

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5821

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Modifying public works board loan restrictions.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senator Loveland; by request of Department of Community Development)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL BUDGET

BACKGROUND:

In 1985, to assist local governments with a backlog of public works projects, the Legislature established the public works board which operates with the support of the Department of Community Development. The board may provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for public works planning and projects. Financial assistance is in the form of loans and guarantees from the public works assistance account.

The criteria for receiving financial assistance from the public works assistance account include the requirements that (1) proposed projects be listed and prioritized in an annual report to the legislative budget committees, and (2) the funds for the projects be appropriated by the Legislature before any project goes forward. Emergency public works projects are exempt from these two requirements, but may be funded only from an amount expressly appropriated by the Legislature for emergencies.

Loans to fund capital facilities plans must be included in the annual priority list and must be specifically appropriated.

SUMMARY:

Public works board loans for capital facilities plans may be made from the appropriated emergency project fund without the requirements that they be listed and prioritized in the annual report from the board to the budget committees of the Legislature or that they be specifically appropriated. The total funds used for capital facilities plans and emergency loans may not exceed 5 percent of the total amount appropriated from the public works account in any biennium.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	47	0
House	97	0

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 1993