

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESSB 5103

As Passed Senate, April 25, 1995

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making supplemental appropriations for the 1993-95 biennium.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rinehart and West; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 1/11/95, 1/19/95 [DPS].

Passed Senate, 1/20/95, 47-0.

First Special Session: Passed Senate, 4/25/95, 45-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5103 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Rinehart, Chair; Loveland, Vice Chair; Bauer, Cantu, Drew, Finkbeiner, Fraser, Gaspard, Hargrove, Hochstatter, Johnson, Long, McDonald, Moyer, Pelz, Quigley, Roach, Snyder, Spanel, Strannigan, Sutherland, West and Winsley.

Staff: Steve Jones (786-7440)

Background: The agencies and institutions of state government operate on a fiscal biennium beginning on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The omnibus biennial appropriations act is adopted by the Legislature during the legislative session preceding the beginning of the biennium. Supplemental budgets are considered in subsequent legislative sessions.

Summary of Bill: 1993-95 biennial appropriations for various state agencies are modified. Significant appropriations from the state General Fund include \$45 million for costs associated with the 1994 forest fires, \$22 million for income assistance to pay for the cost of shortfalls in child support collections, and \$18 million for educational technology in community and technical colleges. Reductions are made in prior appropriations to reflect reduced Medicaid costs (\$68 million) and lower-than-anticipated enrollments in the public school system (\$43 million). The net decrease in state General Fund appropriations is \$1 million.

Appropriation: Various.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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