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By Representatives Huff, H. Sommers, Carlson, Wolfe and L. Thomas; by request of State Investment Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to the operation of the state investment board; and
2 amending RCW 43.33A.140, 41.50.085, 43.84.061, and 43.84.150.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.33A.140 and 1981 c 3 s 14 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ~~((Any investments made by))~~ The state investment board shall ~~((be~~
7 ~~made with the exercise of that degree of judgment and care, under~~
8 ~~circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion,~~
9 ~~and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not~~
10 ~~for speculation but for investment, considering the probable safety of~~
11 ~~their capital as well as the probable income to be derived))~~ invest and
12 manage the assets entrusted to it with reasonable care, skill,
13 prudence, and diligence under circumstances then prevailing which a
14 prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters
15 would use in the conduct of an activity of like character and purpose.

16 The board shall:

17 (1) Consider investments not in isolation, but in the context of
18 the investment of the particular fund as a whole and as part of an

1 overall investment strategy, which should incorporate risk and return
2 objectives reasonably suited for that fund; and

3 (2) Diversify the investments of the particular fund unless,
4 because of special circumstances, the board reasonably determines that
5 the purposes of that fund are better served without diversifying.
6 However, no corporate fixed-income issue or common stock holding may
7 exceed three percent of the cost or six percent of the market value of
8 the assets of that fund.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.50.085 and 1977 ex.s. c 251 s 7 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Any investments under RCW 43.84.150 by the state investment board
12 shall be made ((with the exercise of that degree of judgment and care,
13 under circumstances then prevailing, which men of prudence, discretion
14 and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not
15 for speculation but for investment, considering the probable safety of
16 their capital as well as the probable income to be derived)) in
17 accordance with the standards established in RCW 43.33A.140.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.84.061 and 1965 ex.s. c 104 s 6 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Any investments made hereunder by the state investment board shall
21 be made ((with the exercise of that degree of judgment and care, under
22 circumstances then prevailing, which men of prudence, discretion and
23 intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for
24 speculation but for investment, considering the probable safety of
25 their capital as well as the probable income to be derived)) in
26 accordance with the standards established in RCW 43.33A.140.

27 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.84.150 and 1981 c 98 s 1 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 Except where otherwise specifically provided by law, the state
30 investment board shall have full power to invest, reinvest, manage,
31 contract, or sell or exchange investments acquired. Investments shall
32 be made in accordance with RCW 43.33A.140 and investment policy duly
33 established and published by the state investment board. ((All funds
34 shall be sufficiently diversified and no corporate fixed income issue

1 ~~or common stock holding may exceed three percent of the cost or six~~
2 ~~percent of the market value of the assets of any fund.))~~

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