

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1231

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 18, 1991

**Brief Description:** Adopting the 1991-93 transportation budget.

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

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chairman; Nelson, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Barr, Conner, Erwin, Hansen, Madsen, McMullen, Oke, Snyder, Thorsness, and Vognild.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass as amended.

Signed by Senator Skratek.

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

**Hearing Dates:** April 18, 1991

**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:**

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 additional funding for category A, C and H construction.

**Appropriation:** yes

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

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

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SENATE AMENDMENT:**

The striking amendment incorporates numerous adjustments as reflected on the Legislative Transportation Committee budget spreadsheets.

**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.

**TESTIFIED:** 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)