

HOUSE SPECIAL SESSION COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

March 01, 2002 Hearing Room F
6:30 p.m. Tape 5

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ben Westlund, Chair
Rep. Susan Morgan
Rep. Kurt Schrader
Rep. Lane Shetterly

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Jan Lee

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Sexton, Legislative Analyst
Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Officer
Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Officer
Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator
Marjorie Taylor, Committee Administrator

MEASURES HEARD: Committee Bill Introductions:
LC 51 - Elections
Public Hearings and Work Sessions:
HB 4041
SB 5575-A

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>TAPE 5, A</u>		
003	Chair Westlund	Calls meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
005		Committee sings "Happy Birthday" to Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Officer.
015	Chair Westlund	Opens a public hearing on HB 4041.
<u>HB 4041 - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
022	Chair Westlund	Calls for witnesses. Seeing none, closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HB 4041.
<u>HB 4041 - WORK SESSION</u>		
027	Paul Warner	Explains that HB 4041 is the ballot title for HJR 76. Says the ballot title is an alternative for HB 4042, which would establish a procedure for the Attorney General to develop a ballot title.
035	Rep. Shetterly	Asks about the amendments and whether they need to wait until the committee votes on HJR 76.
038	Chair Westlund	Responds in the affirmative. Closes the work session on HB 4041 and opens a work session for committee measure introductions.
<u>WORK SESSION FOR COMMITTEE BILL INTRODUCTIONS</u>		
047	Warner	

		Explains that LC 51 is the ballot title for SJR 50. Says the ballot title language is the same as in HB 4041. Says this will go into effect if SJR 50 is on the ballot.
055	Rep. Schrader	Asks why LC 51 is needed.
058	Rep. Shetterly	Responds that the Secretary of State may or may not rescind SJR 50 as requested. States if that is the case, then SJR 50 will appear on the ballot, with the ballot title in LC 51.
073	Rep. Schrader	Asks if this corrects mistakes.
076	Rep. Shetterly	Says LC 51 does not have anything to do with the content of SJR 50, rather it is the ballot title.
080	Chair Westlund	Says the ballot title in LC 51 is more succinct and accurate.
082	Rep. Shetterly	MOTION: Moves LC 51 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.
		VOTE: 4-0 -1
		EXCUSED: 1 – Rep. Lee
085	Chair Westlund	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		<i>Note: LC 51 is introduced as HB 4042.</i>
086	Chair Westlund	Explains the order of business for the committee. Opens a public hearing on SB 5575-A.

SB 5575-A – PUBLIC HEARING

103	Chair Westlund	Calls for witnesses. Seeing none, closes the public hearing and opens a work session on SB 5575-A.
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SB 5575-A – WORK SESSION

108	Chair Westlund	Explains the measure.
114	Ken Rocco	Legislative Fiscal Officer. Explains SB 5575-A and proposed –A5 amendments (EXHIBIT A). Says this is the omnibus disappropriations bill. Details changes made by the –A5 amendments.
127	Rocco	Says the three budget restorations included in the –A5 amendments are: \$1 million for Judicial Department; \$676,630 for State Police rural forensic labs; and \$323,370 for the Department of Human Services for sheltered services employment program.
150	Rocco	Describes the fund shifts included in the –A5 amendments: \$200 million from the Education Stability Fund; \$131 million from Medicaid Upper Payment Limit; \$62.5 million from tobacco settlement revenues; \$20 million reduction in the ending balance; \$20 million from senior deferral; \$16 million income tax collections; \$14 million from 9-1-1 balance, \$3.7 million from one-half the proceeds of the Boardman property; \$3 million from Sunday liquor sales; \$2.5 million from Corrections federal funds shift; and \$5 million from National Marine Fisheries Service federal funds shift; and \$1.7 million in anticipated general fund reversions due to Department of Administrative Services assessments.
168	Rep. Schrader	Asks about LEMLA funds.
170	Rocco	Responds the figures include \$1 million in LEMLA funds.
172	Rep. Schrader	Asks about tobacco settlement funds and ending balance.

177	Chair Westlund	Clarifies the nature of the proposal at hand. Says the proposal is similar to those considered previously by the committee. Says the “hole” of \$68 million was filled with tobacco money and a reduction in the ending balance.
196	Rep. Schrader	Asks about the restoration of sheltered services.
200	Chair Westlund	Says it is about half.
202	Rocco	Explains the cut to sheltered services is about \$182,136.
209	Rep. Schrader	Asks what the percent reduction is for the Judicial Department.
213	Chair Westlund	Replies it is about 5.9%.
219	Rocco	Clarifies the answer is about right.
223	Rep. Schrader	Asks for clarification.
225	Rocco	Says the total cut for the Judicial Department is \$24.1 million.
229	Chair Westlund	Says all other branches of government are taking a 6.6% cut.
234	Rep. Schrader	Asks where in the amendments the restorations are reflected.
239	Rocco	Clarifies the forensic labs are the only restorations.
245	Rep. Schrader	Asks for line numbers. Questions the \$200 million amount listed for K-12.
253	Chair Westlund	Says it will be taken care of tomorrow.
256	Rocco	Clarifies the answer to Rep. Schrader’s earlier question regarding where the restorations are listed in the documents.
275	Rep. Schrader	Asks for a break-out for various restorations and changes.
286	Chair Westlund	Says there is a more detailed report.
292	Rep. Schrader	Asks again where in the measure the cuts are listed.
294	Rocco	Says the budget report prepared by Legislative Fiscal will be more detailed than the appropriation bill.
302	Rep. Schrader	Asks for the more detailed listing.
308	Chair Westlund	Says the measure is confusing.
317	Rep. Morgan	Clarifies the changes.
319	Chair Westlund	Clarifies handout available to the committee.
325	Rep. Schrader	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 5575-A5 amendments dated 3/1/02.
		VOTE: 4-0-1
		EXCUSED: 1 – Lee
332	Chair Westlund	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
335	Rep. Schrader	MOTION: Moves SB 5575A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
338	Rep. Schrader	Asks for more detail in budget report.
344	Rep. Shetterly	Asks about a possible budget note regarding forensic labs.
350	Chair Westlund	Says that is a good idea.
333	Rep. Shetterly	Clarifies budget note would say the State Police would not close any forensic labs unless approved by the Emergency Board.
		VOTE: 4-0-1
		EXCUSED: 1 – Lee
372	Chair Westlund	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

392	Chair Westlund	REP. WESTLUND will lead discussion on the floor. Recesses the committee at 7:30 p.m.
394	Chair Westlund	Calls the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and adjourns the committee at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A- SB 5575-A5 Amendments, Staff, 22 pp