



# Capital Development Committee

## Legislative Council Staff

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### FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION REQUEST

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Fort Lewis College  
Health Science Center

2007-130  
Emergency Supplemental

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#### Motion

Recommend the supplemental request from Fort Lewis College to add \$163,314 of additional cash spending authority to the college's FY 2022-2023 appropriation, available for use through the end of FY 2025-26.

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#### Supplemental Criterion

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The request is due to an unforeseen contingency related to the different expiration dates for the project's different funding sources, which resulted in Fort Lewis College's (FLC) cash funds spending authority expiring on June 30, 2025, prior to the project's completion.

#### Approval by OSPB

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The project has been approved by the Office of State Planning and Budgeting.

#### Prior Appropriation and Request Information

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The appropriation to be amended was authorized in [Senate Bill 20-219](#).

**Table 1**  
**Prior Appropriation and Request Information**

Fund Source	Prior Appropriations	Supplemental Request	Future Requests	Total Cost
COPs	\$23,619,459	\$0	\$0	\$23,619,459
CF	\$2,952,432	\$163,313.57	\$0	\$3,115,745.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,571,891</b>	<b>\$163,313.57</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$26,735,204.57</b>

## Reason for Supplemental Request

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The project was funded through with a combination of certificates of participation (COP) funds and a cash match from Fort Lewis College. The COP funds expired on February 24, 2026; however, the college's cash funds spending authority expired on June 30, 2025. FLC mistakenly believed that the expiration of the cash funds spending authority was reset to the COP expiration date. While FLC was able to carry forward cash funds that were encumbered by June 30, 2025, \$163,313.57 in funds was not encumbered by the deadline and was reverted. The college has spent the full original institutional cash budget for the project, and requires spending authority for the \$163,313.57 that reverted at the end of FY 2024-25. The State Controller's Office has advised that it is impossible to extend spending authority once a fiscal year has closed, so the \$163,313.57 must be approved as additional cash spending authority, rather than the extension of the original cash spending authority.

## Summary of Project

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The project renovated 6,800 GSF within Whalen Gymnasium and constructed a 45,043-GSF expansion to the south and east of the building for use by the Health Sciences Department.

Spaces constructed under the project include:

- an auxiliary gymnasium;
- a human performance laboratory;
- a biometrics laboratory;
- a nutritional sciences lab;
- a microbiology lab;
- a research wet lab;
- teaching laboratory classrooms;
- other teaching and study areas;
- specialized storage areas;
- faculty offices;
- new mechanical, instructional technology, and electrical systems; and
- a new entrance and lobby on the building's east side.

## Questions/Outstanding Issues

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None.