

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5813

As of February 25, 2013

Title: An act relating to supporting youth programs through agricultural fairs.

Brief Description: Supporting youth programs through agricultural fairs.

Sponsors: Senators Hewitt, Holmquist Newbry, Honeyford, Becker, Rivers, Schoesler, Hatfield, Ericksen, Hobbs, Sheldon, Hargrove, Eide, Dammeier, King, Brown and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/22/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: Agricultural fairs may receive funding from the state fair fund, which is administered by the Department of Agriculture. State law requires an annual \$2 million transfer into the fair fund from the general fund. In fiscal year 2012 and 2013, the required transfer was \$3.5 million.

In fiscal year 2012, Washington Lottery beneficiaries were the following:

- Washington Opportunity Pathways Account, \$121.8 million;
- stadium bonds, \$10 million for the football stadium and \$2.7 million for the baseball stadium;
- problem gambling, \$291,000;
- economic development, \$3 million from unclaimed prizes; and
- the veterans' innovation program.

Summary of Bill: During calendar year 2013, \$2,000,500 must be distributed from the state lottery account to the state fair fund.

In subsequent years, the distribution amount must increase 2 percent over the previous year. Distributions will stop June 30, 2023.

After June 30, 2023, \$2 million per fiscal year must be transferred into the fair fund from the general fund.

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Appropriation: \$2.5 million from the state lottery account.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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