

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1470

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR, APRIL 3, 1991

Brief Description: Making appropriations for public works projects.

SPONSORS: Representatives Ogden, Brough, H. Sommers, Jacobsen, Schmidt, Wynne, Paris, May, Haugen, Betrozoff, Winsley, Edmondson, Cooper, Wilson, Forner, D. Sommers, Tate, Mitchell, Fraser, Spanel and R. Johnson; by request of Department of Community Development.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL FACILITIES & FINANCING

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Matson, Chairman; Anderson, Vice Chairman; Bluechel, McCaslin, McMullen, Moore, Murray, and Skratek.

Staff: Patrick Woods (786-7430)

Hearing Dates: April 1, 1991; April 3, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Under Chapter 43.155 RCW, the Public Works Board, within the Department of Community Development, may make low-interest or interest-free loans to help local governments finance the repair, replacement or improvement of essential public works: roads, bridges, water systems, and storm and sanitary sewage systems.

Each year, the board submits a list of projects to the Legislature for approval. The Legislature may delete a project from the list but may not add any projects or change the order of the project priorities.

SUMMARY:

Sixty-five public works projects totaling \$51,900,000 are recommended by the Public Works Board for fiscal year 1991. The appropriation for these projects was included in the 1989-91 capital budget.

Six additional public works projects totaling \$7,351,667 are also recommended for fiscal year 1991. An appropriation from the public works trust fund account is made to cover these six projects.

In total, 71 projects totaling \$59,251,667 are recommended by the public works board for fiscal year 1991.

Appropriation: \$7,330,000 from the public works assistance account for the biennium ending June 30, 1991

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

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

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SENATE AMENDMENT:

The 1991 appropriation provisions are reduced from \$7,330,000 to \$6,568,000 resulting in subsequent funding reductions for six public works projects.

TESTIMONY FOR:

This bill is necessary to allow the Public Works Board to provide funding for public works projects throughout the state.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: PRO: Charlie Shell, City of Seattle; Jim Justin, AWC; Jerry Hendricks, City of Tumwater; Pete Butkus, Department of Community Development; Joe Daniels, Washington State Association of Water/Wastewater Districts; Jim Salatino, Washington Association of Sewer Districts