

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1524

As Amended by the Senate

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making supplemental appropriations.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Locke, Silver and Valle; by request of Office of Financial Management.)

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Appropriations, March 18, 1993, DPS;
Passed House, March 26, 1993, 66-30;
Amended by Senate.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 22 members: Representatives Locke, Chair; Valle, Vice Chair; Silver, Ranking Minority Member; Carlson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appelwick; Ballasiotes; Basich; Cooke; Dorn; Dunshee; Jacobsen; Lemmon; Leonard; Linville; Rust; Sehlin; Sommers; Stevens; Talcott; Wang; Wineberry; and Wolfe.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 2 members: Representatives Morton and Sheahan.

Staff: Victor Moore (786-7143).

Background: The state government operates on the basis of a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A biennial operating budget was enacted in the 1991 special legislative session and amended in the 1992 legislative session.

Summary of Bill: The 1991-93 operating appropriations act is amended. The general fund-state appropriation not in reserve is increased by \$32 million.

EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS:

Attorney General (Sec. 105)

Added \$239k GFS for pre-trial preparation costs related to tribal shellfish litigation.

Department of Retirement Systems (Sec. 108)

Did not reduce the department's budget by \$170k (Retirement Systems Expense Account), in order to provide funding for 1993 early retirement legislation.

Department of General Administration (Sec. 111)

Provided the \$740k GFS requested for the travel management and incoming mail sorting shortfalls.

Deleted \$1.4 million GFS funding provided to pay GA procurement charges.

Department of Corrections (Sec. 222)

Reduce the one-time impacts request by \$125k GFS to eliminate payment for local ongoing staff costs.

DSHS - Developmental Disabilities (Sec. 205)

Added \$1,719k GFS (\$3,821 total) to continue current IMR Tax rate until July 1, 1993.

DSHS - Medical Assistance (Sec. 209)

Deleted \$1,702k GFS requested to reimburse division for payment of Productivity Board awards to employees of the division's Third Party Liability Unit.

Department of Natural Resources (Sec. 306)

Added \$600k to correct the share of forest management costs attributed to the Forest Board Trust Lands.

Sundry Claims (Sec. 706)

Picked up the April 1993 updated sundry claims. The \$3.5 million Orion request is funded from the State Building Construction Account.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Appropriation: Refer to bill.

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

Testimony For: The appropriations, as amended in the substitute bill, are necessary to fund agency obligations for the remainder of the 1991-93 biennium.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: (All for) Ann Daley, Director of the Office of Financial Management; Ruta Fanning, Deputy Director of the Office of Financial Management; Randy Acker, Department of Natural Resources; Scott Morgan, State Board for Technical & Community Colleges; and David Akana, Commission on Judicial Conduct.

VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Yeas 66; Nays 30, Excused 2

Nays: Representatives Ballard, Ballasiotes, Brough, Brumsickle, Casada, Chandler, Dyer, Edmondson, Foreman, Forner, Fuhrman, Horn, Lisk, Mielke, Miller, Morton, Padden, Reams, Schmidt, Schoesler, Sehlin, Sheahan, Silver, Stevens, Talcott, Tate, Thomas, Vance, Van Luven, Wood

Excused: Representatives Eide, Leonard