

During the 2023 legislative session, the General Assembly considered a number of bills affecting funding for capital construction and the duties of the Capital Development Committee (CDC).

Capital Construction

House Bill 23-1057 created requirements that any new construction or restroom renovation in qualifying public buildings owned by the state, a county, or a municipality must include certain restroom amenities. These amenities include non-gendered restroom options, baby diaper changing stations, and signage indicating the above.

Senate Bill 23-306 established funding mechanisms for certain renovation projects in the Capitol Complex. The bill also modified the space use determinations for the Legislature in 1347 Sherman St. (Capitol Building Annex) and 1525 Sherman St.

House Bill 23-1060 required upgrades and improvements to the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) tree nursery in Fort Collins. The bill required CSFS to upgrade and improve its seedling tree nursery to expand capacity and contribute to reforestation efforts.

Capital Appropriations and Transfers

Senate Bill 23-141 made a one-time transfers from the General Fund to three funds used for capital construction for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year:

- \$5,592,930 to the Capital Construction Fund;
- \$4,908,395 to the Real Estate Proceeds Cash Fund within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and
- \$499,500 to the Information Technology Capital Account within the Capital Construction Fund.

Senate Bill 23-161 transferred \$26.0 million from the General Fund to the Colorado Firefighting Air Corps Fund in the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the Department of Public Safety to purchase a fire hawk helicopter for wildfire and other public safety response needs.

Senate Bill 23-243, part of the 2023 budget package, made various transfers to fund capital construction and information technology projects:

- \$233,361,030 from the General Fund to the Capital Construction Fund;
- \$60,308,481 from the General Fund to the IT Capital Account of the Capital Construction Fund; and
- \$500,000 from the General Fund Exempt Account to the Capital Construction Fund.



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Senate Bill 23-294 increased the transfers set out in Senate Bill 23-243 by \$14,607,257 to the Capital Construction Fund and by \$3,605,507 to the Information Technology Capital Account within the Capital Construction Fund.

Senate Bill 23-250 transferred \$10 million from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Capital Construction Fund to allow two state institutions of higher education to complete two respective energy-related capital construction projects. The projects are a campus-wide geothermal exchange loop system at Colorado Mesa University and an expansion of the Natural and Environmental Sciences department's teaching and laboratory space for the Petroleum Geology Program at Western Colorado University.

