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The Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) coordinates and supports capital planning, funding prioritization, and renewal strategies for facility assets across Washington's community and technical college system. Within that framework, asset renewal is managed using a condition- and risk-based approach, rather than a fixed "replace-at-age" policy. This reflects the reality that service life varies significantly based on duty cycle, environment, maintenance history, obsolescence/parts availability, evolving code and compliance requirements, and operational criticality.

For long-range forecasting and consistency across campuses, SBCTC and colleges may use industry baseline useful-life guidance (e.g., HVAC equipment service-life references from ASHRAE and building systems useful-life ranges commonly published in facility operations resources such as BOMA) as planning assumptions, not automatic replacement triggers. Actual renewal timing is determined through professional assessment informed by observed condition and performance, life-safety and compliance impacts, operational risk, repair history and cost trends, efficiency/energy considerations, and alignment with planned projects and available funding. This approach supports transparent prioritization and reduces unplanned outages while sustaining safe, reliable campus operations.



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