

CHAPTER 298  
[Senate Bill No. 408]  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE--  
COMMITTEE ON VENDOR'S RATES

AN ACT Relating to public assistance; concerning the committee on vendor's rates; and adding new sections to chapter 74.32 RCW.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 74.32 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Before completing its recommendations regarding rates, the governor's committee on vendor rates shall conduct an extensive investigation to determine the nature and extent of any additional requirements or standards established which affect any vendor group if the same have not been fully considered and provided for in the committee's last recommendations, and shall similarly determine the nature and effect of any additional requirements or standards which are expected to be imposed during the period covered by the committee's recommendations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 74.32 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The additional requirements and standards referred to in section 1 of this 1971 act shall include but shall not be limited to changes in minimum wage or overtime provisions, changes in building code or facility requirements for occupancy or licensing, and changes in requirements for staffing, available equipment, or methods and procedures.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 74.32 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The committee shall investigate such changes whether their source is or may be federal, state, or local governmental agencies, departments and officers, and shall give full consideration to the cost of such changes and expected changes in the vendor rates recommended.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 74.32 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The committee shall also consider prevailing wage scales and fringe benefit programs affecting the vendor's industry or affecting related or associated industries or vendor classes, and shall consider in its rate recommendations a scale of competitive wages, to assure the availability of necessary personnel in each vendor program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 74.32 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The committee shall further fully account in its recommended

rate structure for the effect of changes in payroll and property taxes accurate costs of insurance, and increased or lowered costs of borrowing money.

V NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 74.32 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The principal function of the committee shall be to reasonably and fairly relate levels of payment or reimbursement to required standards or regulations and effective taxes, personnel costs, and other applicable cost factors.

Passed the Senate May 10, 1971.

Passed the House May 7, 1971.

Approved by the Governor May 21, 1971 with the exception of one section which is vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 21, 1971.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"...This bill provides that the governor's committee on vendor rates shall investigate and consider various items in developing its recommendations for vendor rates to the Department of Social and Health Services.

However, section 6 of the bill purports to define the principal function of the committee, and while that section does define one of the functions of the committee there are other functions which are also of substantial importance, such as content of services purchased, assurance of adequate service delivery, and conformity to appropriate state and federal laws and regulations.

I have therefore vetoed section 6. I have approved the remainder of the bill which is, in any event, the operative portion of the legislation."

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CHAPTER 299

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 897]

REVENUE AND TAXATION

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 4, chapter 236, Laws of 1955 and RCW 60.28.040; amending section 2, chapter 272, Laws of 1959 and RCW 73.32.130; amending section 82.04.050, chapter 15, Laws of 1961, as last amended by section 1, chapter 8, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW