

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESHB 2345

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**As Passed House:**  
February 19, 1996

**Title:** An act relating to fiscal matters.

**Brief Description:** Making supplemental operating budget appropriations.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Huff and H. Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Appropriations: 2/14/95, 2/15/96 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/19/96, 62-36.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 18 members: Representatives Huff, Chairman; Clements, Vice Chairman; Pelesky, Vice Chairman; Beeksma; Brumsickle; Carlson; Cooke; Crouse; Dyer; Foreman; Hickel; Lambert; McMorris; Sehlin; Sheahan; Silver; Smith and Talcott.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives H. Sommers, Ranking Minority Member; Valle, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Chappell; Dellwo; Grant; Jacobsen; Kessler; Linville; Poulsen; Rust and Wolfe.

**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 1995 legislative session, appropriating \$17.599 billion from the state general fund. The bill increases the state general fund appropriation by \$84 million for a total of \$17.68 billion.

**Summary of Bill:** The 1995-97 operating appropriations act is amended.

**Appropriation:** See bill.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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