

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1142

As Reported by House Committee On: Education

Title: An act relating to modifying school district authority with respect to student parking.

Brief Description: Modifying school district authority with respect to student parking.

Sponsors: Representatives Wilcox, Reykdal, G. Hunt, Gregerson and Magendanz.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Education: 1/26/15, 2/19/15 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Grants a school district's board of directors the authority to establish and collect a fee from students as a condition of parking on school property.
- Provides for money to be allocated to a school district's associated student body program fund, debt service fund, or capital project fund.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 21 members: Representatives Santos, Chair; Ortiz-Self, Vice Chair; Reykdal, Vice Chair; Magendanz, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Stambaugh, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist, Caldier, Fagan, Gregory, Griffey, Hargrove, Hayes, S. Hunt, Kilduff, Klippert, Lytton, McCaslin, Orwall, Pollet and Springer.

Staff: Robin Hammond (786-7291) and Cece Clynch (786-7195).

Background:

A school district's board of directors may establish and collect fees from students and nonstudents for attendance at optional noncredit extracurricular school district events. The school district must have regulations for waiving or reducing fees for low income students and nonstudents over 65 years of age. The board may collect a single comprehensive fee for attendance at multiple noncredit extracurricular school district events.

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Summary of Bill:

The board of directors of any common school district may establish and collect a fee from students as a condition of parking an automobile or other vehicle on school property. The money must be allocated, in sum or in portion, to the school district's associated student body program fund, debt service fund, or capital project fund.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) There is confusion in some school districts whether parking fees may be used for student body activities. This bill allows students to fund student activities, as fees could be used by students for students. The bill is permissive in terms of how dollars are spent.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Wilcox, prime sponsor; and Jerry Bender, Association of Washington State Principals.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.