

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2258

As Reported By House Committee On:
Appropriations

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making appropriations for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 1997.

Sponsors: Representatives Huff and H. Sommers; by request of Governor Locke.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Appropriations: 3/20/97, 3/24/97 [DPS].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 23 members: Representatives Huff, Chairman; Alexander, Vice Chairman; Clements, Vice Chairman; Wensman, Vice Chairman; H. Sommers, Ranking Minority Member; Doumit, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Benson; Carlson; Cooke; Crouse; Dyer; Grant; Kenney; Kessler; Lambert; Lisk; Mastin; McMorris; Parlette; D. Schmidt; Sehlin; Sheahan and Talcott.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Gombosky, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chopp; Cody; Keiser; Linville; Poulsen; Regala and Tokuda.

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. A supplemental operating budget was enacted in the 1996 legislative session increasing the state general fund appropriation by \$12 million for a total of \$17.611 billion. The bill increases the state general fund appropriation by \$166 million for a state general fund total of \$17.778 billion.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The 1996 supplemental operating budget is amended to increase state general fund appropriations by \$100 million for a total of \$17.711 billion.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute bill lowers the state general fund appropriation by \$66 million, increasing existing appropriations by \$100 million.

Appropriation: See bill.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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