

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 6483

As Reported by House Committee On: Capital Budget

Title: An act relating to the Dan Thompson memorial developmental disabilities community trust account.

Brief Description: Concerning the Dan Thompson memorial developmental disabilities community trust account.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hill, Hobbs, Becker, Hargrove, Bailey, Miloscia, Benton, Braun, Parlette, Angel, Dammeier, Warnick, Litzow, Padden, Rivers, Brown, Dansel, King, Sheldon, Fain and Darneille).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Capital Budget: 2/29/16 [DP].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Directs half of the sale proceeds, any lease revenue, and any timber sale revenue of a Residential Habilitation Center, owned by the Department of Social and Health Services, into the Developmental Disabilities Community Trust Account.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL BUDGET

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Tharinger, Chair; Stanford, Vice Chair; DeBolt, Ranking Minority Member; Smith, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Kilduff, Kochmar, Peterson, Riccelli and Walsh.

Staff: Steve Masse (786-7115).

Background:

The Division of Developmental Disabilities, within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), operates four residential habilitation centers (RHCs) for qualified developmentally disabled citizens. The RHCs provide 24-hour residential housing for

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individuals needing institutional care. In addition, the RHCs provide respite care and other specialized services to eligible individuals living in the community. The RHCs in operation are: Fircrest School, located in Shoreline; Lakeland Village, located in Medical Lake; Rainier School, located in Buckley; and Yakima Valley School, located in Selah. Frances Haddon Morgan Center, located in Bremerton, was closed as a RHC in 2012 and operates as a field office for the DSHS.

The Developmental Disabilities Community Trust Account (Account), known as the Dan Thompson Memorial Trust Account, was established in 2005. The Account is to receive all proceeds from the use of excess property identified in the 2002 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee capital study at Rainier School and Lakeland Village. Income may come from the lease of land, conservation easements, sale of timber, or other activities short of the sale of property. The disposal of excess property cannot impact current RHC operations.

Summary of Bill:

Instead of revenue coming from excess property, funds that are deposited into the Account must include 50 percent of sale proceeds of an RHC and any revenue from land leases, timber sales, and conservation easements on RHCs owned or previously operated by the DSHS. Reference to the 2002 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee is removed and the definition of excess property is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Creating jobs for people with disabilities is very important. Washington has fallen to 41 in the nation for total fiscal effort provided for citizens with developmental disabilities. This funding goes a long way for assisting this effort.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Margaret Lee Thompson, The ARC of the United States; Seth Dawson and Marcie Taylor, Community Employment Alliance.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.