

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1354

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, May 18, 2011

Title: An act relating to apportionments to educational service districts and school districts for the 2010-11 school year.

Brief Description: Changing the apportionment schedule to educational service districts and school districts for the 2010-11 school year.

Sponsors: House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Haigh, Hunter and Darneille; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History: Passed House: 5/13/11, 52-36.

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 5/18/11 [DP, DNP, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Murray, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Parlette, Ranking Minority Member Capital; Brown, Conway, Fraser, Hatfield, Hewitt, Honeyford, Kastama, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Regala, Rockefeller, Schoesler and Tom.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Pflug.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Baxter.

Staff: Elise Greef (786-7708)

Background: Apportionment funding to each school district is calculated on a per-pupil basis. Every enrolled K-12 student generates state funding under formulas determined by statute requiring certain staffing ratios and enhancements for particular student populations and on characteristics of individual districts – such as teacher experience, education level, and historical salary levels. Apportionment funding includes payments for the Basic Education Allocation, the bilingual program, Career and Technical Education, skills centers, the Learning Improvement Program, special education, institutions, and transportation operations.

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Apportionment is allocated monthly to each district through the county treasurers. The percentage of the total distributed each month varies by month and is set in statute.

Total apportionment payments for school year 2010-11 are expected to exceed \$5.9 billion.

Summary of Bill: The June payment to school districts is reduced by \$128 million and an equivalent amount is paid in an additional apportionment payment made on the first business day of July. This payment is in addition to the regular June apportionment payment. The two steps reduce expenditures for the 2011 state fiscal year and increase expenditures by the same amount for the 2012 state fiscal year.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: None.

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

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

Persons Testifying: N/A.