

SB 6065-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, beginning with the 2012-13 school year, the Washington state arts commission, in consultation with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, shall establish an annual competitive grant process to restore art programs in public schools.

Provides that, to the maximum extent possible, the competitive grant amounts awarded will reflect the distribution of the lottery revenues generated from RCW 67.70.240(6).

Authorizes cities, counties, art organizations, and school districts to apply to the Washington state arts commission, but the application process shall encourage collaboration among the various entities in order to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the restored programs.

Requires that, to the maximum extent possible, the grants awarded shall be administered using existing local city and county art organizations.

Provides that, beginning with 2012-13 school year, each school district shall receive an allocation to provide world language instruction programs to develop second language acquisition skills.