

in a reckless manner or with disregard for the safety of others, the person so operating such vehicle shall be guilty of negligent homicide by means of a motor vehicle.

(2) Any person convicted of negligent homicide by means of a motor vehicle shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than ten years, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If any of the provisions of this amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the amendatory act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances, or the act prior to its amendment is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This 1973 act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 39

[ Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2956 ]

STATE GOVERNMENT--APPROPRIATIONS

AN ACT Relating to expenditures by state agencies and offices of the state; making appropriations for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1975; making other appropriations; designating effective dates for certain appropriations; amending section 16, chapter 114, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 17, chapter 114, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 2, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 3, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 4, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 5, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 6, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 7, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 8, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 2, chapter 134, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 31,

chapter 137, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 76, chapter 137, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 2, chapter 139, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. That the following appropriations are hereby adopted and subject to the provisions set forth 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 by the designated agencies and offices of the state and for other specified purposes, including operations and capital improvements, 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 NATURAL RESOURCES

General Fund--Resource Management Cost Account

Appropriation.....\$ 2,250,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

General Fund Appropriation: To implement the provisions of chapter ..., Laws

of 1973 2nd ex. sess. (SB 2603).....\$ 1,411,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. FOR THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

General Fund Appropriation: To implement the provisions of chapter ..., Laws

of 1973 2nd ex. sess. (HB 1121).....\$ 985,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

General Fund Appropriation: For implementation of the Environmental Coordination

Procedures Act of 1973, chapter 185, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.....\$ 500,000

General Fund Appropriation: For planning, establishment, and completion of

biological baseline studies of state waters in which the greatest risk of damage from oil spills exists for the biennium ending June 30, 1975.....\$ 500,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

General Fund Appropriation: Additional funds required for implementation of new distribution formula for state

alcoholism programs during the biennium ending June 30, 1975, in accordance with the joint approval of the Senate and House Social and Health Services Committees.....\$ 350,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. FOR THE WASHINGTON

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Motor Vehicle Fund Appropriation: To continue the agreement, in accordance with chapter ..., Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. (SB ...), between Wahkiakum County and the Highway Commission for the operation and maintenance of the Puget Island Ferry for the biennium ending June 30, 1975.....\$ 40,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule and/or regulation, the superintendent of public instruction is authorized to use one-quarter of one percent, but not to exceed \$300,000, of the amount appropriated for apportionment purposes in section 2, chapter 134, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess., for the purpose of obtaining federal matching funds for special research projects related to handicapped children, special education, school dropouts or related pilot projects or programs approved by the federal government for matching purposes.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule and/or regulation, the superintendent of public instruction is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$47,000 for expenses incurred in the training of school bus drivers from the amount appropriated for school district transportation reimbursement in section 2, chapter 134, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule and/or regulation of the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education in order to implement the provisions of chapter 66, Laws of 1971 ex. sess., the superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized to expend from the common school construction fund appropriation contained in section 19, chapter 114, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess., an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the purpose of renovation and construction of capital facilities designed to serve handicapped children as provided for in chapter 66, Laws of 1971 ex. sess.: PROVIDED, That the superintendent of public instruction shall report on anticipated expenditures to the Legislative Budget Committee for approval prior to committing any of these funds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

General Fund Appropriation: To implement a training and

informational program, during the biennium ending June 30, 1975, designed to train teachers, teacher representatives, superintendents, school board members, other administrators, and interested parties in the methods and procedures for using professional negotiations constructively.....\$125,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of chapter 134, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess., the Superintendent of Public Instruction may expend unanticipated federal receipts without placing an equal amount of state dollars into reserve status if the expenditure of such dollars is authorized by the state legislature, if in session, or by the Legislative Budget Committee during the interim between legislative sessions: PROVIDED, That this section shall apply only to federal funds which by federal restrictions are not available to replace state funds.

Sec. 13. Section 31, chapter 137, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That \$865,071

shall be made available solely for the support of the Fire Safety and Regulation Program: PROVIDED, That

on all informational material distributed by order of the State Fire Marshal or the State Insurance Commissioner, the signature or the name of the Insurance Commissioner shall not be larger than the smallest print on that material.....\$((3,920,761)) 3,453,761

Sec. 14. Section 2, chapter 139, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That

(\$594,866,929) \$582,741,446 is from state funds and \$6,541,168 is from private and local funds and ((\$447,743,498)) \$424,838,681 is from federal funds: PROVIDED, That any proposal to expend moneys or man years from an appropriated fund or account in excess of appropriations provided by law, based upon the receipt of unanticipated revenues, shall be submitted to the House Ways and Means Committee and to the Senate Ways and Means Committee, if the state legislature is in session, or to the legislative budget committee during the interim between legislative sessions which may authorize the expenditure of unanticipated receipts during the legislative interim

arising from federal sources, gifts or grants, by a majority of the members: PROVIDED, That the Department initiate negotiations with the federal government for federal administration of the state supplementation of the supplemental security income program and also initiate negotiations for the optional federal administration of eligibility for medicaid by the adult recipients: PROVIDED, That a draft negotiated contract shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Committee or to the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees if the Legislature is in session by Sept. 15, 1973 for their review and such contract shall not be completed without legislative authorization: PROVIDED, That if the claim made by the state to the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare on October 24, 1972 for reimbursement in the amount of \$32,876,903 is sustained or any portion of that claim is sustained such funds shall be deposited by the State Treasurer in Suspense Fund 705 and no allocation or disbursements of these funds shall be made until a legislative appropriation determining the use of such moneys shall be enacted into law: PROVIDED, That all disputes arising between the state and the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare involving the state's claim to federal reimbursement of state expenditures as provided by the applicable provisions of Titles I, IV, X, XIV, XVI and XIX of the Social Security Act which would have the effect of reducing or increasing any appropriation or any part thereof shall be negotiated and settled only with the consent of a majority of the members of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee: PROVIDED, That the sum of \$5,508,264 currently being held by the State Treasurer in Suspense Fund 705

