

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESB 6137

As Passed Senate, April 26, 2009

Title: An act relating to common schools.

Brief Description: Relating to common schools.

Sponsors: Senator Prentice.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 4/26/09 [DPS, DNP, w/oRec].
Passed Senate: 4/26/09, 47-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6137 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

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

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators McDermott and Schoesler.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

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

Staff: Bryon Moore (786-7726)

Background: The 2007-09 Omnibus Appropriations Act provides transfer authority among the various appropriations to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for the support of K-12 common schools. Under Substitute House Bill 1244 (omnibus operating budget) enacted in the 2009 Legislative Session, the specific program appropriations that are allowed to be transferred are general apportionment; employee compensation adjustments; pupil transportation; special education programs; institutional education programs; transitional bilingual programs; and learning assistance programs. Given the potential volatility around caseloads and other cost drivers in these programs, the purpose of this

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transfer authority is to provide additional flexibility to OSPI in managing its overall appropriation level.

Summary of Engrossed Bill: The list of OSPI appropriations that may be transferred to cover under or over expenditures in other programs is expanded to include the I-728 Student Achievement Fund allocations.

Appropriation: Yes.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: No public hearing was held.

Persons Testifying: N/A.