

performing their services, and to display the same, and may authorize the director to prepare and distribute to fishing guides the forms for such records and reports.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 32. In the case of loss, mutilation or destruction of a license certificate or permit certificate issued under the provisions of Title 77 RCW, the director shall issue a duplicate thereof upon proof of the facts and payment of a fee of two dollars.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 33. Sections 20 through 32 of this 1975 amendatory act shall be added to chapter 77.32 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 34. Section 19 of this 1975 amendatory act shall be effective April 1, 1976. Sections 20 through 32 of this 1975 amendatory act shall be effective January 1, 1976.

Passed the House March 14, 1975.

Passed the Senate April 18, 1975.

Approved by the Governor April 28, 1975.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 28, 1975.

CHAPTER 16

[House Bill No. 861]

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

AN ACT Relating to expenditures by the legislature; adding a new section to chapter 43.88 RCW; making appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds it necessary to adopt a period of funding for legislative activities and costs which relate to the authority and intent of the elected body currently assembled pursuant to the Constitution and laws of this state, by establishing a biennial appropriation period coinciding with the current legislative session and succeeding session of the forty-fifth legislature. A legislative budget as set forth in section 2 of this act is hereby adopted and subject to the provisions set forth in the following sections, the several amounts specified, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, are hereby appropriated and authorized to be disbursed for salaries, wages, and all other expenses of the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. FOR THE STATE
LEGISLATURE

General Fund Appropriation

Senate Expenses and salaries of members.....	\$	6,272,400
House of Representatives Expenses and salaries of members	\$	6,870,351

*NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 43.88 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In order to continue the constitutionally mandated doctrine of separation of powers and maintain the legislative branch as a separate but co-equal branch of state government and for the purpose of permitting the legislature to effectively

control its own expenditures the senate and house of representatives, their employees, including the chief clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate, and their standing committees shall be exempt from all of the provisions of this chapter and shall not be subject to the rule making powers of any other agency relating to the management or control of expenditures: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That nothing in this 1975 amendatory act shall preclude post audits by the state auditor under existing statutes.

Each house of the legislature is hereby authorized and directed to establish its own accounting system based on sound budgeting, accounting, and fiscal practices.

***Sec. 3. was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.**

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. 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 April 30, 1975.

Passed the Senate April 25, 1975.

Approved by the Governor May 1, 1975, with the exception of section 3 which is vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 2, 1975.

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

"I am returning herewith without my approval as to one section House Bill No. 861 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to expenditures by the legislature."

This bill appropriates amounts for use by the legislature during a biennial appropriation period.

Section 3 exempts the legislature and all of its officers, employees, and standing committees from all provisions of RCW Chapter 43.88, the Budget and Accounting Act, and the rule making power of any agency relating to the management and control of expenditures. It further directs each house to establish its own accounting system. The stated purpose of the section is to allow the legislature to function as a separate but equal branch of government and to permit effective control of its expenditures.

I have an abiding respect for the constitutional doctrine of separation of powers and believe strongly in the independence of the legislature. As to accountability for expenditure of public funds, however, the same policies and limitations should apply uniformly to all three branches of government, and it would not be in the public interest to exempt any one of the three. The state auditor has the constitutional duty to examine the use or misuse of public funds; such examination should be conducted under the same rules and guidelines for all three branches of government.

While there may be some reluctance on the part of the legislature to conform to budgeting and accounting rules set by the office of program planning and fiscal management, it should be emphasized that such rules are adopted according to policies determined by the legislature itself.

With the exception of section 3, which I have vetoed for the foregoing reasons, the remainder of the bill is approved."