

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5103

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Ways & Means, January 19, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to fiscal matters.

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

**Sponsors:** Senators Rinehart and West; by request of Office of Financial Management.

**Brief History:**

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

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### 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 Substitute Bill:** 1993-95 biennial appropriations for various state agencies are modified. Significant appropriations from the state General Fund include \$48 million for costs associated with the 1994 forest fires, \$48 million to replace shortfalls in timber revenue for common school construction, and \$18 million for educational technology in community and technical colleges. Reductions are made in prior appropriations to reflect reduced Medicaid costs (\$86 million) and lower-than-anticipated enrollments in the public school system (\$43 million). The net increase in state General Fund appropriations is \$40 million.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The original bill (the Governor's proposed supplemental budget) included an appropriation of \$127 million from the General Fund to pre-pay 1995-97 debt service on state bonds, which is deleted in the substitute bill. A \$40 million General Fund appropriation for a Human Resources Information System, included in the original bill, is deferred in the substitute bill for consideration in the 1995-97 budget act. The original bill does not include funding for educational technology item. Other appropriations are modified in the substitute bill.

**Appropriation:** \$40 million General Fund--State.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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