

Senate-approved budget includes \$1.5 million for Huntington pier

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The state budget approved Thursday by the Senate includes \$1.5 million to rebuild the Huntington Beach Municipal Pier, enough to cover about one-seventh of the cost of the project.

Donna Kingwell, aide to Sen. John Seymour, R-Anaheim, said Gov. George Deukmejian is expected to leave the appropriation intact as he blue-pencils the \$49.4 billion spending plan during the next few days.

Seymour had submitted a request for \$2 million for the storm-

damaged pier during budget deliberations, but saw the figure whittled by \$500,000 during meetings with Assembly budget leaders. The rebuilding is projected to cost \$10.6 million.

If ultimately approved, the appropriation would bring the total amount committed to about \$3.45 million. The city of Huntington Beach has earmarked \$1.6 million, the county \$250,000, and about \$100,000 has been collected through private fund-raising efforts.

Other potential sources are the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is expected to contribute at least \$1.8 million, contin-

ued private fund-raising, which is expected to bring in about \$1 million, and two pending bills in the Legislature.

One of those bills, a \$13.7 million pier-restoration package by Assemblyman John Burton, D-San Francisco, calls for \$1.5 million for the Huntington Beach project. The other bill, by Assemblyman Jim Costa, D-Fresno, would authorize a \$710 million bond issue for various projects statewide.

The city, which is expected to make up any shortfall in funding, decided to rebuild the pier in 1988 after an engineer's report stated that it was structurally unsafe.

