

(2) of this section prior to July 1, 1967, shall be exclusively applied to the current use of the common schools.

To the extent that the moneys in the common school construction fund are in excess of the amount necessary to allow fulfillment of the purpose of said fund, the excess shall be available for deposit to the credit of the permanent common school fund or available for the current use of the common schools, as the legislature may direct. Any money from the common school construction fund which is made available for the current use of the common schools shall be restored to the fund by appropriation, including interest income foregone, before the end of the next fiscal biennium following such use.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The legislature hereby appropriates one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars from the general fund of the state treasury to the department of natural resources for the purpose of exploration and assessment of geothermal energy within the state of Washington. The department of natural resources shall reimburse the general fund from its share of the revenues credited to the geothermal account up to one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars. Geothermal Steam Act revenues credited to the department's share of the geothermal account in excess of one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars shall be expended by the department of natural resources for the purpose of exploration and assessment of geothermal energy within the state of Washington.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 1 through 5 and 7 and 8 of this act shall terminate on June 30, 1991.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 5 and 7 and 8 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

Passed the House April 2, 1981.

Passed the Senate April 21, 1981.

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CHAPTER 159

[House Bill No. 468]

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT—VETERANS, EMPLOYERS' AWARENESS SEMINARS—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to veterans' employment programs; making an appropriation; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1983, to the employment security department, the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be

necessary, for the veterans service section of the employment security department to conduct employer awareness seminars to insure private employer knowledge and support for veterans' employment programs. These seminars shall be coordinated with the department of veterans affairs. At least one seminar shall have direct impact upon incarcerated veterans.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 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 July 1, 1981.

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CHAPTER 160

[Substitute House Bill No. 484]

COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS (911)— TELEPHONE ACCESS LINE EXCISE TAX

AN ACT Relating to the funding of emergency telephone networks; and adding a new chapter to Title 82 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds that counties should be provided with an additional revenue source to fund emergency service communication systems on a county-wide basis. The legislature further finds that the most efficient and appropriate method of deriving additional revenue for this purpose is to vest the legislative authorities of the counties, subject to voter approval, with the power to impose an excise tax on the use of telephone access lines.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Emergency services communication system" means a county-wide radio or landline communications network, 911 telephone system, which provides rapid public access for coordinated dispatching of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities for police, fire, medical, or other emergency services.

(2) "Telephone access line" means the telephone service line which connects a subscriber's main telephone(s) or equivalent main telephone(s) to the telephone company's switching office.

(3) "Telephone company" has the meaning ascribed to it in RCW 80.04.010.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The legislative authority of a county may impose an excise tax on the use of telephone access lines in an amount not exceeding fifty cents per month for each telephone access line. The amount of