

2025 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SCR 4024

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

SCR 4024
2/21/2025

Directing the Legislative Management to consider studying using dedicated funds in the capitol building fund to build a legislative office building.

10:00 a.m. Chair Roers called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Roers; Vice Chair Castaneda; Senators: Barta, Braunberger, Lee and Walen.

Discussion Topics:

- Weather safe parking lot
- Ease of access for citizens
- Current funding availability

10:00 a.m. Senator Mathern, District 11, introduced the concurrent resolution and submitted testimony #38312.

10:15 a.m. Senator Walen moved Do Pass.

10:15 a.m. Senator Braunberger seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	AB
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Chuck Walen	Y

Motion Passed 5-0-1

Senator will Braunberger carry the bill

10:23 a.m. Vice Chairman Castaneda closed the hearing.

Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4024 ([25.3079.01000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4024 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

February 21, 2025

SCR 4024

Senate State and Local Government Committee

Madam Chairman Roers and members of the Committee,

My name is Tim Mathern. I am the senator from District 11 and have voted in the Senate since 1986.

Concurrent resolution 4024 directs the Legislative Management to consider studying using dedicated funds in the capitol building fund to build a legislative office building. The rationale and points for support of 4024 are covered in the WHEREAS clauses. I add as follows.

I am concerned especially as we get into short term legislators that;

1. we have easier access to committee rooms by citizens,
2. more convenient and weather safe parking for legislators and citizens alike,
3. and that the people's branch of government be clearly evident by our capital structure.

Please pass SCR 4024. Thank you.

2025 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SCR 4024
3/13/2025

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying using dedicated funds in the capitol building fund to build a legislative office building.

9:02 a.m. Chairman Schauer opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Schauer, Vice Chairman Satrom, Representatives Bahl, C. Brown, TJ Brown, Grindberg, Karls, McLeod, Rohr, Schneider, Steiner, VanWinkle, Vetter, Wolff

Discussion Topics:

- Legislative branch building

9:02 a.m. Senator Mathern, District 11, introduced the bill and submitted testimony, #41273.

9:18 a.m. Representative Koppelman, District 16, testified in favor and submitted testimony, #41287.

9:33 a.m. Chairman Schauer closed the hearing.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

March 13, 2025

SCR 4024

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

My name is Tim Mathern. I am the senator from District 11 and have voted in the Senate since 1986.

Concurrent resolution 4024 directs the Legislative Management to consider studying and using dedicated funds in the capitol building fund to build a legislative office structure. I foresee a two level underground parking lot over which there is a two level committee rooms and office structure. The rationale and points for support of 4024 are covered in the WHEREAS clauses of the resolution. I add other items as follows.

I am concerned, especially as we get into the situation of short-term legislators, that we have the following items.

1. We need easier access to committee rooms by citizens,
2. We need more convenient and weather safe parking for legislators and citizens alike,
3. The people's branch of government needs to be clearly evident by our capital structure.

In summary, the legislative branch of government, who's members are closest to the citizens, needs a proper presence at our central place of state government. This study can help us determine how this can be properly addressed as we go forward in the environment of term limits.

Please pass SCR 4024. Thank you.

CHAPTER 48-10

CAPITOL GROUNDS PLANNING COMMISSION

48-10-01. Capitol grounds planning commission.

The capitol grounds planning commission consists of the lieutenant governor as chairman and eight other members selected biennially as provided in this section. The governor shall appoint two citizens, one licensed architect, and one representative from the state historical society as members, the president of the senate shall appoint two senators as members, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two representatives as members. Appointment to the commission is for a term of two years. Legislative and citizen members of the planning commission are entitled to per diem payments and expenses in such amount and in the same manner as provided by law for members of the legislative management.

48-10-02. Capitol building fund to be administered by the capitol grounds planning commission - Continuing appropriation - Procedure for expenditure of certain funds.

The capitol grounds planning commission shall have general powers to superintend the administration of the capitol building fund, its interest and income fund, and its investments and properties. It may cause any lands now held in such funds to be sold at market value, direct the conversion of any securities now held by such funds to cash, approve expenditures from such funds subject to law and legislative appropriations, and to do all other things necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this section. The board of university and school lands or its designee, on the commission's behalf, shall see to the investment and management of the capitol building fund and its interest and income fund and shall account to the commission concerning these funds at the commission's request.

Provided further, all moneys and other property in the capitol building fund, except as otherwise appropriated, are hereby dedicated and reserved to the exclusive purpose of the construction of an addition to the legislative wing of the state capitol building, and the capitol grounds planning commission shall take necessary steps to accumulate and conserve the money and property in the capitol building fund for such purpose.

The commission may, during any biennium, expend from the interest and income fund of the capitol building fund a sum not to exceed fifty percent of the unencumbered balance on the first day of any biennium, and such amount is hereby appropriated to the capitol grounds planning commission. The expenditure may be made, after consideration of the capitol grounds master plan, for projects or planning but may not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars per biennium. The expenditure may only be made upon approval by two-thirds of the total membership of the commission. The expenditure must be made upon a voucher, or vouchers, prepared by the office of management and budget at the direction of the commission.

48-10-03. Powers and duties of the commission - Authority to accept gifts - Continuing appropriation.

The capitol grounds planning commission shall confer with the state council on the arts with respect to the artistic value of monuments, memorials, or works of art to be constructed on the capitol grounds and with qualified consultants retained by it to select sites for buildings, facilities, monuments, memorials, or works of art to be constructed on the capitol grounds. The commission shall develop and modify long-term plans for the development of the capitol grounds. The commission shall approve or disapprove the basic style and exterior construction of any building, facility, monument, memorial, or work of art constructed on the capitol grounds. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the commission has exclusive authority to accept or reject gifts of any type or class of property for exterior placement on the capitol grounds or for the improvement of the exterior construction of any building or facility on the capitol grounds, including landscaping and improvements to the capitol grounds. Any gifts of money accepted pursuant to this section must be deposited in the capitol building fund and are appropriated on a continuing basis to the commission for purposes consistent with this section. No construction or placement of an item on the capitol grounds may be undertaken without the approval of the commission, unless the construction or placement is authorized by the legislative assembly. If

the legislative assembly by law or resolution authorizes the construction or placement of an item on the capitol grounds, the commission shall approve the site, basic style, and exterior construction of the item within a reasonable period of time.

The commission shall advise the director of the office of management and budget and the legislative council on matters relating to the physical and aesthetic features of the interior of all buildings on the capitol grounds. The commission must be called in and shall meet whenever major interior changes, including new construction, remodeling, or renovation of any kind, are proposed or considered for the buildings or facilities on the capitol grounds. The commission must be consulted before the purchase or installation of furniture or fixtures in public areas of the capitol and other buildings on the capitol grounds. The commission shall perform any other duties as may be prescribed by law.

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SCR 4024
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11:43 a.m. Chairman Schauer opened the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Schauer, Vice Chairman Satrom, Representatives Bahl, Brown, Grindberg, Karls, McLeod, Rohr, Schneider, Steiner, VanWinkle, Vetter, Wolff

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

11:43 a.m. Representative Vetter moved a Do Pass.

11:43 a.m. Representative Steiner seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Landon Bahl	Y
Representative Collette Brown	Y
Representative Timothy Brown	Y
Representative Karen Grindberg	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	N

11:51 a.m. Motion passed 13-1-0.

Vice-Chairman Satrom will carry the bill.

Chairman Schauer closed the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4024 ([25.3079.01000](#))

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4024 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.