

1 **SSB 6062** - H AMDS TO H APP COMM AMD (H-2996.1/97) **430 FAILED**

2 By Representative Kessler

**3-31-97**

3 On page 63, line 25, increase the general fund--state  
4 appropriation for fiscal year 1998 by \$3,250,000

5 On page 63, line 26, increase the general fund--state  
6 appropriation for fiscal year 1999 by \$3,250,000

7 Correct total appropriation accordingly.

8 On page 65, after line 13, insert the following:

9 (10) \$3,250,000 of the general fund state appropriation for  
10 fiscal year 1998, \$3,250,000 of the general fund state  
11 appropriation for fiscal year 1999 are provided solely for the jobs  
12 for the environment program. Projects under contract as of June 1,  
13 1997, will be given first priority for funding within this  
14 appropriation.

15 (a) The amounts provided in this subsection shall be used to  
16 achieve the following goals:

17 (i) Restore and protect watersheds to benefit anadromous fish  
18 stocks, including critical or depressed stocks as determined by the  
19 department of fish and wildlife;

20 (ii) Conduct watershed restoration and protection projects  
21 primarily on state lands in coordination with federal, local,  
22 tribal, and private sector efforts; and

23 (iii) Create market wage jobs with benefits in environmental  
24 restoration for displaced workers in natural resource impact areas,  
25 as defined under RCW 43.31.601(2).

26 (b) Except as provided in (c)(i) and (ii) of this subsection,  
27 these amounts are solely for projects selected by the department of  
28 natural resources, in consultation with an interagency task force  
29 consisting of the department of fish and wildlife, other  
30 appropriate state agencies, tribal governments, local governments,  
31 the federal government, labor and other interested stakeholders.  
32 In recommending projects for funding the task force shall use the  
33 following criteria:

1 (i) The extent to which the project, using best available  
2 science, addresses habitat factors limiting fish and wildlife  
3 populations;

4 (ii) The number, duration and quality of jobs to be created or  
5 retained by the project for displaced workers in natural resource  
6 impact areas;

7 (iii) The extent to which the project will help avoid the  
8 listing of threatened or endangered species or provides for the  
9 recovery of species already listed;

10 (iv) The extent to which the project will augment existing  
11 federal, state, tribal or local watershed planning efforts or  
12 completed watershed restoration and conservation plans;

13 (v) The cost effectiveness of the project;

14 (vi) The inclusion of matching funds; and

15 (vii) The demonstrated ability of the project proponents to  
16 administer the project.

17 (c) Amounts may be expended for planning, design, engineering,  
18 and monitoring. Amounts expended shall be used for specific  
19 projects and not for ongoing operational costs. Eligible projects  
20 include, but are not limited to, closure or improvement of forest  
21 roads, repair of culverts, clean-up of stream beds, removal of fish  
22 barriers, installation of fish screens, fencing of streams, and  
23 construction and planting of fish cover.

24 (i) The department of natural resources and the department of  
25 fish and wildlife, in consultation with the office of financial  
26 management and other appropriate agencies, shall report to the  
27 appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 1998, and  
28 annually thereafter, on any expenditures made from these  
29 appropriations.

30 (ii) \$800,000 of the amount in this subsection is provided  
31 solely for watershed restoration programs to be completed by the  
32 department of ecology's Washington conservation corps crews.

33 (iii) All projects shall be consistent with any development  
34 regulations or comprehensive plans adopted under the growth  
35 management act for the project areas. No funds shall be expended  
36 to acquire land through condemnation.-

1           On page 103, line 14, decrease the general fund--state  
2 appropriation for FY 1998 by \$490,000.

3           On page 103, line 15, decrease the general fund--state  
4 appropriation for FY 1999 by \$27,186,000.

5           On page 103, line 18, increase the employment and training  
6 trust account appropriation by \$37,952,000.

7           Correct the total accordingly.

8           On page 104, line 4, strike 490,000" through are" on page  
9 104, line 7 and insert the following:

10           64,478,000 of the employment and training trust account  
11 appropriation is-

12           On page 104, line 11, strike 51,534,000" and insert  
13 45,419,000"

14           On page 104, line 18, strike 2,938,000" and insert  
15 8,403,000"

16           On page 104, line 18, strike support services that may  
17 include-

18           On page 104, after line 20, insert the following:

19           (c) \$10,226,000 is to provide financial assistance for  
20 student enrollments funded in (a) of this subsection in order to  
21 enhance program completion for those enrolled students whose  
22 unemployment benefit eligibility will be exhausted or reduced  
23 before their training program is completed. The state board for  
24 community and technical colleges shall submit to the workforce  
25 training and education coordinating board for review and approval  
26 a plan for eligibility and disbursement criteria to be used in  
27 determining the award of moneys provided in this subsection.

28           (d) \$700,000 is to provide the operating resources for seven  
29 employment security department job service centers located on  
30 community and technical college campuses.-

**EFFECT:** The amendment makes changes to two programs: Jobs for the Environment and Workforce training. 1) To fund the Jobs for the Environment program, the Department of Natural Resources budget is increased by \$6.5 million. Goals are established for the program as well as criteria by which projects are to be selected. 2) For Workforce training, in the community and technical colleges, general fund-state funding is eliminated and funding is increased for the program from the Employment and Training Trust Account. Provides increased funding for child care assistance, transportation and financial aid. Provides funds for continuation of unemployment assistance during training and for seven employment security job services centers located on community and technical college campuses.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Reduces General Fund-State by \$20,176,000.

Increases Other Funds by \$37,952,000.