v pending the completion of a federal review of the legitimacy of the claim for such moneys shall continue to be held and no allocation or disbursements of these funds, except to repay the federal government if necessary, shall be made until a legislative appropriation determining the use of such moneys shall be enacted into law: PROVIDED, That if the Department claims additional matching for the period of October 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973, or any portion thereof, such moneys shall be deposited by the State Treasurer in Suspense Fund 705 and no allocation or disbursements of these funds shall be made until a legislative appropriation determining the use of such moneys shall be enacted into law: PROVIDED, That the department shall deploy personnel in such a manner as to insure, insofar as is possible, that ineligible persons shall be removed from current caseloads, errors resulting in overpayments or underpayments to recipients shall be corrected, efforts shall be made to insure that only eligible individuals are added to the public assistance caseloads and that caseloads are kept within the estimates for which funds are herein provided: PROVIDED, That compliance with this act and the attempt to contain caseloads within acceptable limits shall be accomplished but, notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 74.08.040, the Department shall not impose ratable reductions, or any other form of reduction in public assistance grants which are in addition to, or in any way lower the maximums presently imposed: PROVIDED, That the agency charged with the responsibility for performance or management audits shall periodically monitor departmental management to insure that compliance with these provisions is being maintained.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That if the Federal Government fails to provide Social Service funds at the anticipated level, then the Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to expend state funds to maintain affected programs at the level appropriated by this 1973 amendatory act through

February, 1974: PROVIDED FURTHER, That this appropriation shall be expended

for the following purposes.....\$((4,049,424,295)) 1,014,121,295

Adult Corrections and Rehabilitative Services

Program.....\$ 42,208,916

Juvenile Rehabilitation Program: PROVIDED,

That it is the intent of the legislature that the delinquency prevention program shall be continued.....\$

29,994,492

Mental Health Program: PROVIDED, That if the

Federal Government fails to provide Social Service funds at

the anticipated level, then the Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to expend up to \$231,000 in state funds to maintain the Drug Program at the level appropriated by this 1973 amendatory act through February, 1974: PROVIDED FURTHER, That

if the Federal Government fails to provide Social Service funds at the anticipated level, then the Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to expend up to \$93,780 in state funds to maintain the Alcohol Program at the level appropriated by this 1973 amendatory act through

February, 1974.....\$ 51,994,015

Developmental Disabilities Program: PROVIDED,

That \$115,050 is appropriated for auditory training systems for use at the state

school for the deaf: PROVIDED, That of

the new positions authorized in this act twenty-five shall be developmental

disability community workers added

during the first year of the biennium

and an additional twenty-five

developmental disability community

workers to be added during the second

year of the biennium: PROVIDED, That if the Federal

Government fails to provide Social Service funds at

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the anticipated level, then the Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to expend up to \$328,000 in state funds to maintain the Epton Centers at the level appropriated by this 1973 amendatory act through February, 1974.....\$ 70,118,192

Veterans' Services Program: PROVIDED, That the Department of Social and Health Services shall perform an in-depth study regarding the need for the Veterans' Home at Retsil, and the Soldiers' Home and Colony at Orting, and possible alternative approaches to provision of this service including, but not limited to, combining of the programs or closure of one or both homes, and the results are to be reported to the State Legislature prior to October 1, 1973.....\$ 6,431,756

Income Maintenance Program: PROVIDED, That a person referred to and accepted by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for rehabilitation under an approved plan, which plan includes maintenance payments, shall not be eligible to receive general assistance: PROVIDED, That of this sum \$3,817,082 in state moneys or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be employed exclusively for the purpose of providing a state supplement up to the aid to families with dependent children public assistance standards for recipients of unemployment compensation benefits who, except for the restriction on eligibility for those receiving unemployment compensation benefits, meet aid to families with dependent children eligibility standards: PROVIDED, That those recipients concurrently receiving unemployment compensation benefits shall not be eligible for additional state funded medical services beyond those services now available to such recipients: PROVIDED, That the amount paid from this appropriation to or on behalf of a recipient in a nursing home or a hospital for clothing and necessary incidentals shall not exceed fifty

percent of the amount which would be paid to such a recipient if he were living in his own home: PROVIDED, That of this appropriation \$3,611,163 of which \$1,692,552 is the state share, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be utilized exclusively for the purpose of providing a five percent cost of living increase for recipients of aid to families with dependent children and general assistance from July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1975: PROVIDED, That the department shall report to the legislature the total amount of all moneys deposited in the state treasury in nonrevenue accounts and the total of all moneys received for nonassistance support collections accounts and that in no event shall the department utilize these moneys to establish new programs, to expand existing programs beyond legislatively authorized intent nor to supplant federal funds without specific legislative authorization: PROVIDED, That of this amount \$1,731,330 of which the state share shall be \$840,620 shall be utilized exclusively for the purpose of providing a five percent cost of living increase for old age assistance, aid to blind and disability assistance categorical recipients from July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1975: PROVIDED, That of this amount \$1,215,043 shall be utilized exclusively for the purpose of providing one hundred additional man-years and related costs within the employment level provided for in section 3 ((of this act)), chapter 139, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. consisting solely of welfare eligibility examiners of claims investigators and supervisors to be utilized in the local offices verification and overpayment control sections and such man-year allocations shall be so distributed as to provide the greatest impact upon insuring that income maintenance payments are made

only to eligible recipients: PROVIDED, That within the employment level provided in section 3 ((of this act)), chapter 139, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess., not to exceed \$1,049,647 of this amount shall be utilized exclusively for the purpose of providing a total of seventy-six man-years and related costs for the "state investigative unit" whose responsibility shall be to investigate all complaints of fraud and to institute the proper corrective action; PROVIDED, That \$700,000 in state funds of this appropriation, or so much thereof as shall be necessary shall be used to provide a food bonus to those adult recipients under Title XVI of the Social Security Act who do not qualify under PL 93-86 for the food stamp and commodity program.....\$ ((350,746,205)) 345,162,055

