

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1625

As Reported by House Committee On:
Capital Budget

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Providing for supplemental capital budget appropriations.

Sponsors: Representatives Esser, McIntire, Alexander and Murray; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Capital Budget: 2/21/01, 3/26/01 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Makes a supplemental appropriation for the 1999-2001 biennium of \$2.5 million for the University of Washington to purchase land for its Tacoma branch campus, and an additional \$1.3 million for the classroom/laboratory project at Highline Community College.
- Removes the reference to 48 beds in a housing unit for the new Special Commitment Center and makes changes and corrections to budget provisos.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL BUDGET

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 16 members: Representatives Alexander, Republican Co-Chair; Murray, Democratic Co-Chair; Armstrong, Republican Vice Chair; Esser, Republican Vice Chair; McIntire, Democratic Vice Chair; Bush, Casada, Hankins, Hunt, O'Brien, Ogden, Poulsen, Reardon, Schoesler, Veloria and Woods.

Staff: Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

Background:

Washington State is on a biennial budget cycle. The Legislature authorizes expenditures for capital needs in the capital budget for a two-year period, and authorizes bond sales

through passage of a Bond Bill associated with the capital budget. The current capital budget covers the period from July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2001. The Legislature passed a supplemental capital budget in 2000 for the 1999-2001 biennium.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

A supplemental appropriation is made for the 1999-2001 biennium of \$2.5 million for the University of Washington to purchase land for its Tacoma branch campus, and an additional \$1.3 million for the classroom/laboratory project at Highline Community College. These appropriations are made from the Education Construction Account.

A reference to 48 beds in a housing unit of the new Special Commitment Center is removed, leaving the number of beds unstated. Technical corrections are made to two provisos.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The substitute bill adds \$1.3 million to the 1999 appropriation for Highline Community College's classroom/laboratory project.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: The University of Washington needs the supplemental capital budget appropriation for its Tacoma Branch Campus. Additional funds should be added to the supplemental capital budget for the classroom/laboratory project at Highline Community College.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Thomas Henderson, State Board of Community and Technical Colleges; Priscilla Bell and Laura Saunders, Highline Community College; and Marilyn Cox, University of Washington.