

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 6 of this act are added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to Title 28A RCW as a new chapter thereof.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 227

[Substitute House Bill No. 428]

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION—APPROPRIATIONS

AN ACT Relating to expenditures by the Washington state highway commission; making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for the biennium ending June 30, 1977; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Washington state highway commission from the motor vehicle fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1977 \$68,259,972 consisting of \$50,680,000 from federal funds and \$17,579,972 from local funds or so much thereof as shall be necessary for reimbursable expenditures for the location, design, right of way, and construction on city streets and county roads, and other nonstate highways, including the unexpended balances of the funds from the sale of bonds for Columbia Basin county roads authorized in chapter 121, Laws of 1951, chapter 311, Laws of 1955, and in chapter 121, Laws of 1965; for reimbursable expenditures on cooperative projects authorized by state and/or federal law; for expenditures to be reimbursed through federal emergency relief acts, reimbursable expenditures for maintenance on city streets, county roads and other nonstate highways, reimbursable expenditures for miscellaneous sales and services to others, reimbursement for all of the above expenditures to be substantially contemporaneous with the expenditures: PROVIDED, That the Washington state highway commission may expend from this appropriation, if necessary, not to exceed \$100,000 for each of the fiscal years of 1976 and 1977 to meet obligations arising from the Vernita toll bridge bond covenants and RCW 47.56.702 and any payments made pursuant to this proviso shall constitute a loan and shall be repaid from tolls on the bridge which shall be continued until such loan is fully repaid: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the Washington state highway commission shall conduct a feasibility study of an appropriate overhead charge for reimbursable activities and shall report such study findings and recommendations to the house and senate transportation and utilities committees by January 15, 1976.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the Washington state highway commission, the sum of \$985,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the completion of the construction of two lanes plus necessary interchange structures for a connection to The Evergreen

State College campus as provided in section 10, chapter 281, Laws of 1969 ex. sess.: PROVIDED, That no funds authorized by this appropriation shall be expended unless the highway commission determines that funds available in the biennium ending June 30, 1977, are adequate to fund the commission's operational construction program for the biennium, but in such event the project described in this section may be funded with appropriations to the highway commission under program "C" construction if the commission determines the need for the project is as great as other projects funded during the biennium under priority programming procedures.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 228

[House Bill No. 436]

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

AN ACT Relating to unemployment compensation; amending section 6, chapter 2, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 73, Laws of 1973 and RCW 50.04.355; amending section 46, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 and RCW 50.12.070; amending section 87, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 as last amended by section 7, chapter 158, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.20.190; amending section 11, chapter 2, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 50.29.020; amending section 1, chapter 200, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 50.32.025; amending section 123, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 as amended by section 31, chapter 215, Laws of 1947 and RCW 50.32.070; adding a new section to chapter 50.04 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 50 RCW to be codified as chapter 50.06 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 50.24 RCW to be codified as RCW 50.24.115; adding a new section to chapter 35, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 50.32 RCW to be codified as RCW 50.32.075; amending section 22, chapter 3, Laws of 1971, as amended by section 10, chapter 73, Laws of 1973, and RCW 50.44.050; repealing section 3, chapter 286, Laws of 1955, section 20, chapter 2, Laws of 1970 ex. sess., section 2, chapter 167, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.20.030; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 6, chapter 2, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 73, Laws of 1973 and RCW 50.04.355 are each amended to read as follows:

On or before the fifteenth day of June of each year an "average annual wage", an "average weekly wage", a "qualifying annual wage", ~~((and))~~ a "qualifying weekly wage", and an "average annual wage for contributions purposes" shall be computed from information for the preceding calendar year including corrections thereof reported within three months after the close of that year by all employers