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Honorable David Frockt
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Senate Ways & Means Committee
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Honorable Steve Tharinger
Honorable Richard DeBolt
House Capital Budget Committee
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Dear Senators Frockt and Honeyford and Representatives Tharinger and DeBolt,

Chapter 43.88D RCW directs the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to evaluate and score capital project requests submitted by our state's public four-year higher education institutions. I am pleased to transmit the enclosed scoring results from the 2018 higher education prioritization process.

The prioritization process this year was modified by the Legislature in Sections 7013 and 7014, Chapter 298, Laws of 2018. Included were changes to the rating scale to standardize the weight of each scoring criteria; limiting the institutions' prioritized list of projects to five; and not requiring OFM to develop one prioritized list of all projects.

In June, OFM distributed common definitions, scoring guidelines, and other information required by institutions to submit project proposals. We received 39 project proposals in total – 20 new submittals, 14 resubmittals, and five predesign proposals. Predesigns were not included in the team scoring process.

For several weeks in August and September, evaluation panels comprised of 25 individuals from the four-year institutions and other state agencies scored the proposals. The guidelines and scoring results are available on our website [here](#).

I appreciate the extensive efforts of all the participants, including staff at the institutions who helped review instruction materials. If you have questions, please contact Darrell Jennings, OFM Capital Budget Assistant, at (360) 902-3068 or Darrell.Jennings@ofm.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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