

HOUSE BILL REPORT

E2SHB 1180

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to obtaining and expending funds for the public health system.

Brief Description: Obtaining and expending funds for the public health system.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Marine, Ruderman, McMorris and Schual-Berke; by request of Department of Health).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Health Care: 2/2/01, 2/6/01 [DPS];

Appropriations: 2/21/01, 3/8/01 [DP2S(w/o sub HC)].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/13/01, 80-14.

Passed Senate: 4/6/01, 40-6.

Passed Legislature.

Brief Summary of Engrossed Second Substitute Bill

- The Department of Health can solicit funds and place them in a dedicated account.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Campbell, Republican Co-Chair; Cody, Democratic Co-Chair; Schual-Berke, Democratic Vice Chair; Skinner, Republican Vice Chair; Alexander, Ballasiotes, Conway, Darneille, Edwards, Marine, McMorris, Pennington and Ruderman.

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The second substitute bill be substituted therefor and the second

substitute bill do pass and do not pass the substitute bill by Committee on Health Care. Signed by 32 members: Representatives Sehlin, Republican Co-Chair; H. Sommers, Democratic Co-Chair; Barlean, Republican Vice Chair; Doumit, Democratic Vice Chair; Lisk, Republican Vice Chair; Alexander, Benson, Boldt, Buck, Clements, Cody, Cox, Dunshee, Fromhold, Gombosky, Grant, Kagi, Keiser, Kenney, Kessler, Lambert, Linville, Mastin, McIntire, Mulliken, Pearson, Pflug, Ruderman, D. Schmidt, Schual-Berke, Talcott and Tokuda.

Staff: Amy Hanson (786-7118).

Background:

The Department of Health (DOH) is authorized to accept gifts, grants, or other funds. Current statutory language does not authorize the department to solicit funds from public and private sources.

If the department receives gifts or grants, the funds are either treated as unanticipated receipts requiring Office of Financial Management approval, or are deposited in the general fund, requiring appropriation by the Legislature.

Summary:

The DOH is authorized to solicit and accept grants, gifts, bequests, devises, and other public and private funding sources. It is the intent of the Legislature that gifts and other funds received by the DOH be used to expand or enhance programs, and not replace government funds.

All receipts from gifts and other funds must be deposited in a new public health supplemental account– in the state treasury. Funds may only be expended after appropriation. Funds must be used to maintain and improve the health of Washington residents through the public health system, and may not be used to pay for or add permanent full-time staff positions.

The DOH must file an annual report on the financial condition of any program funded under this act with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: (Health Care) Passage of this legislation will allow the DOH to pursue

public and private funding to support important public health services.

Testimony For: (Appropriations) This bill would allow the DOH to explore potential public-private funding partnerships to support existing programs.

Testimony Against: (Health Care) None.

Testimony Against: (Appropriations) None.

Testified: (Health Care) Patty Hayes, Department of Health.

Testified: (Appropriations) Patty Hayes, Department of Health.