

1, 1979 and to the preparation thereof and shall take effect July 1, 1977. Section 2 of this 1977 act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Passed the Senate May 23, 1977.

Passed the House May 20, 1977.

Approved by the Governor June 1, 1977.

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CHAPTER 131

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2593]

COMMUNITY COLLEGES—PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY OR DEFENSE PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS

AN ACT Relating to community colleges; authorizing the conduct of certain programs; and amending section 1, chapter 105, Laws of 1973 and RCW 28B.50.092.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 105, Laws of 1973 and RCW 28B.50.092 are each amended to read as follows:

The state board for community college education may authorize any community college board of trustees to do all things necessary to conduct an education, training, and service program authorized by chapter 28B.50 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, for United States military personnel and their dependents, and department of defense civilians and their dependents, at any geographical location: PROVIDED, That such programs shall be limited to those colleges which conducted programs for United States military personnel prior to January 1, 1977: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any high school completion program conducted pursuant to this section shall comply with standards set forth in rules and regulations promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the superintendent of public instruction shall issue the certificate or diploma in recognition of high school completion education provided pursuant to this section.

Passed the Senate April 18, 1977.

Passed the House May 23, 1977.

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CHAPTER 132

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2634]

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE—ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND VARIANCES

AN ACT Relating to the Columbia River Gorge; and amending section 4, chapter 48, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.97.005.

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

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 48, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.97-.005 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature finds that the unique esthetic quality of a portion of the Columbia River Gorge is among the most valuable of the state's natural resources

and that there is great concern throughout the state relating to its utilization, protection, preservation, and restoration. The legislature, therefore, declares that portion of the Columbia River Gorge beginning at the western-most boundary of the Columbia River Gorge as described in RCW 43.97.090 and extending easterly to include all of Section 17 and the west halves of Sections 9 and 4 in Township 2 North, Range 13 East, to be an area of state-wide significance, wherein preference shall be given to uses which:

- (1) Recognize and protect the state-wide interest.
- (2) Result in long term rather than short term benefit.
- (3) Protect the resources and ecology of the Gorge.
- (4) Increase public access to publicly owned areas.
- (5) Increase recreational opportunities for the public.
- (6) Explore economic utilization.

The legislature further declares that all agencies of state and local government, shall, in their planning (~~and~~), management, and issuance of permits and variances, give full consideration to the environmental protection and economic utilization of the Columbia River Gorge, and the best interests of the state and people in general, in conformity with the plan to be prepared pursuant to RCW 43.97.030.

Passed the Senate April 26, 1977.

Passed the House May 23, 1977.

Approved by the Governor June 1, 1977.

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CHAPTER 133

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2638]

ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL—ALTERNATIVE METHODS

AN ACT Relating to on-site sewage disposal systems; and creating a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds that over one million, two hundred thousand persons in the state are not served by sanitary sewers and that they must rely on septic tank systems. The failure of large numbers of such systems has resulted in significant health hazards, loss of property values, and water quality degradation. The legislature further finds that failure of such systems could be reduced by utilization of nonwater-carried sewage disposal systems, or other alternative methods of effluent disposal, as a correctional measure. Waste water volume diminution and disposal of most of the high bacterial waste through composting or other alternative methods of effluent disposal would result in restorative improvement or correction of existing substandard systems.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings indicated unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) "Nonwater-carried sewage disposal devices" means any device that stores and treats nonwater-carried human urine and feces.