

and Washington State University during the 1973-75 biennium under the provisions of RCW 66.08.180. If this section is not deleted, the University of Washington will receive \$300,000 less than anticipated, Washington State University will receive \$200,000 less than anticipated, and the Division of Health-Department of Social and Health Services will receive \$500,000 more than anticipated for alcoholism programs authorized by RCW 70.96.040. Veto
Message

Although the language of this section does not contain the word "appropriation," in the absence of any specific language to the contrary, the effect is an appropriation of \$500,000 for additional expenditures by the Division of Health. The Alcoholism Program of the Division of Health was funded at the level recommended in my proposed budget for the 1973-75 biennium, and I do not believe the Legislature intended to provide additional funds for that program.

With the exception of the items described above, the remainder of the bill is approved."

CHAPTER 138

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2045]

COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE--IMPUTED NEGLIGENCE

AN ACT Relating to civil procedure; creating a new chapter in Title 4 RCW; and declaring an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Contributory negligence shall not bar recovery in an action by any person or his legal representative to recover damages caused by negligence resulting in death or in injury to person or property, but any damages allowed shall be diminished in proportion to the percentage of negligence attributable to the party recovering.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The negligence of one marital spouse shall not be imputed to the other spouse to the marriage so as to bar recovery in an action by the other spouse to the marriage, or his or her legal representative, to recover damages from a third party caused by negligence resulting in death or in injury to the person.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect as of 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 1974.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held

unconstitutional, the remainder of this act and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, and it shall be conclusively presumed that the legislature would have enacted the remainder of this act without such invalid or unconstitutional provision.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 4 RCW.

Passed the Senate March 31, 1973.

Passed the House April 14, 1973.

Approved by the Governor April 23, 1973.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 139

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2800]

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH

SERVICES BUDGET

AN ACT Adopting the budget for the department of social and health services and allied agencies; making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for the operations of the department and allied agencies for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1975; designating effective dates for certain appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. That a budget is hereby adopted for the department of social and health services and its allied agencies and subject to the provisions set forth in the following sections, the several amounts specified in the following sections, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, are hereby appropriated and authorized to be disbursed for salaries, wages and other expenses and for other specified purposes for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1975, except as otherwise provided, out of the several funds of the state hereinafter named.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That

\$594,866,929 is from state funds and

\$6,541,168 is from private and local funds and

\$417,713,198 is from federal funds: PROVIDED,

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years from an appropriated fund or account

in excess of appropriations provided by law, based