

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5647

As Passed Senate, March 14, 1997

Title: An act relating to building fee payments by community and technical colleges.

Brief Description: Requiring only collected building fees of community and technical colleges to be paid to the state treasury.

Sponsors: Senators Wood, Snyder, Swecker, Bauer, Zarelli, Winsley and Kohl; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education: 2/24/97, 2/26/97 [DP].
Passed Senate, 3/14/97, 44-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Wood, Chair; Winsley, Vice Chair; Bauer, Hale, Kohl, Patterson, Prince and Sheldon.

Staff: Jennifer Hanlon (786-7784)

Background: In Washington, tuition fees for students attending most public colleges and universities are made up of two components: building fees and operating fees. Building fees provide part of the funding for facility repairs, renovations, and construction.

Currently, the four-year institutions of higher education must contribute their building fees to the state treasury within 35 days from the collection of those fees. The two-year institutions must contribute their building fees to the state treasury within 35 days from the start of each quarter.

Summary of Bill: Within 35 days from the beginning of each quarter, all collected building fees from the community and technical colleges must be paid to the state treasury.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This is an audit issue. The institutions are required to remit money that they have not collected.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Scott Morgan, SBCTC.