

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## ESSB 6444

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As Passed Senate, March 15, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to fiscal matters.

**Brief Description:** Making 2010 supplemental operating appropriations.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Tom; by request of Governor Gregoire).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 2/23/10, 2/26/10 [DPS, DNP].

Passed Senate: 2/27/10, 25-19.

Passed House: 3/05/10, 55-43.

**First Special Session:** Passed Senate: 3/15/10, 25-19.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6444 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, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Murray, Oemig, Pridemore, Regala and Rockefeller.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, Hewitt, 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. In even-numbered years, a supplemental budget is adopted, making various modifications to agency appropriations. State operating expenses are paid from the state General Fund and from various dedicated funds and accounts.

**Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill:** The 2009-11 biennial appropriations for the various agencies and programs of the state are modified.

**Appropriation:** Various appropriations.

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**Fiscal Note:** Requested on March 1, 2010.  
[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** Yes.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

**Persons Testifying:**