(9) With the exception of any funds needed for bond covenant obligations, once the budget for expending service and activities fees is approved by the governing board, funds shall not be shifted from funds budgeted for associated students or departmentally related categories until the administration provides written justification to the committee and the governing board, or the governing board gives its express approval, or the recognized student governing organization gives its express approval.

(10) Any service and activities fees collected which exceed initially budgeted amounts are subject to subsections (1), (2), (3), and (9) of this section.

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CHAPTER 92
[House Bill No. 244]
STATE MEDAL OF MERIT

AN ACT Relating to state government, creating the decoration of the state medal of merit; and adding a new chapter to Title 1 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is established a decoration of the state medal of merit with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances for award by the governor, in the name of the state, to any person who has been distinguished by exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding services to the people and state of Washington, upon the nomination of the governor's state medal of merit committee.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is created the state medal of merit committee for nominating candidates for the award of the state medal of merit. The committee membership consists of the governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, and the chief justice of the supreme court, or their designees. The secretary of state shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member, and shall serve as secretary to the committee. The committee shall meet annually to consider candidates for nomination. The committee shall adopt rules establishing the qualifications for the state medal of merit, the protocol governing the decoration, and the appurtenances necessary to the implementation of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The governor may delegate the awarding of the state medal of merit to the president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, or the chief justice of the supreme court.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The state medal of merit may be awarded posthumously to be presented to such representative of the deceased as may

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be deemed appropriate by the governor or the designees specified in section 3 of this act.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. The state medal of merit shall not be awarded to any elected official while in office or to any candidate for an elected office.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 6. The decoration of the state medal of merit shall be of bronze and shall consist of the seal of the state of Washington, surrounded by a raised laurel wreath and suspended from a ring attached by a dark green ribbon. The reverse of the decoration within the raised laurel wreath shall be inscribed with the words: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding services to the people and state of Washington."

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 1 RCW.

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**CHAPTER 93**

[House Bill No. 507]

PASSING LANE—MULTILANE HIGHWAYS

AN ACT Relating to traffic flow on multilane highways; amending RCW 46.61.100; adding a new section to chapter 46.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.81 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.82 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 47.36 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. It is the intent of the legislature, in this 1985 amendment of RCW 46.61.100, that the left-hand lane on any state highway with two or more lanes in the same direction be used primarily as a passing lane.

Sec. 2. Section 15, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 33, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 46.61.100 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Upon all roadways of sufficient width a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway, except as follows:

(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing such movement;

(b) When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the highway; provided, any person so doing shall yield the