

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESSB 6233

As Passed Senate, March 4, 2004

Title: An act relating to the capital budget.

Brief Description: Adopting a supplemental capital budget.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt and Fairley; by request of Governor Locke).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 3/1/04 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 3/4/04, 45-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6233 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Zarelli, Chair; Hewitt, Vice Chair; Parlette, Vice Chair; Carlson, Doumit, Fairley, Hale, Honeyford, Johnson, Pflug, Rasmussen, Roach, Sheahan and Winsley.

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Background: The capital construction expenses of state government and its agencies and programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus capital budget adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. In even-numbered years, a supplemental budget is adopted, making various modifications to agency capital appropriations. State capital construction expenses are paid from the proceeds of the sale of state general obligation bonds and from various dedicated funds and accounts.

Summary of Bill: Supplemental capital budget appropriations are made for the 2003-05 fiscal biennium.

Appropriations: Yes.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: The state board understands the use of cash sources rather than bonds and supports the attention given to skills centers. Hope within the parks community is that the Cama Beach project could be funded. The University of Washington points out that the Bothell off ramp money is in the Senate capital budget but in the House transportation budget and hopes this can be sorted out. Washington State University appreciates the Student Academic Center but is concerned about the proviso language connected to their wastewater plant. CTED is concerned about the lack of funding for the Employment Resource Center

(using REED Act money.) Central Washington hopes that \$2 million for the Des Moines project can be included.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Larry Davis, State Board of Education; Edie Harding, The Evergreen State College; Judy McNickle, Western Washington University; Ann Anderson, Central Washington University; Joe Taller, State Parks Commission; Jim King, Citizens for Parks & Recreation; Tom Henderson, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Marilyn Cox, Randy Hodgins, UW; Larry Ganders, Washington State University; Michael Parsons, Training Commission; John Aultman, New Market Skills Center.