

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5993

As Passed House:

March 18, 2005

Title: An act relating to funding for crime victims' compensation.

Brief Description: Providing additional funding for crime victims' compensation.

Sponsors: By Senators Prentice, Doumit, Zarelli, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief History:

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/18/05, 86-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Appropriates \$3,627,000 to the Department of Labor and Industries from the Public Safety and Education Account for the Crime Victims Compensation Program.
- Appropriates \$3,627,000 from the state general fund.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority/Minority Report: None.

Staff: Nona Snell (786-7153).

Background:

The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) administers the Crime Victims Compensation Program (Program). The Program is the payer of last resort for crime victim's medical expenses and covers all sexual assault forensic examination expenses. Because medical expenses have increased 58 percent in the past year, the currently appropriated amounts will not cover the Program costs through the end of the biennium. The Program has historically been funded from the Public Safety and Education Account (PSEA).

Summary of Bill:

The bill appropriates \$3,627,000 from the general fund to the PSEA and from the PSEA to L&I for costs incurred for the Crime Victims Compensation Program.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.