

government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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## CHAPTER 158

[Substitute House Bill No. 466]

### FEDERAL GEOTHERMAL ACT REVENUES—ALLOCATION

AN ACT Relating to geothermal energy; amending section 28A.40.100, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 4, Laws of 1981 and RCW 28A.40.100; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Section 1. The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the allocation of revenues distributed to the state under section 35 of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. Sec. 191), with respect to activities of the United States bureau of land management undertaken pursuant to the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 et. seq.) in order to accomplish the following general objectives:

(1) Reduction of dependence on nonrenewable energy and stimulation of the state's economy through development of geothermal energy.

(2) Mitigation of the social, economic, and environmental impacts of geothermal development.

(3) Financial assistance to counties to offset the costs of providing public services and facilities necessitated by the development of geothermal resources within their jurisdictions.

(4) Maintenance of the productivity of renewable resources through the investment of proceeds from these resources.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. As used in this chapter:

(1) "County of origin" means any county in which the United States bureau of land management has leased lands for geothermal development.

(2) "Geothermal energy" means the natural heat of the earth and the medium by which this heat is extracted from the earth, including liquids or gases, as well as any minerals contained in any natural or injected fluids, brines, and associated gas but excluding oil, hydrocarbon gas, and other hydrocarbon substances.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. There is created the geothermal account in the general fund of the state treasury. All expenditures from this account are subject to appropriation and chapter 43.88 RCW.

All revenues received by the state treasurer under section 35 of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. Sec. 191), with

respect to activities of the United States bureau of land management undertaken pursuant to the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 et. seq.) shall be deposited in the geothermal account of the general fund immediately upon receipt.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Distribution of funds from the geothermal account of the general fund shall be subject to the following limitations:

(1) Thirty percent to the department of natural resources for geothermal exploration and assessment;

(2) Thirty percent to the Washington state energy office or its statutory successor for the purpose of encouraging the development of geothermal energy; and

(3) Forty percent to the county of origin for mitigating impacts caused by geothermal energy exploration, assessment, and development.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The state treasurer shall be responsible for distribution of funds to the county of origin. Each county's share of rentals and royalties from a lease including lands in more than one county shall be computed on the basis of the ratio that the acreage within each county has to the total acreage in the lease. The Washington state energy office or its statutory successor shall obtain the necessary information to make the distribution of funds on such a basis.

Sec. 6. Section 28A.40.100, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 4, Laws of 1981 and RCW 28A.40.100 are each amended to read as follows:

The common school construction fund is to be used exclusively for the purpose of financing the construction of facilities for the common schools. The sources of said fund shall be: (1) Those proceeds derived from sale or appropriation of timber and other crops from school and state land subsequent to June 30, 1965, other than those granted for specific purposes; (2) the interest accruing on the permanent common school fund from and after July 2, 1967, together with all rentals and other revenue derived therefrom and from land and other property devoted to the permanent common school fund from and after July 1, 1967; (3) all moneys received by the state from the United States under the provisions of section 191, Title 30, United States Code, Annotated, and under section 810, chapter 12, Title 16, (Conservation), United States Code, Annotated, except moneys received before June 30, 1991, under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 pursuant to section 3 of this 1981 act; and (4) such other sources as the legislature may direct. That portion of the common school construction fund derived from interest on the permanent common school fund may be used to retire such bonds as may be authorized by law for the purpose of financing the construction of facilities for the common schools.

The interest accruing on the permanent common school fund together with all rentals and other revenues accruing thereto pursuant to subsection

(2) of this section prior to July 1, 1967, shall be exclusively applied to the current use of the common schools.

To the extent that the moneys in the common school construction fund are in excess of the amount necessary to allow fulfillment of the purpose of said fund, the excess shall be available for deposit to the credit of the permanent common school fund or available for the current use of the common schools, as the legislature may direct. Any money from the common school construction fund which is made available for the current use of the common schools shall be restored to the fund by appropriation, including interest income foregone, before the end of the next fiscal biennium following such use.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The legislature hereby appropriates one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars from the general fund of the state treasury to the department of natural resources for the purpose of exploration and assessment of geothermal energy within the state of Washington. The department of natural resources shall reimburse the general fund from its share of the revenues credited to the geothermal account up to one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars. Geothermal Steam Act revenues credited to the department's share of the geothermal account in excess of one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars shall be expended by the department of natural resources for the purpose of exploration and assessment of geothermal energy within the state of Washington.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 1 through 5 and 7 and 8 of this act shall terminate on June 30, 1991.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 5 and 7 and 8 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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## CHAPTER 159

[House Bill No. 468]

### EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT—VETERANS, EMPLOYERS' AWARENESS SEMINARS—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to veterans' employment programs; making an appropriation; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1983, to the employment security department, the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be