

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2330

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing liquor revolving fund disbursements to the death investigations account.

Sponsors: Representatives McMorris and Scott.

House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background: The state toxicology laboratory performs all necessary toxicological procedures requested by coroners, medical examiners, and prosecuting attorneys. Legislation enacted during the 1999 session transferred the state toxicology lab function from the University of Washington's School of Medicine to the Washington State Patrol.

Funding for the state toxicology lab comes from the liquor revolving fund. Each biennium, the Liquor Control Board must disburse \$300,000 from the liquor revolving fund to the Washington State Patrol for the state toxicology lab. However, the legislation that transferred the lab to the Washington State Patrol did not specify into which account these liquor revolving fund moneys were to be deposited. As a result, the moneys were not directed into an account from which the Washington State Patrol is authorized to make expenditures.

The death investigations account is an appropriated account that funds various programs, including the state toxicology lab.

Summary of Bill: The biennial transfers to the Washington State Patrol from the liquor revolving fund for the state toxicology laboratory are deposited into the death investigations account.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0

Senate 47 0

Effective: June 8, 2000