

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1764

As Reported By House Committee On:
Education

Title: An act relating to school district budget development dates.

Brief Description: Allowing the superintendent of public instruction to delay the time at which school district budgets are made public if the state's operating budget is not finally approved before June 1st.

Sponsors: Representatives Brumsickle, Cole and Ogden.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Education: 2/17/95, 2/23/95 [DP].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 19 members: Representatives Brumsickle, Chairman; Elliot, Vice Chairman; Johnson, Vice Chairman; Cole, Ranking Minority Member; Poulsen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Clements; Dickerson; G. Fisher; Fuhrman; Hatfield; McMahan; Pelesky; Quall; Radcliff; Smith; Talcott; B. Thomas; Thompson and Veloria.

Staff: Robert Butts (786-7111).

Background: Current law is very specific with regard to the timeline and process that must be used by a school district as it prepares the district's annual budget for the next fiscal year. Under this process, a preliminary budget must be completed prior to July 10.

This deadline is difficult to meet when the Legislature has special sessions and the state operating budget is not approved until early summer.

Summary of Bill: If the state's operating budget is not approved until after June 1, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is given the authority to delay the date (July 10) in which preliminary school district budgets must be completed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: School district budgets are difficult to write when you do not know how much money you will likely have. This bill will help school districts in those years when the state operating budget is passed after June 1.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Dwayne Slate, Washington State School Directors' Association; and Jean Ameluxen, Superintendent of Public Instruction.