Community Social Services Program: PROVIDED, That \$2,000,000 of this appropriation shall be used to reimburse those nonprofit voluntary agencies enumerated under RCW 74.15.020 (3) (a), (b) and (c) for costs incurred in the administration, operation and maintenance of such agencies, such costs being in addition to the purchase of care for such children as otherwise authorized by law: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That \$786,064 in state funds, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be employed exclusively for the purpose of providing for sixty manyears and related costs to continue the delinquency prevention program: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the department may implement at its discretion a sliding scale of charges in accordance with existing statutes and regulations; AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That if the Federal Government fails to provide Social Service funds at the anticipated level, then the Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to expend

up to \$66,375 in state funds to maintain the Day Care Staff for former and potential AFDC Recipients at the level appropriated by this 1973 amendatory act through February, 1974.....\$ 102,176,039

((State)) General Fund Appropriation:

For day care services for former and potential AFDC recipients: PROVIDED, That if the Federal Government fails to provide Social Service funds at the anticipated level, then the Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to expend up to \$387,531 in state funds to maintain the Day Care services for former and potential AFDC recipients at the level appropriated by this 1973 amendatory act through February, 1974.....\$4,067,000

Medical Assistance Program:

PROVIDED, That the Department of Social and Health Services shall, commencing August 1, 1973 pay for skilled nursing care not less than the rates of \$12.82 per day per patient for Class I care, and \$10.00 per day per patient for Class II care, and shall pay not less than the rate of \$7.54 per day per resident for Intermediate care.....\$ 271,581,120

: PROVIDED, That notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 18.51.090, the Department shall make a yearly inspection and investigation of all nursing homes; every inspection shall include an inspection of every part of the premises and an examination of all records including financial records, methods of administration, the general and special dietary, the dispersal of drugs, and the stores and methods of supply. The results of such inspection shall be made available to the House and Senate Ways and Means Committee and to the Legislative Budget Committee.

Public Health Program.....\$ 26,945,251

Vocational Rehabilitation Program: PROVIDED, That a person referred to and accepted by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for rehabilitation under an approved plan,

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which plan includes maintenance payments, shall not be eligible to receive general assistance: PROVIDED, That an amount up to \$100,000 shall be allocated for the Radio Talking Book program for the blind: PROVIDED, That of this appropriation \$150,000 shall be made available exclusively for the purpose of development programs for eligible disabled clients who were in vocational rehabilitation programs pursuant to performance contracts between the department and private placement agencies: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such services shall be made available in a state-wide program that teaches disabled persons (1) How to inventory their work skills and relate such skills to the labor market; (2) Where jobs fitting their work skills are most likely to be available; (3) How to conduct a systematic search for employment and how to present themselves most favorably to a prospective employer; and (4) How and where education and training are available to develop or improve marketable work skills.....\$ 29,888,865

Administration and Supporting Services Program.....\$ 33,554,044

General Fund Appropriation for medical services and supplies including adjustment of hospital costs not in excess of the unexpended balance of the 1971-73 appropriations or allotments for this purpose.

Medical Assistance.....\$ 5,100,000

Vocational Rehabilitation.....\$ 25,000

General Fund Appropriation for grants to communities for mental health and mental retardation construction grants not in excess of the unexpended balance of the 1971-73 appropriations or allotments for this purpose.

Mental Health.....\$ 1,115,996

Developmental Disabilities.....\$ 303,197

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Sec. 15. Section 2, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:  
 FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
 General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That up to

\$744,217 shall be expended for any new and implemented through chapter 275, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. (ESHB 151) in the 1971-73 biennium, and where evaluation merits continuance and for programs proposed in the 1973-75 biennium; in depth evaluations of project goals, effectiveness, applicability to other institutions, and provisions for continuation of viable projects shall be provided to the Council on Higher Education: PROVIDED, That in addition to the amounts budgeted in this appropriation for the Equal Opportunity Program the University shall expend \$160,000 for the biennium: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the funds contained in this section shall be reallocated so that up to \$293,200 may be available for arboretum purposes, which funds shall not be expended at any location other than the present University of Washington arboretum located in Seattle without the approval of the legislature; AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That in order to prepare for a potential enrollment level below that budgeted for in the 1973-75 biennium the board of regents shall adopt retrenchment procedures which assure that only six months advance notice shall be required for nonrenewal of faculty contracts for the 1974-75 contractual year and the board of regents shall submit the adopted regulations to the Ways and Means Committee of each house of the legislature prior to December 31, 1973......\$ 141,005,919

General Fund Appropriation: For salary and related fringe benefit increases in addition to any other increases authorized by chapter (( <del>---</del> {SSB 2854})) 137, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. for faculty and exempt personnel.....\$	7,837,614
Accident Fund Appropriation.....\$	410,148
Medical Aid Fund Appropriation.....\$	410,148

Sec. 16. Section 3, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That up to \$1,560,002 of this appropriation shall be used to provide public support for the Spokane Nursing Center: That Washington State University is authorized to maintain a level of expenditure for agricultural extension and agricultural research which anticipates the receipt of \$533,000 in federal funds during the 1973-75 biennium for these programs: PROVIDED, That it is the intent of the legislature that if the federal funds are not received, any deficiency not to exceed \$533,000 shall be appropriated at the January, 1974, legislative session: ((PROVIDED FURTHER, That up to \$400,000 of this appropriation be used for research in alternative methods to grass burning))

