

# The Connecticut General Assembly

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## General Obligation Bond Subcommittee Meeting March 18, 2019

Good morning Senators Moore and Witkos and Representatives Miller and Floren and members of the General Obligation Bonding Subcommittee. My name is Jim Tamburro, Executive Director of Legislative Management. I would like to provide an overview of the Capital Initiatives included in our Biennial Budget Request.

The Governors recommended budget included Legislative Managements initiatives submitted for bonding in the upcoming biennial budget. The Office of Legislative Management facilities staff assessed the maintenance and repair needs for the buildings and grounds of the Capitol Complex when developing this request.

The most significant need is to renovate the interior and exterior of the State Capitol building. The last extensive renovation was completed over a ten year period beginning in 1975. This work involves updating the House and Senate Chambers, installing new heating and cooling systems, replacing and repairing broken fixtures including the elevators and wheelchair lifts, adding ramp ways to improve ADA accessibility, cleaning and repairing the exterior, and addressing water leaks and damage.

The Capitol Complex grounds have fallen into disrepair. This request focuses on resurfacing the roadways and parking areas and replacing deteriorating sidewalks.

The Old State House is in need of energy efficient improvements and exterior renovations. This request addresses necessary exterior masonry repairs including replacing the entry stairs and provides for new windows in an effort to reduce heating and cooling costs.

The breakdown for this work is as follows:

Capitol renovations and restoration:	\$15,000,000
Capitol Complex roads and sidewalks	1,800,000
Old State House exterior masonry and windows	1,700,000

The Legislative Biennial Budget submission included Equipment SID funding to replace a number of items including air handling units, office and kitchen equipment, Information Technology (IT) network

components, the Senate Chambers voting boards and the software to operate both the House and Senate voting boards.

The IT infrastructure request is to replace technology equipment and enhance IT security capabilities. The current equipment is no longer supported and has reached the end of its useful life. Equipment failures can result in extended network downtimes.

The Senate voting boards have reached the end of their useful life. The concern is the elements are overheating and must be shutdown periodically to avoid permanent damage. Spare parts needed to repair the boards are not readily available. The request is to replace both Senate voting boards and upgrade the software to operate the House and Senate voting boards.

A breakdown of this request is:

	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
HVAC Air Handling Units	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
General Office Equipment	90,000	90,000
IT Infrastructure upgrades	992,000	992,000
Senate Voting Boards/Software	1,000,000	0

The Governors recommended budget essentially eliminated funding for these initiatives by proposing \$50,000 in Equipment funds in each fiscal year.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Submitted</b>	<b>Gov. Proposed</b>	<b>Difference</b>
2020	\$ 2,172,000	\$ 50,000	(\$ 2,122,000)
2021	\$ 1,172,000	\$ 50,000	(\$ 1,122,000)

Legislative Management brought this funding issue to the attention of the Appropriations subcommittee. One alternative for funding these items is to add them to the General Obligation Bond request.

I would be happy to answer any questions.