

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5813

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Commerce & Labor, February 22, 2013

Title: An act relating to supporting youth programs through agricultural fairs.

Brief Description: Supporting youth programs through agricultural fairs.

Sponsors: Senators Hewitt, Holmquist Newbry, Honeyford, Becker, Rivers, Schoesler, Hatfield, Ericksen, Hobbs, Sheldon, Hargrove, Eide, Dammeier, King, Brown and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/22/13 [DP-WM, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Chair; Braun, Vice Chair; Conway, Ranking Member; Hewitt and King.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Hasegawa and Keiser.

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: Agricultural fairs may receive funding from the state fair fund, which is administered by the Department of Agriculture. State law requires an annual \$2 million transfer into the fair fund from the general fund. In fiscal year 2012 and 2013, the required transfer was \$3.5 million.

In fiscal year 2012, Washington Lottery beneficiaries were the following:

- Washington Opportunity Pathways Account, \$121.8 million;
- stadium bonds, \$10 million for the football stadium and \$2.7 million for the baseball stadium;
- problem gambling, \$291,000;
- economic development, \$3 million from unclaimed prizes; and
- the veterans' innovation program.

Summary of Bill: During calendar year 2013, \$2,000,500 must be distributed from the state lottery account to the state fair fund.

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In subsequent years, the distribution amount must increase 2 percent over the previous year. Distributions will stop June 30, 2023.

After June 30, 2023, \$2 million per fiscal year must be transferred into the fair fund from the general fund.

Appropriation: \$2.5 million from the state lottery account.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill does many things, it is an education bill, it will help raise charitable donations, help youth raise money for college, produce entertainment, provide workforce development, it is an economic engine, and will enhance revenue for state and local governments.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Ron Newbry, Central WA Fair Assn.