

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## ESHB 2258

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Ways & Means, April 16, 1997

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

**Brief Description:** Making appropriations for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 1997.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Huff and H. Sommers; by request of Governor Locke).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 3/24/97, 4/16/97 [DPA].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators West, Chair; Strannigan, Vice Chair; Bauer, Fraser, Hochstatter, Long, McDonald, Rossi, Snyder, Swecker and Winsley.

**Staff:** Steve Jones (786-7440)

**Background:** The state government operates on the basis of a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A biennial operating budget was enacted in the 1995 legislative session, appropriating \$17.599 billion from the state general fund. A supplemental operating budget was enacted in the 1996 legislative session increasing the state general fund appropriation by \$12 million for a total of \$17.611 billion.

**Summary of Amended Bill:** The 1995-97 operating budget is revised. State general fund appropriations are increased by \$100 million, for a total of \$17.711 billion.

**Amended Bill Compared to Substitute Bill:** Appropriations are revised.

**Appropriation:** See bill.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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