

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 6160

As Passed House:

March 1, 2000

Title: An act relating to the state investment board.

Brief Description: Paying travel expenses for certain state investment board applicants.

Sponsors: Senators Snyder, Loveland and Sellar.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Appropriations: 2/24/00, 2/26/00 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/1/00, 97-1.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows the State Investment Board to pay travel expenses for prospective job candidates to be interviewed for entry-level investment officer positions.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 29 members: Representatives Huff, Republican Co-Chair; H. Sommers, Democratic Co-Chair; Barlean, Republican Vice Chair; Doumit, Democratic Vice Chair; D. Schmidt, Republican Vice Chair; Alexander; Benson; Boldt; Clements; Cody; Crouse; Gombosky; Grant; Kagi; Keiser; Kenney; Kessler; Lambert; Linville; Lisk; Mastin; McMorris; Mulliken; Parlette; Regala; Rockefeller; Ruderman; Sump and Tokuda.

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

Staff: Denise Graham (786-7137).

Background:

Current law allows state agencies to pay travel expenses for prospective employees as an inducement for the applicants to travel to be interviewed. Such travel expenses may only

be paid for applicants being considered for positions having both executive and professional status, such as director, deputy director, or assistant director.

The State Investment Board (SIB) manages over \$52 billion in assets. Investment officers employed by the SIB manage the investment portfolios containing these assets. Under current law, the SIB may pay the travel expenses for applicants to be interviewed for supervisory, senior and executive level positions, but it is unable to pay such expenses for applicants being considered for entry-level investment officer positions.

Summary of Bill:

The SIB may pay travel expenses for prospective candidates to be interviewed for investment officer positions.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: This will help the SIB attract the most qualified candidates from around the country for investment officer positions.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Jim Parker, State Investment Board.