

Section 2 of this bill calls for Senate confirmation of the Chairman of the Commission. Senate confirmation of gubernatorial appointees should not be routinely required but should be reserved for major agencies and members of major boards and commissions. It has become obvious that the great number of Senate confirmations now required by law presents an administrative difficulty for both the Senate and the executive branch. More prudent use of Senate confirmation is desirable. Insofar as the Director of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission answers to, and carries out the orders of, the Commission itself, there is sufficient accountability for the Director's performance. For these reasons I have vetoed section 2.

With the exception of section 2, which is vetoed, Substitute Senate Bill No. 3538 is approved."

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## CHAPTER 15

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3163]

### JAPANESE STATE EMPLOYEES JOB LOSS REPARATION PROCEDURES

AN ACT Relating to reparations for certain state employees; adding a new chapter to Title 41 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The dismissal or termination of various state employees during World War II resulted from the promulgation of federal Executive Order 9066 which was based mainly on fear and suspicion rather than on factual justification. It is fair and just that reparations be made to those employees who were terminated from state employment during the wartime years because of these circumstances. The legislature therefore finds that equity and fairness will be served by authorizing the filing of claims with the state for salary losses suffered by the state employees directly affected, and by authorizing the payment thereof, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Any state employee or the living surviving spouse of a state employee who, due to the promulgation of federal Executive Order 9066, was dismissed, terminated from a temporary position, or rejected during the person's probationary period, or who voluntarily resigned in lieu of dismissal from state government employment, and who incurred salary losses as a result thereof, is eligible to file a claim with the state for the reparation of those losses.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A claim under this chapter may be submitted to the department of personnel for the reparation of salary losses suffered during the years 1942 through 1947. The claim shall be supported by appropriate verification, such as the person's name at the time of the dismissal, the name of the employing department, and a social security number, or by evidence of official action of termination. The claimant shall also provide an address to which the department shall mail notification of its determination regarding the claimant's eligibility.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) The department of personnel shall determine the eligibility of a claimant to receive reparations authorized by this chapter. The department shall then notify the claimant by mail of its determination regarding the claimant's eligibility.

(2) The department may adopt rules that will assist in the fair determination of eligibility and the processing of claims. The department, however, has no obligation to directly notify any person of possible eligibility for reparation of salary losses under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A claimant under this chapter who is determined eligible by the department of personnel shall receive two thousand five hundred dollars each year for two years. All claims which the department determines are eligible for reparation shall be immediately forwarded to the state treasurer, who shall issue warrants in the appropriate amounts upon demand and verification of identity. If a claimant dies after filing a claim but before receiving full payment, payments shall be made to the claimant's estate upon demand and verification of identity.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 2 through 5 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 41 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. There is appropriated to the department of personnel from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1985, the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act.

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Passed the House May 6, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 16

[Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 3272]

### DEATH INVESTIGATIONS COUNCIL—STATE TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY—MEDICAL EXAMINERS—COUNTY CORONERS—DENTAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

AN ACT Relating to death investigations; amending section 13, chapter 188, Laws of 1953 as last amended by section 1, chapter 84, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 63.08-.107; amending section 43.20.090, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 52, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 43.20A.630; amending section 9, chapter 94, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 4, chapter 132, Laws of 1981 and RCW 43.101.090; amending section 10, chapter 94, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 5, chapter 132, Laws of 1981 and RCW 43.101.100; amending section 1, chapter 90, Laws of 1917 and RCW 68.12.010; amending section 7, chapter 188, Laws of 1953 as amended by section 3, chapter 178, Laws of 1963 and RCW 68.08.104; adding a new section to chapter 43.79 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 68.08 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; making appropriations; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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