

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5644

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As Passed Senate, March 1, 2017

**Title:** An act relating to skill center facility maintenance.

**Brief Description:** Concerning skill center facility maintenance.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Honeyford).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 2/16/17, 2/23/17 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed Senate: 3/01/17, 49-0.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires a host district of a skill center cooperative to maintain a separate capital account for minor repair and maintenance costs of the skill center.</li></ul> |
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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5644 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Braun, Chair; Brown, Vice Chair; Rossi, Vice Chair; Honeyford, Vice Chair, Capital Budget ; Ranker, Ranking Minority Member; Rolfes, Assistant Ranking Minority Member, Operating Budget; Frockt, Assistant Ranking Minority Member, Capital Budget; Bailey, Becker, Billig, Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Fain, Hasegawa, Keiser, Miloscia, Padden, Pedersen, Rivers, Schoesler, Warnick and Zeiger.

**Staff:** Richard Ramsey (786-7412)

**Background:** There are 15 skill centers Washington which operate as cooperatives with participating school districts and offer in-depth programs for about 7000 students. Facility funding is provided through the capital budget; the funding is administered by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction School Facilities and Organization.

**Summary of First Substitute Bill:** The host district of a skill center cooperative must maintain a separate capital account into which the participating school districts must make

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annual deposits to pay for minor repair and maintenance costs for the skill center. The annual deposits may be a per pupil facility fee charged by the host district.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Proposed Substitute:** *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* PRO: This is valuable because the consortium of districts cannot sell bonds. We recommend removing the 40 percent value threshold in lines 12-16. Skill centers are funded through direct appropriation.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Paul Randall, Tri-Tech Skills Center; Casey Moore, Director of School Facilities, OSPI; Michael Christianson, Bethel School District, Pierce County Skills Center.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.