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AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That in order to prepare for a potential enrollment level below that budgeted for in the 1973-75 biennium the board of regents shall adopt retrenchment procedures which assure that only six months advance notice shall be required for nonrenewal of faculty contracts for the 1974-75 contractual year and the board of regents shall submit the adopted regulations to the Ways and Means Committee of each house of the legislature prior to December 31, 1973

.....\$ ((72,648,429)) 72,518,120

General Fund Appropriation: For staff, design, and beginning construction of an underground distribution test site upon written assurances of full financial support from the Electrical Research Council for financing a major test site installation.....\$ 50,000

General Fund Appropriation: To accelerate and expand current research into

alternative methods of burning  
grasses grown for commercial seed  
production pursuant to implementation  
of the Federal Clean Air Act.....\$ 100,000

General Fund Appropriation: For salary  
 and related fringe benefit  
 increases in addition to any other  
 increases authorized by chapter ((~~r~~:  
 {SSB 2054})) 137, Laws of 1973  
 1st ex. sess. for faculty and exempt  
 personnel.....\$ 3,368,612

Sec. 17. Section 4, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.  
 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows: -V

FOR THE EASTERN WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED,  
 That up to \$100,000 of this  
 appropriation shall be made  
 available for establishment  
 and support of a Master of Social  
 Work graduate program during the  
 1973-75 biennium: PROVIDED FURTHER, That in  
order to prepare for a potential enrollment  
level below that budgeted for in the  
1973-75 biennium the board of trustees  
shall adopt retrenchment procedures  
which assure that only six months advance  
notice shall be required for nonrenewal  
of faculty contracts for the 1974-75  
contractual year and the board of  
trustees shall submit the adopted  
regulations to the Ways and Means  
Committee of each house of the  
legislature prior to December 31,  
1973.....\$ ((207903,044)) 20,858,676

General Fund Appropriation: For salary  
 and related fringe benefit increases  
 in addition to any other increases  
 authorized by chapter ((~~r~~:  
 {SSB  
 2054})) 137, Laws of 1973 1st ex.  
 sess. for faculty and exempt personnel.....\$ 684,383

Sec. 18. Section 5, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.  
 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows: -V

FOR THE CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That  
 Central Washington State College may

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expend an amount not to exceed \$125,000  
 to explore the feasibility of the  
 development and implementation of a  
 management by objective program for  
 the administration of public agencies;  
PROVIDED FURTHER, That in order  
to prepare for a potential enrollment  
level below that budgeted for in the  
1973-75 biennium the board of trustees shall  
adopt retrenchment procedures which assure  
that only six months advance notice  
shall be required for nonrenewal of  
faculty contracts for the 1974-75  
contractual year and the board of  
trustees shall submit the adopted  
regulations to the Ways and Means  
Committee of each house of the legislature  
prior to December 31, 1973.....\$ ((227407248)) 20,925,139  
 General Fund Appropriation: For salary  
 and related fringe benefit increases  
 in addition to any other increases  
 authorized by chapter ((~~137~~ 4558  
 2854)) 137, Laws of 1973 1st  
 ex. sess. for faculty and exempt  
 personnel.....\$ 850,876

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Sec. 19. Section 6, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.  
 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:  
 FOR THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE  
 General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That  
 an additional one hundred and fifty  
 students may be enrolled for the 1973-75  
 school years and such enrollment growth  
 shall be evaluated during the first  
 legislative session in 1974 to determine  
 the feasibility of funding additional  
 enrollment growth; AND PROVIDED FURTHER,  
That in order to prepare for a potential  
enrollment level below that budgeted  
for in the 1973-75 biennium the board  
of trustees shall adopt retrenchment  
procedures which assure that only six  
months advance notice shall be required  
for nonrenewal of faculty contracts for  
the 1974-75 contractual year and the  
board of trustees shall submit the

adopted regulations to the Ways and Means Committee of each house of the legislature prior to December 31, 1973.....\$ 10,584,693

General Fund Appropriation: For salary and related fringe benefit increases in addition to any other increases authorized by chapter ((~~---~~ {SSB 2854})) 137, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. for faculty and exempt personnel.....\$ 245,372

Sec. 20. Section 7, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE WESTERN WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That in order to prepare for a potential enrollment level below that budgeted for in the 1973-75 biennium the board of trustees shall adopt retrenchment procedures which assure that only six months advance notice shall be required for nonrenewal of faculty contracts for the 1974-75 contractual year and the board of trustees shall submit the adopted regulations to the Ways and Means Committee of each house of the legislature prior to December 31, 1973.....\$((25,530,776)) 23,924,489

General Fund Appropriation: For salary and related fringe benefit increases in addition to any other increases authorized by chapter ((~~---~~ {SSB 2854})) 137, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. for faculty and exempt personnel.....\$ 1,032,000

Sec. 21. Section 8, chapter 131, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

General Fund Appropriation.....\$ 2,042,714

Community College Capital Projects Fund: For bond sale expenses.....\$ 44,800

For distribution to the Community Colleges in accordance with chapter 28B.50 RCW. General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That up to \$150,000 shall be used for the design of a viable plan for a comprehensive management information system for the community college system and the

development of a cost benefit analysis: PROVIDED, That none of these moneys shall be expended for the training of personnel: PROVIDED, That \$900,000 of this appropriation shall be administered by the State Board and used exclusively for disadvantaged programs: PROVIDED, That Olympia Vocational-Technical Institute shall not become a comprehensive community college and shall offer only those courses essential to vocational-technical education: PROVIDED, That those community college districts conducting community involvement programs during the 1971-73 biennium shall continue to conduct such programs at least at the existing level of program operation: PROVIDED FURTHER, That up to (((\$1,430,430)) \$300,000 shall be distributed by the State Board to the respective district boards of trustees as reimbursement for tuition fees, operating fees, and services and activities fees waived for any student who has not completed the twelfth grade and who is so enrolled for the purpose of pursuing a high school diploma or certificate and who qualifies as a "needy student" pursuant to RCW

