

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESHB 1231

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*As Passed House  
June 19, 1991*

**Title:** An act relating to transportation appropriations.

**Brief Description:** Relating to the transportation budget.

**Sponsor(s):** By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, R. Meyers, Betrozoff and Paris; by request of Office of Financial Management).

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Transportation, April 3, 1991, DPS;  
Passed House, April 15, 1991, 93-2;  
Amended by Senate  
Passed House, June 19, 1991, 93-0.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Majority Report:** *That Substitute House Bill No. 1231 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.*  
Signed by 24 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; R. Meyers, Vice Chair; Betrozoff, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Cantwell; Cooper; Day; G. Fisher; Forner; Haugen; Heavey; Horn; P. Johnson; R. Johnson; Jones; Kremen; Nelson; Orr; Prince; Schmidt; Wilson; Wood; and Zellinsky.

**Minority Report:** *Without recommendation.* Signed by 1 member: Representative Mitchell.

**Staff:** Gene Schlatter (786-7316).

**Background:** The Legislature must make biennial appropriations for each agency's operating budget and capital improvements. The transportation budget provides funding for the agencies and programs supported by transportation revenues.

**Summary of Bill:** The state transportation agencies' Omnibus Capital and Operating Appropriations Act for the 1991-93 fiscal biennium is enacted. In addition to technical changes, the bill increases planning efforts for regional high capacity transportation, provides for a pilot project

for driver improvement and eliminates the fund for graduate scholarships.

***EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENT(S):*** In addition to technical changes, the bill increases planning efforts for regional high capacity transportation, and provides for additional funding for category A, C and H construction.

***Fiscal Note:*** Not requested.

***Appropriation:*** Yes.

***Effective Date:*** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect July 1, 1991.

***Testimony For:*** The appropriations are necessary to fund the transportation agencies' operating budgets and capital improvement programs for the 1991-93 biennium.

***Testimony Against:*** The State should be concerned about getting more value for each dollar it spends.

***Witnesses:*** Duane Berentson, Department of Transportation (pro); Jim Clemen, Department of Transportation (pro); Mary Faulk, Department of Licensing (pro); George Tellevik, Washington State Patrol (pro); and Paul W. Locke, citizen (con).

***VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE:***

Yeas 93; Nays 2; Excused 3

Nays: Representatives Fuhrman, Padden

Excused: Representatives Beck, Bray, Peery