

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1625

As Amended by the Senate

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Providing for supplemental capital budget appropriations.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by 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].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 4/3/01, 91-0.

Senate Amended.

Passed Senate: 4/4/01, 48-0.

House Refused to Concur.

Senate Receded.

Senate Amended.

Passed Senate: 4/17/01, 48-0.

House Refused to Concur.

Senate Receded.

Senate Amended.

Passed Senate 4/20/01, 45-0.

Brief Summary of Engrossed 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.
- Changes the \$2 million appropriation in the 1999-01 biennium for the design of the Legislative Building to \$4.5 million for earthquake repairs and relocation of agencies to accelerate the renovation of the Legislative Building.
- 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 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.

The \$2 million appropriation in the 1999-01 capital budget for design of the Legislative Building renovation is changed to \$4.5 million for earthquake repairs and for planning, developing, and securing relocation space related to the renovation. The Department of General Administration must accelerate the design/construction of the renovation by moving tenants of the Legislative Building to other locations. The Legislative Building must be vacated by September 15, 2001. The renovation and earthquake repairs and mitigation must conform to FEMA rules, regulations, and requirements.

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.

EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENT(S):

The Senate amendment makes two changes to the temporary moves necessary to begin renovation of the Legislative Building: (1) the Pritchard, O'Brien, Cherberg, and Newhouse buildings are all designated to house displaced Legislators and staff (rather

than designating the Newhouse and Cherberg buildings for the Senate and the O'Brien and Pritchard buildings for the House); and (2) the Insurance Commissioner is to be temporarily moved to leased space in Thurston County. The amendment also allows the Department of General Administration to begin design work.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: 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.