

per month on the basis of twelve (12) months per year.

Passed the House March 3, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1949.

CHAPTER 210.

[H. B. 47.]

APPROPRIATION—STATE UNIVERSITY FOR COAL RESEARCH.

AN ACT authorizing the University of Washington to construct, equip, maintain and operate a pilot plant for research and experiment to determine the practicability of the total conversion of Washington coal into gas for domestic and industrial use; making an appropriation for such purpose and vesting control in the Board of Regents.

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

SECTION 1. The University of Washington is hereby authorized to construct, equip, maintain and operate a pilot plant to be located at Seattle, Washington, for conducting experiments and research to determine the practicability of the total conversion of Washington coal into gas for domestic and industrial use.

Pilot plant for research in conversion of coal into commercial gas.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated to the University of Washington from the General Fund the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary, and to be used only when matching fund of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) in money or its equivalent in materials, supplies and labor be contributed to the University of Washington by industries or parties interested for the construction, equipment, maintenance and operation of said pilot plant. At the completion of the experiment, all equipment, materials and money revert to the University of Washington.

Appropriation for pilot plant.

Matching funds from interested parties.

Powers of Board of Regents.

SEC. 3. The Board of Regents of said university shall have full control and direction of the design, construction, equipment, maintenance and operation of said pilot plant and of the disbursement of the monies hereby appropriated. Said Board is further hereby fully authorized to enter into such contract or contracts as in its judgment are necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this act: *Provided*, That in all cases said Board shall require from contractors a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of their work and the full protection of the state against mechanics' and other liens: *And provided, further*, That the Board shall not have the power to enter into any contract in carrying out the purposes of this act, which shall bind said Board to pay out any sum of money in excess of the amount hereby appropriated.

Contracts.

Contractor's bond.

Limitation of contracts.

Passed the House February 26, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1949.

CHAPTER 211.

[H. B. 105.]

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS AND OPERATORS.

AN ACT relating to the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of motor vehicles; providing penalties for violations thereof; amending section 31, chapter 158, Laws of 1939 (section 6600-131, Rem. Rev. Stat.; section 294-59, PPC), by adding thereto twenty-one new sections to be known as sections 31-a through 31-u; providing for an appeal; making an appropriation; and declaring this act shall take effect February 1, 1950.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 31, chapter 158, Laws of 1939 (section 6600-131, Rem. Rev. Stat.; section 294-59, PPC), is amended by adding thereto twenty-one new