

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## EHB 1703

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Addressing fiscal notes for legislation that uniquely affects school districts.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Dammeier, Haigh, Anderson, Probst, Parker, Alexander, Zeiger and Smith.

**House Committee on Education Appropriations & Oversight**  
**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

### **Background:**

#### Fiscal Notes.

A fiscal note is an estimate of the fiscal impact of proposed legislation. Fiscal notes are prepared by the executive branch for use during the legislative process. For legislation that has a fiscal impact on state agencies, fiscal notes are prepared under a process coordinated by the Office of Financial Management (OFM). Pursuant to instructions issued by the OFM, affected agencies estimate the bill's impacts on state revenues and expenditures and work with the OFM to produce the fiscal note. For legislation that affects counties, cities, and other units of local government, the Department of Commerce produces local government fiscal notes, which are also subject to coordination by the OFM.

#### School Districts.

Washington has 295 school districts, each governed by a locally elected school board. School districts deliver the state's K-12 educational program under the supervision of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). In addition to providing educational services, school districts are municipal corporations subject to many of the various laws that apply to local governments generally.

### **Summary:**

When it is practicable to do so within available resources, the OSPI must prepare school district fiscal notes for proposed legislation that uniquely affects school districts. Where practicable, the school district fiscal note must show the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation on each school district. Where it is not practicable to show the impact on each school district, the school district fiscal note must show the fiscal impact of the legislation on

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a range of representative school districts. The school district fiscal note must set forth any assumptions used in selecting the representative districts and in the fiscal note generally.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	97	0
Senate	47	1

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