

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2539

*As Reported By House Committee on:
Appropriations*

Title: An act relating to border areas.

Brief Description: Creating the border areas account.

Sponsor(s): Representatives Kremen, Fuhrman, Orr and Spanel;
by request of Department of Community Development.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Appropriations, February 3, 1992, DP.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 29 members:
Representatives Locke, Chair; Inslee, Vice Chair; Spanel,
Vice Chair; Silver, Ranking Minority Member; Morton,
Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appelwick; Belcher;
Bowman; Braddock; Brekke; Carlson; Dorn; Ferguson; Fuhrman;
Hine; Lisk; May; Mielke; Nealey; Peery; Pruitt; Rust;
D. Sommers; H. Sommers; Sprengle; Valle; Vance; Wang; and
Wineberry.

Staff: Nancy Stevenson (786-7137).

Background: A law passed by the 1988 Legislature allocates
0.3 percent of the liquor revolving account revenues to the
Department of Community Development (DCD) for distribution
to border areas. These areas have historically received
compensation from the state to mitigate the impact of border
crossing activity on local law enforcement agencies.

The 1988 statute requires the distribution be made by
formula established in rule by the department. Border
areas are defined as Blaine, Everson, Friday Harbor,
Lynden, Nooksack, Northport, Oroville, Port Angeles,
Sumas, and Point Roberts.

The Office of Financial Management and the state auditor
have indicated to DCD that in order to comply with
generally accepted accounting practices, liquor revenues
for distribution to border areas need to be deposited and
distributed from a separate account.

Summary of Bill: The border areas account is established as a non-appropriated account within the state treasury. Expenditures may only be made to border areas.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: None.