

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5992

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions, February 26, 2001

Title: An act relating to transfers of funds from the public works administration account.

Brief Description: Eliminating transfers of funds from the public works administration account.

Sponsors: Senators Prentice, Winsley, Gardner, Honeyford, Patterson, West and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions: 2/22/01, 2/26/01 [DP-WM].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Benton, Franklin, Hochstatter, Honeyford, Patterson, Rasmussen, Regala, West and Winsley.

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Background: The public works administration account generates revenue from Department of Labor and Industries fees for: 1) the approval of statements of intent to pay the prevailing wage; 2) the certification of affidavits of wages paid; and 3) the arbitration of disputes.

Every quarter, 30 percent of the revenue in the public works administration account is transferred to the general fund.

Summary of Bill: The provision that 30 percent of the revenue in the public works administration account is to be transferred to the general account each quarter is eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: The bill will increase resources needed for administration of prevailing wage laws. The fees charged are user fees that are designed to let the department self-fund the prevailing wage law. The current transfer of funds is beyond the level of self-funding and compromises the department's ability to serve the program needs of state and local agencies.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Otto Hermann, Rebound (pro); Jim Justin, Association of WA Cities (pro); Jim Christianson, Rich Irvin, L&I.