

## **FUTURE ACTION ITEM #11**

WSU Spokane, Health Sciences Team Health Education Building  
Project Budget Increase Approval  
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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** WSU Spokane, Health Sciences Team Health Education Building Project Budget Increase Approval.

**PROPOSED:** That the WSU Board of Regents approve WSU Spokane, Health Sciences Team Health Education Building project budget increase of \$XX.XM for a total project budget of \$XX.XM and further delegate authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budget.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

**SUPPORTING  
INFORMATION:**

WSU Health Sciences proposes to provide the healthcare workforce our state needs by preparing learners for a complex and challenging work environment. The solution requires rethinking the postsecondary health education model through Interprofessional Simulation Education. Through interprofessional education (IPE) and simulation, learners work as a team to navigate stressful healthcare dynamics in a safe, low-stakes environment while engaging with patients in an understanding manner to address the most critical components of one's care. IPE and simulation can help learners gain both confidence and competence while building essential leadership and critical thinking skills.

Research also indicates interprofessional practice and simulation experience results in:

- Improved patient outcomes, particularly with more chronically ill patients.
- Reductions in ER visits, hospitalizations, and patient costs.
- Decreased medical errors.
- Improved employee satisfaction and retention through greater trust, connectedness, peer support and a sense of belonging.

The expansion of WSU IPE curriculum and the Team Health Care Education Building will provide collaborative, real-world spaces for experiential learning, clinical education through simulation, and clinical research. This transformative learning and discovery environment will not only attract more prospective healthcare professionals into the field but will ensure they are ready to meaningfully contribute to improved health outcomes for every Washingtonian from day one.

In May 2023, the Board of Regents approved the project budget of \$7M provided in the 2023-25 state capital budget to provide for the design of the new Team Health Education Building and associated site preparation.

WSU requested \$58M as part of the 25-27 state capital budget request and received \$7.5M in health care partner pledge. The state legislature approved construction funding of \$XX.XM for a total project budget of \$XX.XM.

**Project Schedule:**

Programming	October 23-February 25
Design	May 2024- October 2025
Construction	July 2025 – October 2027

**Source of Funds**

FY2023-25 State Funds	\$7,000,000.00
FY 2025-27 State Funds	\$XX.X
Healthcare partner gift	\$7,500,000
<b>Total Source of Funds</b>	<b><u>\$XX.X</u></b>