasing equitable access to grant assistance. However, the new language cannot be implemented without a change in the underlying law. For this reason, I am vetoing Section 1010.

Section 3019, page 94, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Port of Woodland

This section directs the Department of Fish and Wildlife to sell the Woodland Bottoms parcel to the Port of Woodland. There is an active lawsuit regarding this matter between the Port of Woodland and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. For this reason, I am vetoing Section 3019.

Section 6076, page 149, State Parks and Recreation Commission, 2023-25 State Parks Capital Projects Pool

The amended language in this section directs \$2,000,000 of the appropriation to the Palouse to Cascades Rosalia Improvements project and removes the funding for the Lake Sylvia Culvert Replacement project. This causes technical, accounting, and legal issues since the Lake Sylvia project has incurred expenditures for the 2025-27 biennium. I support the Palouse to Cascades Rosalia Improvements project and have asked my team to bring recommendations to resolve this issue in my next proposed budgets. For this reason, I am vetoing Section 6076.

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For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 1005, 1010, 3019, and 6076 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6003.

With the exception of Sections 1005, 1010, 3019, and 6076, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6003 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Bob Ferguson
Governor