

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5367

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing competitive grant requirements for community mobilization programs.

Sponsors: Senators Fraser, Long, Patterson, Costa, Regala and Jacobsen; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development.

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
House Committee on Children & Family Services

Background: In 1989, the Legislature created a grant program within the Governor's Office to fund community mobilization efforts designed to reduce the incidence of substance abuse. Currently, at least 50 percent of the funding available under this program must be awarded on a competitive basis. In this process, eligible applications are assessed and compared by a peer review committee which advises the Governor. The Governor then distributes the competitive grants based on this information.

Summary: The purpose of the grant program is broadened to include reducing incidences of alcohol abuse, tobacco abuse, other drug abuse, and violence.

The program is moved from the Governor's Office to the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development.

The competitive funding requirements are eliminated. All grant funds are distributed through a formula developed by the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development that takes county population size into consideration.

The requirement that applicants identify a fiscal agent has been replaced with one requiring communities to identify a contracting agent.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	93	0

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