

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESSB 6251

As Passed Senate, February 16, 1996

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making supplemental operating budget appropriations.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rinehart and West; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/14/96, 2/15/96 [DPS].
Passed Senate, 2/16/96, 30-16.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6251 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Rinehart, Chair; Loveland, Vice Chair; Bauer, Drew, Fraser, Hargrove, Kohl, Long, Moyer, Quigley, Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, Sutherland, Winsley and Wojahn.

Staff: Steve Jones (786-7440)

Background: The operating expenses of state government and its agencies and programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus operations budget adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. In even-numbered years, a supplemental budget is adopted, making various modifications to agency appropriations.

State operating expenses are paid from the state General Fund and from various dedicated funds and accounts. The 1995 Legislature appropriated \$17.6 billion from the state General Fund.

Summary of Bill: Appropriations from various agencies are modified, with a total net increase of \$155 million in appropriations from the state General Fund. For additional information, see "1996 Supplemental Operating & Capital Budget Highlights" and "Statewide Summary and Agency Detail" published by the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

Appropriation: See above.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.