HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1231

As Reported By House Committee on: Transportation

Title: An act relating to transportation appropriations.

Brief Description: Relating to the transportation budget.

Sponsor(s): Representatives R. Fisher, R. Meyers, Betrozoff
and Paris; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on: Transportation, April 3, 1991, DPS.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute House Bill No. 1231 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 24 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; R. Meyers, Vice Chair; Betrozoff, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Cantwell; Cooper; Day; G. Fisher; Forner; Haugen; Heavey; Horn; P. Johnson; R. Johnson; Jones; Kremen; Nelson; Orr; Prince; Schmidt; Wilson; Wood; and Zellinsky.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 1 member: Representative Mitchell.

Staff: Gene Schlatter (786-7316).

Background: The Legislature must make biennial appropriations for each agency's operating budget and capital improvements. The transportation budget provides funding for the agencies and programs supported by transportation revenues.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The state transportation agencies' Omnibus Capital and Operating Appropriations Act for the 1991-93 fiscal biennium is enacted.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute bill incorporates numerous adjustments as reflected on the Legislative Transportation Committee budget spreadsheets.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Appropriation: Yes.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect July 1, 1991.

Testimony For: The appropriations are necessary to fund the transportation agencies' operating budgets and capital improvement programs for the 1991-93 biennium.

Testimony Against: The State should be concerned about getting more value for each dollar it spends.

Witnesses: Duane Berentson, Department of Transportation (pro); Jim Clemen, Department of Transportation (pro); Mary Faulk, Department of Licensing (pro); George Tellevik, Washington State Patrol (pro); and Paul W. Locke, citizen (con).