28B.15.520-28B.15.525.....\$ ((435,400,246)) 134,270,086

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That the State Board for Community College Education shall use this appropriation or so much as necessary to attract federal matching funds for Vietnam veteran programs and to help supplement the local districts educational efforts directed toward returning Vietnam veterans.....\$ 200,000

General Fund Appropriation: For salary and related fringe benefit increases in addition to any other

authorized by chapter (~~1973~~(SSB 2854))

137, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. for faculty and exempt personnel: PROVIDED, That an amount equal to a 2% increase for faculty shall be distributed to each community college district: PROVIDED FURTHER, That each district board of trustees shall be authorized to utilize such funds for salary increases determined by such board to be appropriate.....\$

2,173,112

General Fund Appropriation: For salary increases for part time faculty:

PROVIDED, That these funds are for distribution to the community college districts to be used exclusively to increase the salaries and benefits of eligible part time faculty up to two-thirds of the average salary and benefits paid to full time faculty by the 1974-75 academic year; recognizing that differences exist in the responsibilities of part time faculty, the State Board for Community College Education is directed to develop a definition of eligible part time faculty prior to distribution of any of these funds to the districts and that such definition shall include a compensation plan that recognizes the specific responsibilities assigned part-time faculty members.....\$

3,456,000

Sec. 22. Section 76, chapter 137, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED, That

((~~\$1,800,000~~ of this appropriation shall be used as authorized by RCW 28B.10.830 through 28B.10.836 to aid Washington residents attending private institutions of higher education on a full-time basis: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)) \$2,800,000 shall be used for the purposes of the state student financial aid program authorized by RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824: PROVIDED FURTHER, That an amount not to exceed six

percent of all such funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of ((RCW 28B.10.830 through 28B.10.836 and)) RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 may be used for administrative costs of the Council on Higher Education until June 30,

1975.....\$ (5,499,967) 3,699,967

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED.

That this appropriation shall be used

for administrative purposes.....\$ 108,000

Sec. 23. Section 2, chapter 134, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (INCLUDING BOARD OF EDUCATION)

General Fund Appropriation: Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Board of Education, including \$150,000 for the Pacific Science Center: PROVIDED, That not more than \$7,919,225 shall be from state funds: PROVIDED, That if any federal funds in excess of those estimated in this appropriation act are received or expended by the central office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction the Superintendent shall place an equal amount of state funds into reserve to be expended only with the approval of the Legislature: PROVIDED FURTHER, That, if all or any portion of budgeted federal funds are not made available pursuant to the elementary and secondary education act (Title V USC) during fiscal year 1973-74, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized to allocate and expend up to the anticipated amount not received but not to exceed \$712,000 from state general fund appropriations for transportation, URRD, and handicapped children education excess cost programs for state office administration during the 1973-74 fiscal year.....\$ 10,815,579

General Fund Appropriation for General Apportionment:

PROVIDED, That the weighting schedule to be used

in computing the apportionment of funds for each district for 1973-75 shall be based on the following factors: Each full time equivalent student enrolled -1.0; each full time equivalent student; each full time equivalent student enrolled in vocational education in grades 9-12 when excess costs are documented for the class and where the class is approved by the state Superintendent, an added --1.0; all identified culturally disadvantaged children receiving an approved program, an added -.1; the factor established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for use in the 1973-75 biennium designed to reimburse each district for costs resulting from staff education and experience greater than the minimum in the average salary schedule in use by Washington school districts shall be used; for school districts enrolling fewer than 250 students in grades 9-12, for nonhigh districts judged remote and necessary by the State Board of Education and which enroll fewer than 100 students, and for small school plants which are judged remote and necessary within school districts by the state board of education shall be in accordance with the weighting factors used during the 1972-73 school year: PROVIDED, That all school districts judged remote and necessary for school apportionment purposes during the 1972-73 school year shall be considered remote and necessary for school apportionment purposes throughout the 1973-75 biennium unless their enrollment exceeds 250 students in grades 9-12 or for nonhigh districts unless their enrollment exceeds 100 students: PROVIDED, That a school district formed after July

1, 1971 and which formerly consisted of one or more school districts qualifying during the preceding school year for additional weighting under the "remote and necessary" provision or "fewer than 250 students in grades 9-12" provision shall receive for a period of four years following consolidation such additional weighting as accrued to the qualifying district or districts for the school year preceding consolidation; full time equivalent students residing on tax exempt property (chapter 130, Laws of 1969), an added -.25; full time equivalent students in an approved interdistrict cooperative program (chapter 130, Laws of 1969), an added -.25: PROVIDED FURTHER, That not to exceed \$400,000 is included for use by the Superintendent for school district emergencies: PROVIDED, That not to exceed \$14,703,380 is included for the five vocational-technical institutes: PROVIDED, That not to exceed \$411,754 is included for adult education in vocational-technical institutes: PROVIDED, That no portion of these funds shall be allocated to a school district which expends or anticipates expending moneys in excess of their certified budget or budget extensions thereto as filed with the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Board of Education: PROVIDED, That a subsequent special or regular session of the Legislature may modify the appropriation as a result of economic or demographic changes which affect the total number of students to be served or the availability of local finances: PROVIDED, That for purposes of distributing general fund appropriations for apportionment, through the school equalization formula, the amount of adjusted local property tax revenues computed for any school district shall not exceed the amount of the revenues that would be produced using the indicated ratio used by the district in the previous year by

