

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
April 20, 2011
2:11 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Thomas called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Thomas Jr., Co-Chair
Representative Anna Fairclough, Vice-Chair
Representative Mia Costello
Representative Mike Doogan
Representative Bryce Edgmon
Representative Les Gara
Representative David Guttenberg
Representative Reggie Joule
Representative Mark Neuman
Representative Tammie Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Pete Ecklund, Staff, Co-Chair Bill Thomas.

SUMMARY

SB 76 SUPPLEMENTAL/CAPITAL/OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

CSSB 76(FIN) was HEARD and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 76(FIN)

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, and other appropriations; amending

appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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Co-Chair Thomas explained the plan for the legislation.

PETE ECKLUND, STAFF, CO-CHAIR BILL THOMAS, described CSSB 76(FIN) as a "nuts and bolts" proposal that was streamlined from the governor's request. He detailed that the totals were \$53,783,000 undesignated general funds (UGF), negative \$9,278,000 designated general funds, \$19,389,000 other funds, and \$71,151,999 federal funds, for a total of \$135,460,000.

Mr. Ecklund explained that many of the supplemental capital items requested by the governor had been removed and would be addressed in a capital bill. All of the general funds items in the bill were requested by the administration. He referred to negative supplemental items in the bill that were unique; he noted that the Legislative Finance Division had worked with the administration to identify fiscal notes passed by the legislature the previous year and signed into law by the governor. The items were related to programs authorized by the fiscal notes that were either not implemented or had unfilled positions. The fiscal notes were reviewed; the supplemental items recommended repealing some of the authorization to expend the funds, resulting in about \$1.4 billion in negative supplemental items.

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Mr. Ecklund pointed to a detailed spreadsheet in the packets ("Senate Slow Track Supplemental, April 19, 2011," copy on file) that explained the items.

Mr. Ecklund summarized that the bill was streamlined from the governor's request.

Co-Chair Stoltze asked if the font used in the spreadsheet could possibly be smaller. Mr. Ecklund replied that he would have to check with Legislative Finance.

Representative Joule asked whether the bill were the fast-track supplemental. Mr. Ecklund responded that the bill was the "slightly faster than any other supplemental" track.

Representative Gara asked how much less the CS was than the governor's request was for the supplemental. Mr. Ecklund referred to the spreadsheet and summarized that the total funds requested by governor was \$156,726,000 and the total in the bill was \$135,460,000, resulting in a difference of roughly \$21.5 million less.

Co-Chair Thomas noted that the committee would have a day to study the supplemental.

Representative Guttenberg pointed to the yellow and pink highlighted items in spreadsheet and asked the significance of the colors. Mr. Ecklund responded that the pink or salmon color indicated a change from the governor's request; yellow indicated a governor's amended request.

Co-Chair Thomas noted that the House Finance Committee was purchasing a color printer so that the committee could have color copies in the future to aid its work.

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Co-Chair Thomas noted that there would be opportunity to ask questions in a future meeting.

Co-Chair Thomas OPENED public testimony.

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RECONVENED

CSSB 76(FIN) was HEARD and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM.