

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6327

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 30, 1992

**Brief Description:** Providing awards for excellence in education for classified employees.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Gaspard, Bailey, Johnson, Jesernig, Murray, Pelz, Anderson, von Reichbauer, Skratek, McMullen, Bauer, Erwin, Rinehart and Roach.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6327 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Bailey, Chairman; Erwin, Vice Chairman; Anderson, Craswell, Metcalf, Murray, Oke, Pelz, and Rinehart.

**Staff:** Mich'l Prentice Needham (786-7439)

**Hearing Dates:** January 27, 1992; January 30, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

The Washington Award for Excellence in Education Program was created in 1986 to recognize teachers, principals, superintendents and school boards for their leadership, contributions, and commitment to education. In 1990 classified employees were included for recognition. Only teachers, principals, administrators and superintendents are eligible for the fiscal portion of the awards.

**SUMMARY:**

Classified employees are made eligible to select the academic grant, recognition stipend, or educational grant under the Washington Award for Excellence in Education program.

**EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:**

The effective date is June 30, 1993 and the act is subject to appropriation in the 1993 budget.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** requested January 24, 1992

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

Classified employees would like to receive the monetary recognition offered by the award and be treated like other professionals holding certificates. Some classified staff are interested in taking courses that would improve their human relations skills necessary for work and keep them updated in changing technology.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Lynn McKinnon, Public School Employees of Washington; Carol Berdinka, South Kitsap School District; Karen Lee, Marysville School District