

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 202(2), Substitute House Bill No. 1479 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the budget."

My reason for vetoing this portion of the 1987-89 supplemental budget is as follows:

Section 202(2) restricts the amount that the Department of Social and Health Services may transfer into the General Assistance-Unemployable (GA-U) program. The GA-U caseload will experience significant growth in the last two months of the current biennium because of the Thurston County Superior Court's April 24, 1989 ruling directing that clients who are terminated from ADATSA shelter receive GA-U until they are assessed for GA-U eligibility. The Department of Social and Health Services has estimated the cost of this caseload growth will be \$1.7 million. The proviso in section 202(2) restricts the transfer to the estimated amount. The estimate is not precise, however.

The ADATSA shelter program has experienced volatile and unpredictable caseload growth, and it is difficult to predict the cost of shifting that population to GA-U. If the actual cost exceeds the estimate by any amount, the Department would have to impose a ratable reduction to remain within appropriated funds. It is not possible for the Department to implement a ratable reduction this late in the biennium. Furthermore, the other clients on GA-U, with physical and mental disabilities, would be faced with a sudden and unanticipated reduction in their living allowances. The Department must have unrestricted transfer authority in order to fund the actual cost of the GA-U caseload at the close of the biennium.

With the exception of section 202(2), Substitute House Bill No. 1479 is approved."

CHAPTER 4

[Substitute House Bill No. 1788]

PUYALLUP TRIBAL CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

AN ACT Relating to the Puyallup tribe of Indians claims settlement; adding a new section to chapter 35.43 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.32 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The governor is empowered to execute the appropriate documents to relinquish the state's claims to title of the current riverbed of the Puyallup river within the 1873 survey area to the United States in trust for the tribe subject to the provisions on existing rights of way, discharges, easements, flood control, and fishing rights as set forth in the settlement agreement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 35.43 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The settlement of Indian land and other claims against public and private property owners is declared to be in the interest of public health and safety, orderly government, environmental protection, economic development, and the social well-being of the citizens of this state, and to specifically benefit the properties released from those claims.

It is the purpose of this act to encourage the settlement of such Indian land and other claims lawsuits by permitting the establishment and use of local improvement districts to finance all or a portion of the settlement costs of such lawsuits.

(2) A local improvement district may be established by a local government legislative authority to finance all or part of the settlement costs in an Indian land and other claims settlement related to public and private property located within the local government. The settlement of an Indian land claim lawsuit shall be deemed to be an improvement that may be financed in whole or in part through use of a local improvement district.

Except as expressly provided in this section, all matters relating to the establishment and operation of such a local improvement district, the levying and collection of special assessments, the issuance of local improvement district bonds and other obligations, and all related matters, shall be subject to the provisions of chapters 35.43 through 35.54 RCW. The resolution or petition initiating the creation of a local improvement district used to finance all or a portion of an Indian land and other claims settlement shall describe the general nature of the Indian land and other claims and the proposed settlement. The value of a contribution by any person, municipal corporation, political subdivision, or the state of money, real property, or personal property to the settlement of Indian land and other claims shall be credited to any assessment for a local improvement district under this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 36.32 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The settlement of Indian land and other claims against public and private property owners is declared to be in the interest of public health and safety, orderly government, environmental protection, economic development, and the social well-being of the citizens of this state, and to specifically benefit the properties released from those claims.

It is the purpose of this act to encourage the settlement of such Indian land and other claims lawsuits by permitting the establishment and use of local improvement districts to finance all or a portion of the settlement costs of such lawsuits.

(2) A local improvement district may be established by a county legislative authority to finance all or part of the settlement costs in an Indian land and other claims settlement related to public and private property located within the incorporated or unincorporated areas of the county. The settlement of an Indian land and other claims lawsuit shall be deemed to be an improvement that may be financed in whole or in part through use of a local improvement district.

(3) Except as expressly provided in this section, all matters relating to the establishment and operation of such a local improvement district, the

levying and collection of special assessments, the issuance of local improvement district bonds and other obligations, and all related matters, shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 36.94 RCW concerning the use of local improvement districts to finance sewer or water facilities. The requirements of chapter 36.94 RCW concerning the preparation of a general plan and formation of a review committee shall not apply to a local improvement district used to finance all or a portion of Indian land and other claims settlements. The resolution or petition that initiates the creation of a local improvement district used to finance all or a portion of an Indian land and other claims settlement shall describe the general nature of the Indian land and other claims and the proposed settlement. The value of a contribution by any person, municipal corporation, political subdivision, or the state of money, real property, or personal property to the settlement of Indian land and other claims shall be credited to any assessment for a local improvement district under this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this 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.

Passed the House May 8, 1989.

Passed the Senate May 7, 1989.

Approved by the Governor May 13, 1989.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 13, 1989.

CHAPTER 5

[Substitute House Bill No. 1737]

VICTIMS OF CRIMES—COMPENSATION

AN ACT Relating to crime victims' compensation; amending RCW 7.68.030, 7.68.070, 7.68.080, 82.08.020, 82.08.010, and 82.12.020; amending section 223, chapter 7, Laws of 1987 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 218, chapter 289, Laws of 1988 (uncodified); adding new sections to chapter 7.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.32 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 7.68.010; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The department of labor and industries shall operate the crime victims' compensation program within the appropriations and the conditions and limitations on the appropriations provided for this program.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 122, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 12, chapter 443, Laws of 1985 and RCW 7.68.030 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be the duty of the director to establish and administer a program of benefits to innocent victims of criminal acts within the terms and limitations of this chapter. In so doing, the director shall, in accordance