

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: No fiscal impact  
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/19/16

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/19

Vote:

House

Yeas: 9 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, McLane, Rayfield, Smith, Whisnant, Williamson  
Nays: 1 - Whitsett  
Exc: 2 - Nathanson, Read

Senate

Yeas: 8 - Bates, Devlin, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward  
Nays: 3 - Girod, Thomsen, Whitsett  
Exc: 1 - Winters

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Permits Articles XI-M and XI-N bond proceeds to be used for surveying and engineering evaluations and associated costs that are reasonably necessary for administration of seismic rehabilitation grant program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Purpose and impacts of the measure
- Current funding of Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program administrative costs and impact of measure on current-biennium budget
- Legislative review and approval of administrative expenditures in the agency budget

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program is a competitive state grant program to fund the seismic rehabilitation of critical public buildings, particularly public schools and emergency services facilities. Activities that are eligible to receive grant funds include structural and nonstructural improvements, and engineering and architectural projects.

Senate Bill 1512 specifies that Article XI-M and Article XI-N bond proceeds can be used for costs of program administration. General obligation bonds issued under Article XI-Q (the state's principal general obligation bond program) have also been used to pay agency program administrative costs in some instances.