more than five percent.....	\$ 463,918,054
Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Appropriation for General Apportionment.....	\$ 105,532,078
General Fund Appropriation for state matching of federal food service funds, as required by P.L. 91-248 and for continuation of salary increases granted from state funds during 1969-71.....	\$ 3,412,808
General Fund Appropriation for state contribution to participating school districts to fund employee health benefits: PROVIDED, That these funds shall be distributed to those participating districts on an equal amount per staff full-time equivalent.....	\$ 12,321,880
General Fund Appropriation of two mills of property tax to be distributed in accordance with RCW 28A.48.....	\$ 40,482,000
General Fund Appropriation of state forest funds to be distributed.....	\$ 1,610,000
General Fund Appropriation for allocation to Intermediate School Districts.....	\$ 1,901,360
General Fund Appropriation for supplementary education and cultural enrichment.....	\$ 1,000,000
General Fund Appropriation: To provide assurance that the budgeted funding level for the institutional education program for the 1973-74 school year shall maintain the current level of per pupil expenditure as was provided in the 1972-73 school year: PROVIDED, That the receipt of any federal funds in excess of \$1,387,488 for the institutional education program for 1973-75 will result in an equal amount of this appropriation being reverted to the State General Fund: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall submit to the 1974 Legislature an institutional education budget request for the 1974-75 school year which shall be based on new data regarding enrollment projections, federal funding, and cost per pupil.....	\$ 603,972

General Fund Appropriation for state institutional education program: PROVIDED, That not more than \$5,701,178 shall be from state funds.....\$	9,169,898
General Fund Appropriation for Handicapped Children- Excess Costs: PROVIDED, That not more than \$62,869,753 shall be from state funds: PROVIDED, That there shall be appointed a nine member commission to review the handicapped education program, three members to be chosen by the governor and six members by the superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED, That the commission shall submit its findings and recommendations, including an evaluation of the adequacy of funds for handicapped children education excess costs for 1974-75, to the governor and the legislature prior to January 1, 1974: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the superintendent of public instruction shall not make tentative obligations of more than fifty percent of this appropriation until the commission submits its report.....\$	64,756,137
General Fund Appropriation for Urban, Racial, Rural and Disadvantaged educational programs.....\$	9,247,800
General Fund Appropriation of Mobile Home Excise Tax to be distributed to local school districts in accordance with chapter 82.50 RCW.....\$	3,771,000
General Fund Appropriation for Career education and occupational exploration projects.....\$	250,000
General Fund Appropriation for the Cerebral Palsy Center.....\$	408,940
General Fund Appropriation for the Cerebral Palsy Center: PROVIDED, That this appropriation shall be used for development and implementation of field services to expand the Center's program to off site locations.....\$	25,000
General Fund Appropriation for the encumbrance of federal grants: PROVIDED, That any expenditures from this appropriation shall be from federal funds.....\$	10,486,940
General Fund Appropriation:	

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.....\$	39,367,500
To carry out the provisions of Public Law 85-864 (National Defense Education Act of 1958).....\$	1,500,000
Education of Indian children.....\$	2,000,000
Adult Basic Education.....\$	1,230,000
School Food Services Programs: PROVIDED, That not more than \$934,967 shall be from state funds....\$	27,699,626
General Fund Appropriation for Assistance to Blind Students (RCW 28B.10.215).....\$	5,000
General Fund Appropriation for Environmental Education.....\$	536,277
General Fund Appropriation for gifted program.....\$	330,000
((General Fund Appropriation for state grants to needy and disadvantaged students: PROVIDED; That these funds shall be used by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for individual grants to needy and disadvantaged elementary and secondary pupils attending public and private schools approved by the state board of education who demonstrate a financial inability to meet the total cost of supplies, books, tuition, incidental and other fees for any school term, or who because of adverse cultural, educational, environmental or other circumstances, are deemed as being highly improbable of continuing in the schools in which such pupils are enrolled and that such financial assistance, after other scholarships, grants and assistance are deducted, shall not exceed three hundred dollars per secondary pupil (grades 9-12) and one hundred dollars per elementary pupil (grades 4-8).....\$	
750,000))	
General Fund--Traffic Safety Education Account Appropriation, of which \$602,936 is for administration.....\$	8,825,936

General Fund Appropriation: PROVIDED,

That this appropriation shall be  
used for administrative expenditures  
associated with the office of  
nonpublic schools and to conduct  
studies relating to the staffing,  
curriculum, and financial status  
of nonpublic common schools within  
the state of Washington.....\$

150,000

Sec. 24. Section 16, chapter 114, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.

(uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

	Reappro- priations	From the Fund Designated	From the General Fund
(1) Land acquisition (354,826)			
Western Washington State College Capital Projects Account	196,426	158,400	
(2) Preplanning for projects in 1975-77 Capital Budget (108,076)			
Western Washington State College Capital Projects Account	70,076	8,000	
State Higher Education Construction Account			30,000
(3) Utility expansion and modernization (3,642,031)			
General Fund	1,631,590		
Western Washington State College Capital Projects Account	1,246,541	763,900	
(4) Remodel college buildings and improvements to buildings and facilities(580,675)			
General Fund	47,740		
Western Washington State College Capital Projects Account	432,935	100,000	
(5) Purchase necessary moveable equipment for ((State Building Authority))			

buildings  
 (771,406)

General Fund	675,000
Western Washington State College Capital Projects Account	96,406

(6) Construct and  
 equip addition  
 to Arts building

Western Washington State College Capital Projects Account	22,579
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(7) Construct and  
 equip Music/  
 Auditorium addition

State Building and Higher Education Construction Account	1,059,208
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(8) Fairhaven Unit  
 academic facilities

