

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5963

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, March 22, 1999

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Relating to fiscal matters.

Sponsors: Senators Loveland and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 3/22/99 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5963 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Loveland, Chair; Bauer, Vice Chair; Brown, Vice Chair; Fairley, Fraser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Long, Rasmussen, B. Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, Thibaudeau, Winsley and Wojahn.

Staff: Steve Jones (786-7440)

Background: The operating expenses of state government and its agencies and programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus operations budget adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. The budget for the 1997-99 fiscal biennium was adopted by the 1997 Legislature and a supplemental budget was adopted in 1998.

State operating expenses are paid from the state General Fund and from various dedicated funds and accounts. The 1997 and 1998 Legislatures appropriated \$19.084 billion from the state General Fund.

Summary of Substitute Bill: Appropriations from various agencies are modified, with a net increase of \$71.9 million in appropriations from the state General Fund for fiscal year 1999. For additional information, see "1999 Supplemental Operating & Capital Budget Summary" and "Statewide Summary and Agency Detail" published by the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The original bill was introduced by title only.

Appropriation: See above.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.