

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1244

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, April 25, 2009

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making operating appropriations for fiscal years 2007-2009 and 2009-2011.

Sponsors: House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Alexander and Ericks; by request of Governor Gregoire).

Brief History: Passed House: 4/24/09, 54-42.

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 4/25/09 [DP, DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Tom, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Hobbs, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Oemig, Pridemore, Regala and Rockefeller.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Honeyford, Parlette, Pflug and Schoesler.

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. State operating expenses are paid from the state General Fund and from various dedicated funds and accounts.

Summary of Bill: Biennial appropriations for the 2007-09 and 2009-11 fiscal biennia for the various agencies and programs of the state are enacted, including appropriations for general government agencies, human services programs, natural resources agencies, and educational institutions. For additional information, see the budget summary materials published by the Senate Ways & Means Committee and available on the Internet at www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM/.

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Appropriation: Yes.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: Yes.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.