Western Washington State College Capital Projects Account	34,572
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(9) Construct and  
 equip library  
 addition, Phase III

Western Washington State College Capital Projects Account	362,477
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(10) Renovation of Old  
 Main Building  
 (1,681,005)

State Building and Higher Education Construction Account	842,005
Western Washington State College	

Capital Projects	
Account	839,000
(11) Construct and equip Social Science building (2,880,561)	
General Fund	400,000
State Building and Higher Education Construction Account	1,449,561
Western Washington State College Capital Projects Account	500,000
State Higher Education Construction Account	531,000
(12) Design for applied arts and sciences building	
State Higher Education Construction Account	197,500
(13) Renovation of Old Main building, Phase II	
State Higher Education Construction Account	2,754,000
(14) Equipment for Leona M. Sundquist marine laboratory at Shannon Point	
State Higher Education Construction Account	85,000

Sec. 25. Section 17, chapter 114, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

	Reappro- priations	From the Community College Capital Projects Account	From the Commu- nity College Capital Improve- ment Account
(1) Removal of Edison South and con- struction of replacement facilities designated as Phase II of Seattle Central Campus		8,001,601	
(2) Construct voca- tional and academic facili- ties designated as Phase II of Walla Walla Community College		2,002,399	386,839
(3) Remodel and equip a portion of existing space for vocational programs at North Seattle Campus			836,505
(4) Construct voca- tional facili- ties designated as Human Services Building, Vocational Arts Building, and photography laboratory at Spokane Falls Campus			1,670,515
(5) Construct vocational facilities designated as Buildings 1, 2,			

and 3 at Highline  
Community  
College 3,806,543

(6) Construct  
vocational and  
academic  
facilities  
designated as  
Science Building,  
Campus Service  
Building, and  
Food Services  
Training Building at  
South Seattle  
Campus 4,554,099

(7) Construct  
vocational and  
academic  
facilities  
designated as  
Group A and Group  
B at Tacoma  
Community College(~~+~~  
~~PROVIDED~~, That no  
funds shall be  
expended or  
obligated from  
this appropriation  
pending completion  
of legislative  
study of existing  
and proposed  
community college  
facilities in  
Pierce County  
and in no event  
shall any  
expenditures be  
made or obligations  
incurred until  
after September  
30, 1973)) 1,246,317

(8) Construct  
vocational  
facilities

designated as  
 Group A, Phase III  
 at Fort Steilacoom  
 Community  
 College: PROVIDED,  
 That no funds shall  
 be expended or  
 obligated from this  
 appropriation  
 pending completion  
 of legislative study  
 of existing and  
 proposed community  
 college facilities  
 in Pierce County  
 and in no event  
 shall any  
 expenditures be  
 made or obligations  
 incurred until  
 after September 30,  
 1973

1,132,585

(9) Construct  
 vocational  
 facilities  
 designated as  
 additions to Phase  
 II at Bellevue  
 Community  
 College

1,881,544

(10) Construct  
 vocational and  
 academic facilities  
 designated as  
 Mechanics Complex  
 and addition to  
 Glenn Hall at  
 Yakima Community  
 College

2,224,748

(11) Construct  
 vocational  
 facilities  
 designated as  
 Science Building  
 at Edmonds

Campus	1,141,992
(12) Construct vocational and support facilities designated as Phase I of permanent campus at Olympia Vocational Technical Campus: PROVIDED, That \$20,000 of this appropriation shall be available for development of schematic plans for support facilities	2,264,789
(13) Remodel a portion of existing space for vocational programs at Clark Community College	339,269
(14) Construct Health Occupation Building, including site acquisition at Olympic Community College	724,291
(15) Develop and construct general academic, vocational and support facilities at Centralia College	917,698
(16) Preplanning for schematic plans for 1975-77 new capital projects	150,000
(17) Costs of administering the relocatable pool of facilities	324,000
(18) Emergency Capital Repairs	500,000

It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Board for Community College Education shall prepare prior to January 1, 1974, a system wide priority list of individual community college capital projects for submission to the Legislative Budget Committee, Council on Higher Education, and the Office of Program Planning and Fiscal Management and such lists shall be reviewed and evaluated prior to the appropriation of any planning funds (19) Construction, remodeling, conversion, removal and replacement of vocational, academic and other community college facilities  
Community College  
Capital projects  
Account 14,638,151

NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. The appropriations contained within this 1973 act shall be administered, where applicable, pursuant to those rules, regulations, and administrative procedures established

by chapters 114, 131, 134, 137, 215, and 222, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess., and chapter 43.88 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. If any provision of this 1973 amendatory 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 28. This 1973 amendatory 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 September 13, 1973.

Passed the House September 11, 1973.

Approved by the Governor September 26, 1973 with the exception of certain items which are vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State September 27, 1973.

"I am filing herewith to be transmitted to the Senate at the next session of the Legislature, without my approval as to certain items, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2956 entitled:

Veto  
Message

"AN ACT Relating to expenditures by state agencies and offices of the state; making appropriations for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1975; making other appropriations; designating effective dates for certain appropriations."

The specific items which I have vetoed are as follows:

1. Insurance Commissioner.

On page 5, Section 13, I have vetoed the proviso starting on line 1 and ending on line 6.

This proviso would require the Insurance Commissioner to sign his name on informational material distributed by him in a print not larger in size than the smallest print on such material. I have vetoed this item because I believe that substantive legislation of this kind does not properly belong in an appropriations bill and should be enacted separately. I further believe that if such a standard is to be set it should be applied to all elective officials and not just one elected official. If

there is indeed a problem of abuse of elective or personal authority in such a way as to gain personal recognition, the citizens of this state are quite capable of dealing with such problem at the next election.

