

(3) \$350,952 from federal funds shall be for innovation and expansion projects in the vocational rehabilitation program not in excess of the unexpended balance of the 1973-75 appropriation or allotments for this purpose.

(4) \$147,300 shall be for payment of 1973-75 vendor billings for the Washington state penitentiary not in excess of the unexpended balance of the 1973-75 appropriations or allotments for this purpose.

(5) \$231,736 shall be for payment of 1973-75 O.A.S.D.I. payroll taxes within the administration and supporting services program not in excess of the unexpended balance of the 1973-75 appropriations or allotments for this purpose.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

General Fund Appropriation	\$ 5,365,000
Total Appropriation	\$ 5,365,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. FOR THE SENATE

General Fund Appropriation	\$ 4,439,000
Total Appropriation	\$ 4,439,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. 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 immediately.

Passed the House January 31, 1977.
Passed the Senate January 31, 1977.
Approved by the Governor January 31, 1977.
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CHAPTER 2

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2088]

HIGHWAYS—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

AN ACT Relating to highways; amending section 1, chapter 227, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 3, chapter 279, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); making supplemental appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the state treasurer for transfer to the tort claims revolving fund for claims paid on behalf of the department of highways and the Washington state patrol for the biennium ending June 30, 1977, the sum of \$833,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the Washington state highway commission for the biennium ending June 30, 1977, the sum of \$6,400 or so much thereof as may be necessary to continue the agreement, in accordance with the provisions of RCW 47.56.720, between

Wahkiakum county and the state highway commission for the operation and maintenance of the Puget Island ferry.

Sec. 3. Section 1, chapter 227, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

There is hereby appropriated to the Washington state highway commission from the motor vehicle fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1977 ~~\$(68,259,972)~~ 70,259,972 consisting of \$50,680,000 from federal funds and ~~\$(17,579,972)~~ 19,579,972 from local funds or so much thereof as shall be necessary for reimbursable expenditures for the location, design, right of way, and construction on city streets and county roads, and other nonstate highways, including the unexpended balances of the funds from the sale of bonds for Columbia Basin county roads authorized in chapter 121, Laws of 1951, chapter 311, Laws of 1955, and in chapter 121, Laws of 1965; for reimbursable expenditures on cooperative projects authorized by state and/or federal law; for expenditures to be reimbursed through federal emergency relief acts, reimbursable expenditures for maintenance on city streets, county roads and other nonstate highways, reimbursable expenditures for miscellaneous sales and services to others, reimbursement for all of the above expenditures to be substantially contemporaneous with the expenditures: PROVIDED, That the Washington state highway commission may expend from this appropriation, if necessary, not to exceed \$100,000 for each of the fiscal years of 1976 and 1977 to meet obligations arising from the Vernita toll bridge bond covenants and RCW 47.56.702 and any payments made pursuant to this proviso shall constitute a loan and shall be repaid from tolls on the bridge which shall be continued until such loan is fully repaid: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the Washington state highway commission may expend from this appropriation such sums as may be required to enable the cities of Pasco and Kennewick to obtain federal-aid matching funds for the continuing construction of the Pasco-Kennewick intercity bridge through June 30, 1977 and any payments made pursuant to this proviso shall constitute a loan which may be repaid in the 1975-77 biennium or in subsequent biennia (~~PROVIDED FURTHER, That the Washington state highway commission shall conduct a feasibility study of an appropriate overhead charge for reimbursable activities and shall report such study findings and recommendations to the house and senate transportation and utilities committees by January 15, 1976~~)).

Sec. 4. Section 3, chapter 279, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

There is hereby appropriated to the Washington toll bridge authority for the biennium ending June 30, 1977, from the Puget Sound reserve account in the motor vehicle fund \$4,031,801 or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of RCW 47.60.420, and from the Puget Sound capital construction account in the motor vehicle fund \$12,122,737 or so much thereof as may be necessary to design and construct new, or modify existing ferry vessels and terminals including \$260,000 to pay a judgment entered against the state in King County cause no. 781791, incident to the construction of the ferries Walla Walla and Spokane, and to plan and improve transportation facilities for the crossing of Puget Sound and any of its tributary waters, and from the Puget Sound ferry operations account in the motor vehicle fund \$11,155,989 or so much thereof as

may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the ferry system to supplement tolls: PROVIDED, That if SSB 2159 is not enacted into law during the 1975 1st extraordinary session and signed by the governor the appropriation from the Puget Sound ferry operations account shall be \$3,352,829, or so much thereof as may be necessary for operation and maintenance of the ferry system to supplement tolls, and from the motor vehicle fund \$7,803,160 or so much thereof as may be necessary to supplement the appropriation from the Puget Sound ferry operations account contained in this section: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if chapter ...(SSB 2159), Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. is enacted into law during the 1975 1st extraordinary session and signed by the governor no funds appropriated in this section from the motor vehicle fund to supplement the appropriation from the Puget Sound ferry operations account shall be available for expenditure.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This 1977 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 February 7, 1977.

Passed the House February 4, 1977.

Approved by the Governor February 10, 1977.

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CHAPTER 3

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2561]

CLOUD SEEDING—EMERGENCY PROGRAM

AN ACT Relating to weather modification and control; creating new sections and providing for the expiration thereof; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that the lack of precipitation in the state is causing severe hardships affecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state. An increase in precipitation is urgently needed to alleviate hardships created by the shortage of water for agricultural irrigation, the threat of forest fires, the shortage of water for generation of hydroelectric power, and for domestic consumption.

The department of natural resources shall immediately commence a program of emergency cloud seeding in cooperation with the University of Washington for the purposes specified in this section. The department is empowered to enter into appropriate contracts to accomplish the purposes of this act. The department may cooperate with any other state or federal agencies to accomplish these purposes.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, this act shall supersede all existing statutes inconsistent herewith including, but not limited to, chapter 43.21C RCW. In addition, chapter 43.21C RCW shall not apply to weather modification activities undertaken by private persons under authority of a permit issued pursuant to chapter 43.37 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, neither the state nor its agents will be liable for any injury or damages