

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2259

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, 1999.

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

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Appropriations: 3/26/97, 3/28/97 [DPS].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 17 members: Representatives Huff, Chairman; Alexander, Vice Chairman; Clements, Vice Chairman; Wensman, Vice Chairman; Benson; Carlson; Cooke; Crouse; Dyer; Lambert; Lisk; Mastin; McMorris; Parlette; Sehlin; Sheahan and Talcott.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives H. Sommers, Ranking Minority Member; Doumit, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Gombosky, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chopp; Cody; Keiser; Kenney; Kessler; 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.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The 1997-99 Omnibus Appropriations Act is passed, making appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. The state general fund total is \$18.994 billion.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute bill reduces appropriations by \$244 million, for a total state general fund appropriation of \$18.994 billion.

Appropriation: See bill.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 1997.