

aid to students in this state pursuing postsecondary education. The bill was originally drafted by and submitted to the Legislature at the request of the Council on Higher Education. Veto  
Message

Section 2 of the bill was amended in the Senate to restrict eligibility for assistance under the program to United States citizens only. The effect of this restriction is not only to preclude assistance to students from other countries, but also students who have immigrated to and permanently reside in this country but who have not yet attained citizenship. Recognizing that these students may also be in need of financial assistance, the federal college work-study program specifically provides that they may also be eligible.

If the Legislature is concerned that expenditure of state funds under this program benefit primarily residents of this state, that concern is sufficiently covered in section 6(3) of the bill which places priority on the securing of work opportunities for Washington State residents. To impose a further requirement of United States citizenship would result in unwarranted discrimination against non-citizen students who are immigrants and who have been lawfully admitted to this country as permanent residents. Such discrimination raises a serious question on the constitutionality of the bill.

With the exception of that item in section 2 which restricts eligibility for the college work-study program to United States citizens, which I have vetoed for the foregoing reasons, the remainder of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3202 is approved."

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CHAPTER 178  
[ Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3358 ]  
NORTHERN STATE HOSPITAL

AN ACT Relating to the Northern State Hospital; and creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Northern State Hospital at Sedro Woolley, Washington has been closed as a mental hospital. The purpose of this 1974 act is to authorize the disposition of the real property and improvements thereon in a manner that will be most beneficial to the people of the immediate area affected by the closure and to the state of Washington.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The secretary of the department of social and health services shall transfer the real property, improvements, and appurtenances thereto of the Northern State Hospital site to the departments of general administration and natural resources immediately. The department of social and health services will transfer the funds and the responsibility to maintain the facilities to the department of general administration.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The department of natural resources shall manage or dispose of lands deemed not to be directly adjacent

to buildings on the Northern State Hospital site in the same manner as other state lands as provided for in Title 79 RCW in accordance with the intent of section 1 of this 1974 act. The proceeds from such management or disposal shall be the same as proceeds from the management of state lands in Title 79 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The department of general administration shall administer the disposition of the buildings and adjacent lands. Commencing on the effective date of this 1974 act, the director of the department of general administration or his designee shall consult with officials of the various political subdivisions of the immediate area affected by the closure to determine whether community use may be made of such facilities. If no agreement is reached by June 30, 1975 regarding future use of such facilities, the director shall dispose of the properties in the usual manner.

V- NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Prior to any disposal of the property of Northern State Hospital by either the department of natural resources or the department of general administration as authorized by sections 3 and 4 of this 1974 act, the proposal for any such disposition shall be submitted to the house and senate ways and means committees for approval or rejection if the legislature is in session. If the legislature is not in session the proposal for any such disposition shall be submitted for approval or rejection to the legislative budget committee. If the house and senate ways and means committees or the legislative budget committee fails to approve or reject a proposal within sixty days of its submittal to the legislative bodies herein named such proposal shall be deemed to have been approved.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. 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 Senate April 22, 1974.  
Passed the House April 20, 1974.  
Approved by the Governor May 5, 1974, with the exception of Section 5 which is vetoed.  
Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 5, 1974.  
Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith without my approval as to one section Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3358 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to Northern State Hospital."

Veto  
Message

This bill provides for the management or disposal of the real property and improvements thereon at Northern State Hospital in Sedro Woolley, Washington, jointly by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of General Administration.

Section 5 of the bill provides for a review process whereby any proposal to dispose of the property must be submitted for approval or rejection by the Ways and Means Committee of the House and Senate when in session or by the Legislative Budget Committee when the Legislature is not in session.

It is essential in our system of government that the Legislature be fully informed of the activities of executive agencies in carrying out legislative delegations of authority. By the same token, the Executive must not be hampered in its administration of the laws by having to seek Legislative approval of policy decisions at every turn. Section 5 of the bill violates this elementary principle of good government by requiring two executive agencies well experienced in the management and disposal of state properties to surrender the culminating phase of administrative decision-making to the Legislature. Accordingly, I have determined to veto Section 5.

Veto  
Message

With the exception of that section, the remainder of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3358 is approved."

CHAPTER 179

[ Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3277 ]

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

ANACT Relating to environmental policy; amending section 2, chapter 179, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.21C.080; adding a new section to chapter 67, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and to chapter 43.21B RCW; adding new sections to chapter 109, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and to chapter 43.21C RCW; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The purpose of this 1974 amendatory act is to establish methods and means of providing for full implementation of chapter 43.21C RCW (the state environmental policy act of 1971) in a manner which reduces duplicative and wasteful practices, establishes effective and uniform procedures, encourages public involvement, and promotes certainty with respect to the requirements of the act.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 179, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.21C.080 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Notice of any action taken by a governmental agency ((which is "a major action significantly affecting the quality of the environment" pertaining to any private project shall be published)) may be publicized by the acting governmental agency, the applicant for, or the proponent of such ((project)) action, in ((a)) substantially the form ((approved)) as set forth in subsection (3) of this section and in the following manner:

(a) By publishing notice on the same day of each week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the area where the property which is the subject of the action is located ((by the governmental agency; on the same day of each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the