

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2687

As Reported by House Committee On:
Appropriations

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making 2008 operating supplemental appropriations.

Sponsors: Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Appropriations: 1/16/08, 1/17/08, 2/20/08, 2/22/08 [DPS].

<p>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes supplemental operating appropriations.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 21 members: Representatives Sommers, Chair; Dunshee, Vice Chair; Cody, Conway, Darneille, Ericks, Fromhold, Grant, Green, Haigh, Hunt, Hunter, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Linville, Morrell, Pettigrew, Schual-Berke, Seaquist and Sullivan.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives Alexander, Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Anderson, Chandler, Hinkle, Kretz, McDonald, Priest, Ross, Schmick and Walsh.

Staff: Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

Background:

The state government operates on a fiscal biennium that begins July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The 2007-09 biennial operating budget appropriated \$29.6 billion from the State General Fund for a variety of purposes. The State General Fund and several other accounts, referred to as Near General Fund, had appropriations of \$33.4 billion. The total budgeted amount, which includes state and federal funds, was \$56.8 billion.

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Summary of Substitute Bill:

Appropriations are modified for the 2007-09 biennium. This bill increases State General Fund appropriations by \$233.7 million. Near General Fund accounts, which include both the State General Fund and several other accounts, increase by \$297.2 million. Total budgeted funds are increased by \$429 million.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The substitute bill increases state General Fund appropriations by \$89.7 million, Near General Fund appropriations by \$62.9 million, and total appropriations by \$110.5 million, and makes other fiscal changes.

Appropriation: Please refer to bill.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Persons Testifying: (In support) Robby Stern, Washington State Labor Council; Sue Elliott, Arc of Washington; Mary Alice Grobins, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Jim Larson, Morningside; Vaughn Profit Breaux, American Cancer Society; Mary Lindquist, Washington Education Association; Seth Dawson, Wall Street Coalition for the Homeless; Robin Zukowski, Columbia Legal Services; Bill Daley, Washington Community Action Network; Randy Dorn, Public School Employees; Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Miguel Perez-Gibson, Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation; Dave Johnson, Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates; and Naki Stevens, People for Puget Sound.

(In support with concerns) Laurie Lippold, Children's Home Society and Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

(With concerns) Charlie Brown, Washington Asparagus Council; Gary Weeks, Washington Health Care Association; Kathleen Lopp, Career and Technical Education; Mitch Denning, Alliance of Education Associations; Sarah Cherin, Children's Alliance; Ellie Menzies, SEIU Healthcare 1199 Northwest; Jim Crabbe, State Board of Community and Technical Colleges; Dennis Eagle, Washington Federation of State Employees; Rudy Taylor; Melissa Johnson, Community Residential Services Association; Sean Pickard, Washington Dental Service Foundation; Rich Rutkowski, Green River Community College; Evelyn Larson, Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs; and Lonnie Johns-Brown, Washington State Association of Head Start and EACAP Programs.

(Opposed) Dennis Mahar, Washington Association Area Agency on Aging; Amber Carter, Association of Washington Business; and Jerry Reilly, Eldercare Alliance.

(Other) Dan Simnioniw, Washington State Residential Care Council; Jennifer Allen, Planned Parenthood; Joanne Moore, Office of Public Defense; Nick Federici, Washington United for Quality Nursing Home Care and United Way of King County; Dan Johnson, Washington School Food Service Association; Susie Tracy, Washington State Medical Association, Washington Association of Housing and Services for the Aging; Jim Slowik, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor; Nora Kelley, SEIU Health Care 775; Sherry Burkey, Western Washington University; George Scarola, League of Education Voters; Jake Stillwell, Washington Student Lobby; Laura Wells, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids; Randy Hodgins, University of Washington; Julie Suchanek, The Evergreen State College; Matthew Kreiling, Washington Student Lobby; Bill Robinson, Nature Conservancy; Clifford Traisman, Washington Conservation Voters; Mo McBroom, Washington Environmental Council; and Gregory Robinson, Washington Community Mental Health Council.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.