

REVENUE: Fiscal statement issued

FISCAL: Revenue statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/12, 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes State Treasurer to issue Article XI-P general obligation bonds to match general obligation bonds issued by school districts for capital construction. Requires establishment of appropriate rules for use of interest and proceeds. Defines “safety” as category of investment. Requires consideration of geography, population and diversity in grant awards. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of ballot measure; current measure required to enact Ballot Measure 68 programs
- Depth/breadth of project need, i.e.: Seismic retrofitting, Tsunami retrofitting, Health/Safety projects, etc.
- Process for approval; one-to-one matching system for local governments
- Three major changes addressed in -1 amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds requirement to establish appropriate rules for the use of interest and proceeds, requires addition of “safety” as a category of investment, and requires that geography, population, and diversity be considered in the awarding of grants.

BACKGROUND: The passage of Ballot Measure 68, formerly House Joint Resolution 13-A (2009), in May, 2010, enabled school districts to incur debt in the form of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of financing capital construction projects in local schools. That measure also updated the definition of “capital construction” to include not just new construction, but also retrofits, remodeling, and other similar projects. Senate Bill 273-A enables the State Treasurer to make use of the provisions enacted under Ballot Measure 68.