

~~((viii))~~ (vii) Such administrative and operational factors as may be requested by the executive committee;

~~((ix))~~ (viii) A longitudinal study over time of a sample of public assistance recipients or persons at risk of becoming eligible for assistance, to determine the causes of public dependency and the impact of changes in the economy or of public programs on dependency, work, or other relevant behaviors of the sample population.

(3) The legislative budget committee shall cause the evaluation plan to be implemented ~~((subject to legislative approval))~~ as approved by the legislative budget committee in a manner that will insure the independence of the evaluation through appropriate arrangements, which may include contracts, with objective evaluators. The evaluation plan and all evaluation products shall receive the review and comment of evaluation advisory groups to be convened by the Washington institute of public policy and which include representatives of the executive committee, appropriate legislative committee staffs, persons from the state's higher education institutions, staff members of the department and the employment security department, recipients, and former recipients. The reviews shall consider relevance to state policy and budget concerns, methodological procedure, implementation, and results.

(4) The first report of this evaluation shall be submitted to the legislature no later than ~~((November 16, 1988))~~ December 1, 1989, and annually thereafter, with a final report due no later than November 15, 1993.

Sec. 5. Section 25, chapter 434, Laws of 1987 and RCW 74.21.904 are each amended to read as follows:

This chapter shall expire on June 30, ~~((1989))~~ 1993, unless extended by law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. 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.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1988.

Passed the House March 8, 1988.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1988.

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CHAPTER 44

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6200]

UTILITY SERVICES—REDUCED RATES FOR LOW-INCOME DISABLED CITIZENS

AN ACT Relating to reduced utility rates; and amending RCW 74.38.070.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 116, Laws of 1979 as amended by section 1, chapter 160, Laws of 1980 and RCW 74.38.070 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any county, city, town, municipal corporation, or quasi municipal corporation providing utility services may provide such services at reduced rates for low income senior citizens or low income disabled citizens: PROVIDED, That, for the purposes of this section, "low income senior citizen" or "low income disabled citizen" shall be defined by appropriate ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing body of the county, city, town, municipal corporation, or quasi municipal corporation providing the utility services except as provided in subsection (2) of this section. Any reduction in rates granted in whatever manner to low income senior citizens or low income disabled citizens in one part of a service area shall be uniformly extended to low income senior citizens or low income disabled citizens in all other parts of the service area.

(2) For purposes of implementing this section by any public utility district, (a) "low income senior citizen" means a person who is sixty-two years of age or older and whose total income, including that of his or her spouse or cotenant, does not exceed the amount specified in RCW 84.36.381(5)(b), as now or hereafter amended and (b) "low income disabled citizen" means a person qualifying for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1)(a) through (f) or a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020 and whose income, including that of his or her spouse or cotenant, does not exceed the amount specified in RCW 70.164.020(4).

Passed the Senate February 5, 1988.

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CHAPTER 45

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1594]

WATER USE EFFICIENCY STUDY

AN ACT Relating to the water use efficiency study; amending RCW 43.83B.300; creating new sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 1, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 343, Laws of 1987 and RCW 43.83B.300 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature finds that it is necessary to provide the department of ecology with emergency powers to authorize withdrawals of public surface and ground waters, including dead storage within reservoirs, on a temporary basis, and construction of facilities in relation thereto, in order to alleviate