

CHAPTER 308

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 865]

CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY—LIMITATIONS

AN ACT Relating to public power; and amending section 43.52.410, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 9, chapter 184, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.52.410.

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

Sec. 1. Section 43.52.410, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 9, chapter 184, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.52.410 are each amended to read as follows:

Any city or district is authorized to enter into contracts or compacts with any operating agency or a publicly or privately owned public utility for the purchase and sale of electric energy or falling waters: PROVIDED, That no city or district may enter into a contract or compact with an operating agency to purchase electric energy, or to purchase or participate in a portion of an electrical generating project, that commits the city or district to pay an amount in excess of an express dollar amount or in excess of an express rate per unit of electrical energy received.

Passed the House April 22, 1983.

Passed the Senate April 18, 1983.

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CHAPTER 309

[Substitute House Bill No. 882]

INTEREST RATES—WRITING DEFINED

AN ACT Relating to interest rates; and amending section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1899 as amended by section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1981 and RCW 19.52.010.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1899 as amended by section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1981 and RCW 19.52.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Every loan or forbearance of money, goods, or thing in action shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent per annum where no different rate is agreed to in writing between the parties: PROVIDED, That with regard to any transaction heretofore or hereafter entered into subject to this section, if an agreement in writing between the parties evidencing such transaction provides for the payment of money at the end of an agreed period of time or in installments over an agreed period of time, then such agreement shall constitute a writing for purposes of this section and satisfy the requirements thereof. The discounting of commercial paper, where the borrower makes

himself liable as maker, guarantor, or indorser, shall be considered as a loan for the purposes of this chapter.

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CHAPTER 310

[Engrossed House Bill No. 905]

STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS—PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND AMOUNT

AN ACT Relating to state residential schools; and amending section 4, chapter 251, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 12, chapter 71, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 72.33.815.

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

Sec. 1. Section 4, chapter 251, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 12, chapter 71, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 72.33.815 are each amended to read as follows:

The parent or guardian of a retarded or developmentally disabled person may make application to the secretary of social and health services for the payment of all, or a portion of, the monthly cost of care, treatment, maintenance, support and training of such mentally retarded or developmentally disabled person, whether in a day training center or a group training home or a combination thereof or otherwise, approved by the department. In determining eligibility and the amount of payment, the secretary shall make special provision for group training homes where parents are required to provide some of the care and training of the person. The special provisions shall include establishing eligibility requirements for a person placed in such a group training home to have a parent able and willing to provide some of the care and training of the person. The secretary, after investigation, may accept or reject the application, and, if accepted, shall determine the extent and type of care and training and the amount which the department will pay, based upon the needs of such mentally retarded or developmentally disabled person and the ability of the parent or the guardian to pay, or contribute to the payment of the monthly cost of such care and training. The secretary, may, upon application of such parent or guardian, after investigation of the ability or inability of such persons to pay, or without application being made, modify the amount of the monthly payments to be paid by the department of social and health services for the care and training of such mentally retarded or developmentally disabled persons whether