

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESHB 2259

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### PARTIAL VETO

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Making appropriations for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 1999.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Huff, H. Sommers, Dickerson and Conway; by request of Governor Locke).

### House Committee on Appropriations

**Background:** The state government operates on the basis of a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year.

**Summary:** The 1997-99 Omnibus Appropriations Act is passed, making appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. The state general fund total is \$4.27 billion. The 1996 supplemental budget is amended to increase state general fund appropriations by \$100 million, for a total 1995-97 biennial appropriation of \$17.711 billion from the state general fund.

(**Note:** The 1997-99 Omnibus Appropriations Act is a combination of the appropriations in both ESHB 2259 and SSB 6062. The combined appropriations in SSB 6062 and ESHB 2259 for the 1997-99 Omnibus Appropriations Act is \$19.073 billion from the state general fund.)

### Votes on Final Passage:

House 52 46

Senate 27 22

**Effective:** May 20, 1997

**Partial Veto Summary:** The governor vetoed all or parts of 25 sections of the act. The net effect of the vetoes is to increase the state general fund appropriation by \$4.65 million. In addition, \$800,000 in state general fund appropriations lapsed due to the failure of several pieces of legislation to pass the Legislature. The combined appropriations in SSB 6062 and ESHB 2259 after the vetoes is \$19,077 billion from the state general fund.