

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESB 5967

As Passed House - Amended:
March 8, 2012

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making 2011-2013 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

Sponsors: Senators Murray and Zarelli; by request of Governor Gregoire.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

None.

Floor Activity:

Passed House - Amended: 3/8/12, 53-45.

**Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill
(As Amended by House)**

- Changing supplemental operating appropriations for the 2012-13 biennium.

Staff: Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

Background:

The state government operates on a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. Supplemental budgets frequently are enacted in each of the following two years after adoption of the biennial budget (each odd-numbered year). Appropriations are made in the biennial and supplemental budgets for the operation of state government and its various agencies and institutions, as well as for K-12 public schools.

The 2011-13 State Omnibus Operating Appropriations Act (Operating Budget) appropriated \$32.0 billion from the State General Fund and two other accounts, together referred to as State Near General Fund. The total budgeted amount, which includes state and federal funds, is \$62.0 billion.

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Summary of Bill:

State Near General Fund appropriations for the 2011-13 biennium are decreased by \$961.0 million; the total budget is decreased by \$743.4 million.

Fund transfers and other changes to the original 2011-13 biennial budget are also made.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on March 7, 2012.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.