

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2224

*As Reported By House Committee on:
Revenue*

Title: An act relating to dedication of support of the common schools.

Brief Description: Directing that general fund lottery moneys be used for the support of the common schools.

Sponsor(s): Representatives Wang, Holland, Fraser, Winsley, G. Fisher, Betrozoff, Leonard, Vance, Rasmussen, Lisk, Orr, Ogden, Ebersole, Pruitt, Jones, Neher, Kremen, Ludwig, Hine, Morton, Ferguson, Forner, Locke, Paris, Sheldon, Zellinsky, Mielke, Van Luven, Basich, Prentice, Spanel, Haugen and Anderson.

Brief History:

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
REVENUE**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 8 members: Representatives Wang, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair; Wynne; Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Belcher; Brumsickle; Leonard; Morris; and Morton.

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

Staff: Rick Peterson (786-7150).

Background: Lottery revenues, net of prizes, compensation for retailers, and lottery commission costs are deposited in the general fund. Lottery contributions to the general fund are expected to be \$224.4 million in 1991-93.

Summary of Bill: Lottery revenues, net of prizes, compensation for retailers, and lottery commission costs are deposited in the general fund for the support of the common schools.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: Many members of the public think the lottery revenues are already dedicated to education. The dedication of lottery revenues will place a focus on the importance of fully funding schools. The lottery contribution to education funding will be small, \$224 million out of \$7 billion.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Rep. Ron Meyers; Rep. Marilyn Rasmussen; Evelyn Sun, Lottery Director; and Roger Wilson, Lottery Deputy Director.