

(2) The decision may be given the effect of an administrative decision appealable within a specified time limit to the legislative body. The legislative authority shall prescribe procedures to be followed by a hearing examiner.

Each final decision of a hearing examiner shall be in writing and shall include findings and conclusions, based on the record, to support the decision. Each final decision of a hearing examiner, unless a longer period is mutually agreed to by the applicant and the hearing examiner, shall be rendered within ten working days following conclusion of all testimony and hearings.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. 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 214

[Senate Bill No. 2439]

### URBAN ARTERIAL TRUST FUNDS—OBLIGATION CONTINUED

AN ACT Relating to the urban arterial board; and amending section 4, chapter 267, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.281.

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

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 267, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26-.281 are each amended to read as follows:

Urban arterial trust funds initially authorized by the state urban arterial board in the 1967–69 biennium for specific projects in cities over three hundred thousand population, as last determined by the office of program planning and fiscal management, shall remain obligated to such projects for the period through June 30, ~~((1977))~~ 1978, unless such project is earlier withdrawn or abandoned by the sponsoring city. This continued obligation of urban arterial trust funds shall be terminated for any project if the sponsoring city earlier provides written notice of withdrawal or abandonment of the project to the urban arterial board or if the city acts to expend any other funds, exclusive of the required matching funds, which have heretofore been allocated or set aside to pay a part of the costs of such project.

After June 30, 1975, no additional urban arterial trust funds shall be expended for conceptual or feasibility studies of any project initially authorized prior to June 30, 1969 in a city of over three hundred thousand population, but such limitation shall not apply to the cost of preparing final plans, specifications and estimates or

other contract documents required to advertise the project for competitive bids for its construction.

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## CHAPTER 215

[Senate Bill No. 2479]

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—EARNED INCOME EXEMPTION

AN ACT Relating to general assistance; and adding a new section to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.04 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In determining need for general assistance for unemployable persons as defined in RCW 74.04.005(6)(a), the department may by rule and regulation establish a monthly earned income exemption in an amount not to exceed the exemption allowable under disability programs authorized in Title XVI of the federal social security act.

Passed the Senate April 29, 1977.

Passed the House June 1, 1977.

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## CHAPTER 216

[Senate Bill No. 2486]

### CLOSING HIGHWAYS AND RESTRICTING TRAFFIC

AN ACT Relating to public highways; amending section 47.48.010, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 9, chapter 108, Laws of 1967 and RCW 47.48.010; amending section 47.48-.020, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.48.020; and amending section 47.48.040, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.48.040.

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

Section 1. Section 47.48.010, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 9, chapter 108, Laws of 1967 and RCW 47.48.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever the condition of any state highway, county road, or city street, either newly or previously constructed, altered, repaired or improved, or any part thereof is such that for any reason its unrestricted use or continued use by vehicles or by any class of vehicles will greatly damage such state highway, county road, or city street or will be dangerous to traffic thereon or the same is being constructed, altered, repaired, improved, or maintained in such a manner as to require that use of such state highway, county road, or city street or any portion thereof be closed ((to