

**FINAL BILL REPORT**

**ESB 5961**

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**SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED**

**Brief Description:** Relating to fiscal matters.

**SPONSORS:** Senator McDonald

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS**

**BACKGROUND:**

The agencies and institutions of state government operate on a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. During the 1991 legislative session, the 1991-93 Omnibus Appropriations Act was adopted. The 1992 legislative session passed the 1992 supplemental budget (ESHB 2470) to amend the 1991-93 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

**SUMMARY:**

The supplemental budget is changed in two ways.

First, reductions in tuition waivers for higher education are decreased from 13 percent to 6.6 percent. The total GF-S savings are thus reduced from \$7.9 million, as projected in the conference report on the supplemental budget, to \$4 million. The percentage reduction applies to all four-year institutions and the community colleges (excluding the adult basic education program). The maximum reduction to any individual waiver program is no more than 13.2 percent for fiscal year 1993.

Second, the July 1, 1992 DSHS vendor rate for foster care, family support services, juvenile group homes, and developmental disabilities programs is increased from 2 percent to 3 percent. The January 1, 1993 vendor rate is increased from 3 percent to 3.2 percent for most vendors. Foster care, family support services and juvenile group homes, will continue to receive a 5 percent increase; developmental disabilities programs will continue to receive a 6 percent increase. This raises the total GF-S vendor rate increase appropriation by about \$2 million (from \$23.6 million to \$25.6 million).

**Appropriation:** \$1,986,000 is from general fund-state and \$1,594,000 is from federal funds.

**VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Senate	48	0
House	96	1

**EFFECTIVE:** June 11, 1992