



# Skagit County Board of Commissioners

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RE: Skagit County Capital Budget Projects

Dear Representatives Tharinger and Steele and Senators Mullet and Schoesler,

On behalf of Skagit County, we thank you for your hard work on the 2023 proposed House and Senate Capital Budgets. There are several local and statewide investments that are critical to Skagit County included in both the House and Senate proposals.

As you work with your peers to finalize the 2023 Capital Budget, we respectfully ask the following are included:

- **Skagit County Crisis Stabilization Center – \$12.7 million, as funded in the House budget.** The Senate budget does not provide funding for this project.
- **Fish Barrier Removal Projects in Skagit County – \$1 million re-appropriation and \$1 million additional funding, as funded in the House budget.** The Senate budget re-appropriates \$1 million from the 21-23 biennium.
- **\$1 million for Voluntary Stewardship in Skagit County, as funded in the Senate budget.** The House budget does not provide funding for this project.

Skagit County is working hard to expand regional access to behavioral health treatment and improve salmon habitat in collaboration with landowners, tribes, and environmental partners. These proposed investments take substantial steps toward helping Skagit County meet these goals.

We appreciate your consideration of the needs of our region,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

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