

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2058

As Reported by House Committee On: Ways & Means

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Relating to fiscal matters.

Sponsors: Representative Hunter.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Ways & Means: 12/12/11, 12/13/11 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Makes changes to the 2011-13 biennial operating budget.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 26 members: Representatives Hunter, Chair; Darneille, Vice Chair; Hasegawa, Vice Chair; Alexander, Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dammeier, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Orcutt, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Carlyle, Chandler, Cody, Dickerson, Haigh, Haler, Hudgins, Hunt, Kagi, Kenney, Ormsby, Parker, Pettigrew, Ross, Schmick, Seaquist, Springer, Sullivan and Wilcox.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Hinkle.

Staff: Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

Background:

The state government operates on a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. Supplemental budgets frequently are enacted in each of the following two years after adoption of the biennial budget (each odd-numbered year). Appropriations are made in the biennial and supplemental budgets for the operation of state government and its various agencies and institutions, as well as for K-12 public schools.

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The 2011-13 State Omnibus Operating Appropriations Act (Operating Budget) appropriated \$32 billion from the State General Fund and two other accounts, together referred to as State Near General Fund. The total budgeted amount, which includes state and federal funds, is \$62 billion.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

Changes are made to the 2011-13 biennial Operating Budget. State Near General Fund appropriations are decreased by \$323 million; the total budget is decreased by \$632 million.

Fund transfers and other changes to the original 2011-13 biennial Operating Budget are also made.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The original bill was a title only bill relating to fiscal matters. The substitute bill changes appropriation levels, makes fund transfers, and makes other changes to the 2011-13 biennial budget.

Appropriation: The bill contains multiple appropriations. Please refer to the bill and supporting documents.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately, except for sections 903 and 905 which take effect July 1, 2012.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

Please refer to the December 12, 2011, recording of the public hearing.

Persons Testifying: (In support) Bill McSherry, The Boeing Company; and Linda Lanham, Aerospace Futures Alliance.

(Neutral) Nick Federici, Rebuilding Our Economic Future Coalition; and Teresa Mosqueda, Washington Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

(With concerns) Jean Squires, Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights and Welfare Advocates Group; John Geis, Washington State Catholic Conference and Catholic Community Services; and Kate White Tudor, Compassion and Choices of Washington.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.