CHAPTER 367

[House Bill No. 707]

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT—WASHINGTON CONSERVATION CORPS—PROGRAM GOALS PRIORITIZED—CONTRACT REVISIONS

AN ACT Relating to the Washington conservation corps; amending RCW 43.220.030, 43.220.040, 43.220.190, 43.220.210, and 43.220.900; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. Section 3, chapter 40, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43-.220.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Program goals of the Washington conservation corps include:

- (1) Conservation, rehabilitation, and enhancement of the state's natural, historic, environmental, and recreational resources with emphasis given to projects which address the following state-wide priorities:
 - (a) Timber, fish and wildlife management plan;
 - (b) Watershed management plan;
 - (c) 1989 centennial celebration and tourism;
 - (d) Puget Sound water quality;
 - (e) United States-Canada fisheries treaty;
- (f) Public access to and environmental education about natural resources through recreational facilities;
 - (g) Recreational trails;
- (2) Development of the state's youth resources through meaningful work experiences;
- (3) Making outdoor and historic resources of the state available for public enjoyment;
- (4) Teaching of the workings of natural, environmental, and biological systems, as well as basic employment skills;
- (5) Assisting agencies in carrying out statutory assignments with limited funding resources; and
 - (6) Providing needed public services in both urban and rural settings.
- Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 40, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43-.220.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

- (1) "Public lands" means any lands or waters, or interests therein, owned or administered by any agency or instrumentality of the state, federal, or local government.
 - (2) "Corps" means the Washington conservation corps.
- (3) "Corps member" means an individual enrolled in the Washington conservation corps.

- (4) "Corps member leaders" or "specialists" means members of the corps who serve in leadership or training capacities or who provide specialized services other than or in addition to the types of work and services that are performed by the corps members in general.
- (5) "Council" means the Washington conservation corps coordinating council.
- Sec. 3. Section 20, chapter 40, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.220.190 are each amended to read as follows:

The agencies listed in RCW 43.220.020 shall convene a conservation corps coordinating council to meet as needed ((on the call of the employment security department)) to establish consistent work standards and placement and evaluation procedures of corps programs. The coordinating council shall be composed of administrative personnel of the ((implementing)) agencies. The coordinating council shall serve to reconcile problems that arise in the implementation of the corps programs and develop coordination procedures for emergency responses of corps members.

Sec. 4. Section 1, chapter 230, Laws of 1985 and RCW 43.220.210 are each amended to read as follows:

The ((department of employment security)) Washington conservation corps coordinating council shall select, review, approve, and evaluate the success of projects ((and work agreements)) under this chapter ((and chapter 50.65 RCW. The Washington conservation corps coordinating council; as created by RCW 43.220.190 shall recommend work projects to the employment security department for approval)).

Up to fifteen percent of funds spent for recruitment, job training and placement services shall, wherever possible, be contracted through local educational institutions and/or nonprofit corporations.

Such contracts may include, but not be limited to, general education development testing, preparation of resumes and job search skills.

All contracts or agreements entered into by agencies listed in RCW 43.220.020 shall be reviewed by the council for compliance with legislative intent as set forth in this section.

Sec. 5. Section 22, chapter 40, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.220.900 are each amended to read as follows:

The Washington conservation corps shall cease to exist and chapter 43.220 RCW shall expire on July 1, ((1987)) 1995, unless extended by law for an additional fixed period of time.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. 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.

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CHAPTER 368

[Senate Bill No. 5159] PUGET ISLAND—WESTPORT FERRY

AN ACT Relating to the Puget Island-Westport ferry; amending RCW 47.56.720; declaring an emergency; and providing an effective date.

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

- Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 254, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as last amended by section 285, chapter 7, Laws of 1984 and RCW 47.56.720 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The legislature finds that the ferry operated by Wahkiakum county between Puget Island and Westport on the Columbia river provides service which is primarily local in nature with secondary benefits to the state highway system in providing a bypass for state route 4 and providing the only crossing of the Columbia river between the Astoria-Megler bridge and the Longview bridge.
- (2) The department is hereby authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with Wahkiakum county pursuant to which the department shall pay to Wahkiakum county from moneys appropriated for such purpose the sum of one thousand dollars per month to be used in the operation and maintenance of the Puget Island ferry, commencing July 1, 1971.

Subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, the department is authorized to include in the continuing agreement a provision to reimburse Wahkiakum county for ((sixty)) eighty percent of the deficit incurred during each previous fiscal year in the operation and maintenance of the ferry, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, ((1972)) 1987. The state's ((sixty)) eighty percent share of the annual operating and maintenance deficit shall include the one thousand dollars per month authorized in this subsection.

(3) The annual deficit, if any, incurred in the operation and maintenance of the ferry shall be determined by Wahkiakum county subject to the approval of the department. If ((sixty)) eighty percent of the deficit for the preceding fiscal year exceeds the total amount paid to the county for that year, the additional amount shall be paid to the county by the department upon the receipt of a properly executed voucher. ((: PROVIDED, That