

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESSB 6084

As Passed House - Amended
February 26, 1994

Title: An act relating to transportation appropriations.

Brief Description: Making transportation appropriations.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Vognild; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Transportation, February 23, 1994, DPA;
Passed House - Amended, February 26, 1994, 88-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 26 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; Brown, Vice Chair; Jones, Vice Chair; Schmidt, Ranking Minority Member; Mielke, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Backlund; Brough; Brumsickle; Cothorn; Eide; Finkbeiner; Forner; Fuhrman; Hansen; Heavey; Horn; Johanson; J. Kohl; Orr; Patterson; Quall; Romero; Sheldon; Shin; Wood and Zellinsky.

Staff: Eugene Schlatter (786-7316).

Background: Appropriation authority is required for the expenditure of state funds. State government operates on the basis of a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A biennial budget was enacted during the 1993 legislative session.

Summary of Bill: The state transportation agencies' supplemental capital and operating appropriations bill for the remainder of the 1993-95 fiscal biennium is proposed. The increase over the Governor's proposal represents approximately \$122 million, mostly for the regular category C construction program, of which \$93.9 million is from general fund-state.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The budget will promote economic vitality and eliminate a number of dangerous transportation problems which beset the state.

Testimony Against: Elimination of the Traffic Safety Commission is unnecessary.

Witnesses: Kathy Friedt, Department of Licensing (pro); Sid Morrison, Department of Transportation (pro); Steve Lind, Washington Traffic Safety Commission (con); and Roger Bruett, Washington State Patrol (pro).