

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1991

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### As Passed House:

March 9, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to reimbursement of the legislative budget committee for program and fiscal reviews.

**Brief Description:** Reimbursing the legislative budget committee.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Silver, Ogden, Sommers, Valle, Chandler, Stevens and Fuhrman; by request of Legislative Budget Committee.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Appropriations: 3/2/95, 3/3/95 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/9/95, 95-0.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 30 members: Representatives Silver, Chairman; Clements, Vice Chairman; Huff, Vice Chairman; Pelesky, Vice Chairman; Sommers, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Valle, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Beeksma; Brumsickle; Carlson; Chappell; Cooke; Crouse; G. Fisher; Foreman; Grant; Hargrove; Hickel; Jacobsen; Lambert; Lisk; McMorris; Poulsen; Reams; Rust; Sehlin; Sheahan; Talcott; Thibaudeau and Wolfe.

**Staff:** Nancy Stevenson (786-7137).

**Background:** The Washington Sunset Act was passed in 1977 to establish a system for the review, termination, continuation, or modification of state agencies. Under the Sunset Act, the Legislative Budget Committee (LBC) is required to conduct a program and fiscal review of any state agency or program scheduled for termination. An agency or program termination can be established as a part of the original enabling legislation or subsequent legislative action.

Since 1985 the LBC has conducted 38 sunset reviews, an average of eight sunset reviews per biennium, at a cost of \$360,000 a biennium. During 1995, three program and fiscal reviews are scheduled under the Sunset Act.

**Summary of Bill:** A section is added to the Washington Sunset Act specifying that the Legislative Budget Committee be reimbursed for the full cost of a sunset review by the agency under review.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested March 1, 1995.

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

**Testimony For:** This measure allows the LBC greater flexibility in allocating existing resources for other mandated or member request studies.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Representative Val Ogden, prime sponsor.