

While it is important that any conflict with the state be disclosed, in my judgment, it is not in keeping with accepted concepts of management employee relations to permit an agency head to prohibit one employee from representing another employee in an administrative personnel matter. If this were to become the law, any agency head could prohibit a shop steward from representing an employee. I have therefore vetoed from section 18 the requirement that an employee obtain the approval of his agency head before assisting his fellow employee in a disciplinary or other personnel administration proceeding.

The remainder of Senate Bill 744 is approved."

CHAPTER 235
[Engrossed House Bill No. 893]
TEMPORARY SPECIAL LEVY STUDY COMMISSION

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; creating a temporary special levy study commission and setting forth its powers and duties; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. As used in this act, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

(1) "Commission" means the temporary special levy study commission; and

(2) "Common schools" means schools maintained at public expense in school districts of the state and carrying on a program from kindergarten through the twelfth grade, or any part thereof, including vocational educational courses.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The forty-first legislature has before it several proposals to reform the tax structure of the state. A primary goal of all such tax reform proposals is the reduction of property taxes attributable to special school district levies for maintenance and operation purposes and the replacement of these revenues with the proceeds of a state income tax. To properly accomplish this goal will require a detailed study of all factors affecting financing of the common schools of the state to assure that state tax revenues are applied in a manner to provide equal educational oppor-

tunities to all common school students of the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is hereby created the temporary special levy study commission which shall meet, act, and conduct its business at any place within the state of Washington.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The commission shall have the following membership:

(1) Four senators to be selected by the president of the senate, not more than two of whom shall be from the same political party, and four representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house, not more than two of whom shall be from the same political party;

(2) One member from among the membership of the joint committee on education appointed by the chairman of the joint committee on education and one member from among the membership of the legislative budget committee appointed by the chairman of the legislative budget committee;

(3) The state superintendent of public instruction or his designated representative;

(4) One member to be appointed by the state board of education, who may be a member of the board;

(5) Seven members to be appointed by the governor, one from each United States congressional district in the state, no more than four of whom shall be members of the same political party;

(6) Two members to be appointed by the president of the Washington state school directors association; and

(7) Six members to be appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction, three of whom shall be certificated employees of school districts within the meaning of RCW 28.72.020, and three of whom shall be chief administrative officers of school districts in the state, one of which shall be a county or intermediate superintendent of schools. In making the appointments under this subsection (7), the state superintendent of public instruction shall give equal representation, insofar as possible, to school districts located in large urban areas of the state, school districts located in suburban

areas, and school districts located in smaller communities and rural areas of the state. In addition, when making appointments of certificated employees, the state superintendent of public instruction shall give consideration to persons who may be nominated by employee organizations as defined in RCW 28.72.020.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation but shall receive per diem in an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars per day while attending to the business of the commission, and their necessary travel expenses. Payment of per diem and expenses shall be made upon vouchers approved by persons designated by the commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The commission, by majority vote, shall select from among the members a chairman, and, by majority vote, shall appoint and fix the salary of a full time executive secretary who shall not be a member of the commission. The commission or its executive secretary shall employ such staff as the commission may deem appropriate. The commission is authorized to retain professional consultants as deemed necessary to further the purposes set forth in this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The commission, by majority vote, shall select appropriate subcommittees, and prescribe rules of procedure for itself and its subcommittees which are not inconsistent with this act. Both the commission and any subcommittee shall be authorized to conduct hearings throughout the state and shall have power to require data from all school districts, the state superintendent of public instruction, the state board of education, and all other public officials and agencies concerned with education in the state of Washington and from such other public officials and agencies as may provide information helpful to the commission in carrying out its functions. In furthering the purposes of this act, the commission shall have authority to select and consult with interested citizen groups. Such groups shall not receive expenses as otherwise in this act provided for.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The commission is hereby directed to study the programs, problems and financial needs of the common schools of the state, including but not limited to:

(1) The methods by which revenues are obtained by the common schools of the state, including regular and special property tax levies and the formula under which state funds are allocated to school districts;

(2) Those courses of study now financed by state, local and federal funds in the common schools of the state;

(3) The extent to which courses of study vary between school districts of the state, and between common schools within any school district;

(4) The extent to which variations in courses of study are related to the amount of revenues a school district obtains from special tax levies for maintenance and operation purposes;

(5) The costs of providing a basic education program in the common schools of the state and the variations in salary schedules and other costs which may exist from one school district to another; and

(6) A comparison between school districts in parts of the state showing the ratio of the number of classroom teachers to the total number of employees in each district; and

(7) Study possible solutions to the inequity arising because of differences in the amount of special levy revenue raised per student by a one mill increase in property taxation in one district relative to other districts; and

(8) The amount of state funds necessary and methods by which such state funds may be allocated each school district to insure an equal educational opportunity to each common school student in the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. The commission shall submit to the governor and the legislature, a preliminary report no later than December 15, 1969 and a final report no later than December 15, 1970. Such reports shall disclose the findings of the committee and its recommenda-

tions, which recommendations shall include:

(1) Recommended courses of study which should be included in a basic education program in each school district of the state, the financing of which should be assured by state revenues;

(2) Recommended levels of state expenditures to assist local school districts in financing the maintenance and operation of the common schools of the state;

(3) Recommended methods of measuring variations in costs between school districts, and allocating state funds to school districts of the state; and

(4) Any other recommendations of the commission for changes in state laws and administrative regulations necessary in the judgment of the commission to assure an equal educational opportunity to all common school students of the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. The commission may add to the funds made available by the legislature for the administration of this act any federal funds which may be available to the state of Washington for research in common school education under the terms of an act or acts of congress, or any private grants or gifts: PROVIDED, That such federal or private funds may be allocated and expended in accordance with the authority, powers and procedures accorded the commission in this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. This act shall be of no further effect after March 31, 1971, and the commission herein created shall be deemed abolished at such time.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstances 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. 13. 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.

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CHAPTER 236
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 310]
EMINENT DOMAIN--RELOCATION ASSISTANCE--
APPRAISAL DISCLOSURE

AN ACT Relating to eminent domain; amending section 4, chapter 125, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 137, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 8.25.040; amending section 5, chapter 125, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 8.25.050; amending section 6, chapter 125, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 8.25-.060; amending section 3, chapter 137, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 8.25.070; amending section 4, chapter 137, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 8.25.900; and adding new sections to chapter 125, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and to chapter 8.25 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 125, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and to chapter 8.25 RCW a new section to read as follows:

With respect to state highway projects and other public highways, roads and streets on a federal aid highway system, the legislature finds and declares that:

(1) Reduction of the length of time between initial planning and public use of highway projects will result in saving lives and highway funds. The amount of time within which a highway project can be readied for public use can be substantially reduced by prompt and equitable relocation and reestablishment of persons, businesses, farms, and nonprofit organizations displaced as a result of acquisitions of property for highway purposes. Providing the necessary information, assistance, and the financial means by which individuals to be displaced may become housed in decent, safe and sanitary housing will be an inducement for persons to be relocated promptly, will facilitate