

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESHB 2950

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Synopsis As Enacted

Brief Description: Changing the authorization for general obligation bonds.

By House Committee on Capital Facilities & Financing
(originally sponsored by Representatives Rasmussen and H. Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management).

House Committee on Capital Facilities & Financing

Background: The state of Washington periodically issues general obligation bonds to finance capital construction projects throughout the state. Specific legislative approval of a capital project usually is contained in the Capital Appropriation Act. Those appropriations requiring state bonding depend on legislation authorizing the sale of bonds. Bond authorization legislation requires a 60 percent majority vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Summary: Chapter 31, Laws of 1991 (the 1991 bond bill) is amended to increase the amount of bond authorization by \$189 million to finance the 1992 supplemental capital budget. Of the total increased bond authority, \$48 million is transferred into the state building construction account, \$135.5 million into the common school reimbursable construction account, \$3.2 million into the data processing construction account, and \$900 thousand into the Washington State dairy products commission projects account.

If Senate Bill 6285 becomes law and changes the disposition of higher education operating fees from the general fund to another account, the debt service on the 1991 higher education bonds will be paid proportionally from the University of Washington operating fee account, the Washington State University operating fee account, and the Central Washington University operating fee account. The authorization for \$2.4 million from the wildlife reimbursable construction account is deleted.

The data processing building construction account and the Washington State dairy products commission facility account are created as appropriated accounts to fund capital projects. The Office of Financial Management must certify

that the Washington State Dairy Products Commission has sufficient revenues in its operating fund to pay debt service prior to the issuance of bonds. The two accounts may retain all interest earnings.

The water pollution control revolving fund, the public facilities construction loan revolving account, and the Washington State development loan fund are changed from non-appropriated funds to appropriated funds.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	61	36
Senate	41	7

Effective: April 2, 1992