Veto  
Message

I have chosen not to veto the amendment which reduced the Insurance Commissioner's budget by \$467,000. These funds were added by the Legislature during the First Extraordinary Session in 1973 in anticipation of passage of a no-fault insurance law. Since the law has not been enacted, the removal of these funds by the Legislature is certainly understandable. In fairness, however, it should be pointed out that the Insurance Commissioner has initiated a voluntary no-fault insurance program which will have a fiscal impact beyond the amount of funds remaining in the Insurance Commissioner's budget. I believe that serious consideration should be given during the next session of the Legislature to provide the necessary funds to meet the additional work load of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner as a result of implementation of the voluntary nofault plan.

2. Department of Social and Health Services.

On page 5, beginning on line 7, I have vetoed the entire Section 14 which ends on page 16.

Section 14 contains a series of amendments resulting in a total reduction of \$12.1 million from the appropriation to the Department of Social and Health Services made by the Legislature during the First Extraordinary Session in 1973. These reductions were made presumably on the assumption by the Legislature that the federal government will provide the same funds either through the Federal Social Security Act or the food stamp and commodity program.

These budget reductions are entirely premature. We simply do not know at this time what amount of state support will be necessary for the Social Services Program and food stamp program until federal regulations governing participation in these programs are adopted later this year. I do not quarrel with either the need or the desirability of effecting such a substantial savings should federal funding be realized. I further intend to work

closely with the Legislature as soon as information is available which will allow us to determine more precisely the amount of state funds which can be saved. I believe it is far more sound budgeting procedure and policy to provide assured biennial funding for such essential programs as day care, drug abuse, alcoholism, mental retardation and mental health, rather than to risk severe cutbacks in these programs if the federal funds do not materialize, in which event the Legislature would have to reappropriate the amounts reduced at its next session.

Veto  
Message

I further consider it to be bad budgetary practice to make budget cuts in a departmental appropriation while at the same time authorizing the department to overspend its reduced budget until the next session of the Legislature if federal funding does not materialize. This type of budget adjustment is the best indication that the Legislature has no knowledge at this time whether federal funding will indeed be available prior to its next session.

3. Four-Year Colleges and Universities.

I have vetoed the entire Sections 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20, and also the proviso in Section 16, at page 18, beginning on line 25 and ending on page 19, line 5.

The items vetoed consist principally of: (1) budget reductions for Eastern, Western and Central Washington State Colleges, and (2) provisos requiring the governing board of each four-year college or university to limit advance notice for non-renewal of faculty contracts to six months.

It is expected that Eastern, Western and Central Washington State Colleges will experience an enrollment decline to a level below that for which state support was provided during the 1973-75 biennium. While budget reductions to match reduced enrollment may eventually be necessary, it is premature of the Legislature to reduce arbitrarily the budgets for these colleges based on assumed enrollment declines which may or may not prove to be accurate. Actual and accurate enrollment information at these colleges for this fall will be available within a few short weeks, at which time a more realistic base for the necessary reductions can be taken. In addition, it has

been recognized in a statement made on the record for the House Journal that fiscal computations used to compute the reduction for each college were in error. These computations did not adequately recognize the full amount of the corresponding student operating fees which will be lost to the colleges as a result of the lower enrollment levels. While I am now vetoing the budget cuts made by the Legislature, it is incumbent upon the administrators of the effected colleges to seek every possible way to limit spending and take such action as may be necessary to limit contract renewals to assure that every economy is achieved while not denying enrolled students the opportunity to complete their educational programs.

Veto  
Message

The provisos which would require the governing boards of the four-year colleges and universities to limit advance notice for non-renewal of faculty contracts to six months were adopted in a precipitous manner with little research or forethought. Moreover, adequate opportunity was not provided to representatives of the colleges and universities to comment upon the effect of the provisos.

Based upon an institution by institution review of faculty codes, handbooks and contracts, it is apparent that while there is some variation in institutional policies regarding advanced notification of termination or non-renewal, such policies are conditioned on the existence of financial exigencies. In actuality, under the existing policies at these institutions in the event of financial exigency such as would be occasioned by an abrupt and unanticipated decline in enrollment, no advance notice is provided. In short, if a faculty member were terminated with no notification whatsoever by reason of insufficient funds to operate the institution at its existing staffing level, there would be no breach of contract because the right to receive advance notice of termination or nonrenewal is a right conditioned on the institution having sufficient funds to maintain its existing staffing level.

The net effect of the provisos is thus to provide a legislated sixmonth advance notice requirement for non-renewal of faculty contracts if a college or university experiences financial difficulties as a result of lower enrollment levels. It is ironic indeed that this right to notice currently does not exist.

I am not convinced that the Legislature intended to confer this additional benefit upon the faculty at our colleges and universities. I am convinced, however, of the need for the governing boards of the four-year state colleges and universities to adopt necessary and proper retrenchment procedures for the termination or non-renewal of faculty contracts in the event financial exigencies created by reduced enrollment or discontinuance of funded programs necessitate such action. I further believe that such operating policies and procedures are properly the delegated responsibility of the governing board of each institution and not a matter to be legislated in an appropriations bill.

Veto  
Message

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

CHAPTER 40

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2959]

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

AN ACT Relating to property taxes; amending section 84.36.020, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 64, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.020; reenacting and amending section 84.36.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and by section 70, chapter 292, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.030; amending section 84.36.040, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 119, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.040; amending section 84.36.050, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 2, chapter 206, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.050; amending section 84.36.060, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.36.060; adding new sections to chapter 84.36 RCW; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency and making certain effective dates.

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

Section 1. Section 84.36.020, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 64, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The following property shall be exempt from taxation:

All lands, and buildings required for necessary administration and maintenance, used, or to the extent used, exclusively for public burying grounds or cemeteries without discrimination as to race,