

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6359

AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 1992

**Brief Description:** Requiring pension funds to be invested in infrastructure within the state of Washington.

**SPONSORS:** Senator Metcalf

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE**

**Staff:** Traci Anderson (786-7452)

**Hearing Dates:** February 6, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

Under current law, the State Investment Board is responsible for the investment of state retirement system funds. In the investment of these funds, the board is mandated to "maximize return at a prudent level of risk." The board currently invests state retirement funds in: stocks, long-termed fixed bonds, real estate, venture capital and leveraged buyouts. It has been suggested that the board should invest state retirement funds in those investments providing the greatest security which also directly benefit the state of Washington.

**SUMMARY:**

The State Investment Board is directed to invest additional, new or renewed investments of state retirement funds in those classes of investments which primarily provide for infrastructure development or improvements in the state of Washington.

A limit is placed on the classes of investments in which the investment board is allowed to invest state retirement funds.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested