

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2921

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### As Reported by House Committee On: Ways & Means

**Title:** An act relating to fiscal matters.

**Brief Description:** Capturing additional savings.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Linville, Darneille, Ericks, Pettigrew, Probst, Haigh, Sullivan, Kelley and Wallace.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Ways & Means: 1/19/10, 1/20/10 [DPS].

<b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b>
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- Makes changes to the 2009-11 biennial operating budget.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 20 members: Representatives Linville, Chair; Ericks, Vice Chair; Sullivan, Vice Chair; Alexander, Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dammeier, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Cody, Conway, Darneille, Haigh, Hunt, Hunter, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Pettigrew, Priest, Ross, Schmick and Seaquist.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 2 members: Representatives Chandler and Hinkle.

**Staff:** Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

**Background:**

The state government operates on a fiscal biennium that begins July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The 2009-11 biennial operating budget appropriated \$31.4 billion from the State General Fund and two other accounts, referred to as Near General Fund-State. The total budgeted amount, which includes state and federal funds, is \$58.7 billion.

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**Summary of Substitute Bill:**

Appropriations are modified for the 2009-11 biennium. Near General Fund-State appropriations are reduced by \$45.4 million. Total budgeted funds decrease by \$55 million.

State agencies must report to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) at least quarterly through the remainder of the biennium the following: (1) new and currently vacant staff positions filled; (2) out-of-state travel/training; (3) personal service contracts, and (4) equipment purchases over \$5,000. There are a number of exceptions to these reporting requirements. The OFM must publish the reported information electronically on the state fiscal website.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:**

The original bill contained only a statement of legislative intent. The substitute bill adds the provisions that modify the 2009-11 operating budget.

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**Appropriation:** Please see the bill.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date of Substitute Bill:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

Please refer to the January 19, 2010 hearing recording.

**Persons Testifying:** (In support with concerns) Dan Speigle, Office of the Secretary of State.

(Opposed) Mo McBroom, Washington Environmental Council; and Bill Robinson, The Nature Conservancy.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.