The House was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding). The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

The flag was escorted to the rostrum by a Sergeant at Arms Color Guard, Pages Rachael Lee and Cassie Hollowell. The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was offered by Pastor Jim Dunson, Centralia First Presbyterian Church.

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) called upon Representative Linville to preside.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE
March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1069,
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1384,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2033,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2681,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2704,
and the same are herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary
March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The President has signed:

SENATE BILL NO. 6139,
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 6152,
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 6159,
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 6169,
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6185,
SENATE BILL NO. 6208,
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 6236,
SENATE BILL NO. 6338,
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6359,
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6406,
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6480,
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 6537,
SENATE BILL NO. 6549,
SENATE BILL NO. 6576,
SENATE BILL NO. 6593,
and the same are herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary
March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The President has signed SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2292, and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary
March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The President has signed:

THIRD SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1458,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2338,
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2340,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2344,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2367,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2372,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2376,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2406,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2454,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2538,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2538,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2608,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2676,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2684,
and the same are herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary
March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The President has signed:

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2418,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2759,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2776,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2829,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2897,
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2910,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3024,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3150,
HOUSE BILL NO. 3190,
HOUSE BILL NO. 3266,
HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4038,

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6885, and passed the bills as amended by the House.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House advanced to the sixth order of business.

SECOND READING

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6141, By Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Environment (originally sponsored by Senator Honeyford)

Including the value of wind turbine facilities in the property tax levy limit calculation.

The bill was read the second time.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Representatives Hunter and Orcutt spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6141.

MOTIONS

On motion of Representative Santos, Representative Schual-Berke was excused. On motion of Representative Serben, Representative Campbell was excused.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6141 and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 96, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 2.


Excused: Representatives Campbell and Schual-Berke - 2.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6141, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6175, By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen; by request of Department of Natural Resources)

Concerning the regulation of surface mining.

The bill was read the second time.

There being no objection, the committee amendment by the Committee on Appropriations was not adopted. (For Committee amendment, see Journal, 50th Day, February 27, 2006.)

With the consent of the House, amendment (1106) was withdrawn.

Representative B. Sullivan moved the adoption of amendment (1096):

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 78.44.085 and 2001 1st sp.s. c 5 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) An applicant for ((a)) an expansion of a permitted surface mine, a new reclamation permit under RCW 78.44.081, or for combining existing public or private reclamation permits, shall pay a nonrefundable application fee to the department before being granted ((a surface mining)) the requested permit or permit
expansion. The amount of the application fee shall be ((one)) two thousand five hundred dollars.

(2) Permit holders submitting a revision to an application for an existing reclamation plan that is not an expansion shall pay a nonrefundable reclamation plan revision fee of one thousand dollars.

(3) After June 30, ((2004)) 2006, each public or private permit holder shall pay an annual permit fee ((of one thousand dollars)) in an amount pursuant to this section. The annual permit fee shall be payable to the department prior to the reclamation permit being issued and on the ((first)) anniversary of the permit date ((and)) each year thereafter.

(4)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each public or private permit holder must pay an annual fee under this section based on the categories of aggregate or mineral mined or extracted during the previous twelve months, as follows:

   (i) Zero to fifty thousand tons: A fee of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars;

   (ii) More than fifty thousand tons to three hundred fifty thousand tons: A fee of two thousand dollars;

   (iii) More than three hundred fifty thousand tons: A fee of three thousand dollars.

(b) Annual fees paid by a county for mines used exclusively for public works projects and having less than seven acres of disturbed area per mine shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

c) Annual fees are waived for all mines used primarily for public works projects if the mines are owned and primarily operated by counties with 1993 populations of less than twenty thousand persons, and if each mine has less than seven acres of disturbed area.

(((5))) (5) Any production records, mineral assessments, and trade secrets submitted by a permit holder, mine operator, or landowner to the department are to be held as confidential and not released as part of a public records request under chapter 42.56 RCW.

(6) Appeals from any determination of the department shall not stay the requirement to pay any annual permit fee. Failure to pay the annual fees may constitute grounds for an order to suspend surface mining, pay fines, or ((cancellation of)) cancel the reclamation permit as provided in this chapter.

(((7))) (7) All fees collected by the department shall be deposited into the surface mining reclamation account created in RCW 78.44.045.

(((8))) (8) If the department delegates enforcement responsibilities to a county, city, or town, the department may allocate funds collected under this section to the county, city, or town.

(((9))) (9) Within sixty days after receipt of ((a)) an application for a new or expanded permit, the department shall advise applicants of any information necessary to successfully complete the application.

(10) In addition to other enforcement authority, the department may refer matters to a collection agency licensed under chapter 19.16 RCW when permit fees or fines are past due. The collection agency may impose its own fees for collecting delinquent permit fees or fines.

Sec. 2. RCW 78.44.045 and 1993 c 518 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

((1))) (1) The surface mining reclamation account is created in the state treasury. Annual mining fees, funds received by the department from state, local, or federal agencies for research purposes, as well as other mine-related funds and fines received by the department shall be deposited into this account. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the surface mine reclamation account may be used by the department only to:

   ((a))) (a) Administer its regulatory program pursuant to this chapter;

   ((b))) (b) Undertake research relating to surface mine regulation, reclamation of surface mine lands, and related issues; and

   ((c))) (c) Cover costs arising from appeals from determinations made under this chapter.

(2) At the end of each fiscal biennium, any money collected from fees charged under RCW 78.44.085 that was not used for the administration and enforcement of surface mining regulation under this chapter must be used by the department for surveying and mapping sand and gravel sites in the state.

(3) Fines, interest, and other penalties collected by the department under the provisions of this chapter shall be used to reclaim surface mines abandoned prior to 1971.
reclamation according to the approved reclamation plan or minimum standards and related administrative overhead for the area to be surface mined during (a) the next twelve-month period, (b) the following twenty-four months, and (c) any previously disturbed areas on which the reclamation has not been satisfactorily completed and approved) must determine the amount of the performance security as prescribed by this subsection.

(b) The department may determine the amount of the performance security based on the estimated cost of: (i) Completing reclamation according to the requirements of this chapter; or (ii) the reclamation permit for the area to be surface mined during the upcoming thirty-six months and any previously disturbed areas that have not been reclaimed.

(c) The department may determine the amount of the performance security based on an engineering cost estimate for reclamation that is provided by the permit holder. The engineering cost estimate must be prepared using engineering principles and methods that are acceptable to the department. If the department does not approve the engineering cost estimate, the department shall determine the amount of the performance security using a standardized performance security formula developed by the department by rule.

((5)) (6) The department may ((increase or decrease the amount of the performance security at any time to compensate for a change in the disturbed area, the depth of excavation, a modification of the reclamation plan, or any other alteration in the conditions of the mine that affects the cost of reclamation. The department may, for any reason, refuse any performance security not deemed adequate)) recalculate a surface mine's performance security based on subsection (5) of this section. When the department recalculates a performance security, the new calculation will not be prejudiced by the existence of any previous calculation. A new performance security must be submitted to the department within thirty days of the department's written request.

((6)) (7) Liability under the performance security and the permit holder's obligation to maintain the calculated performance security amount shall be maintained until (reclamation is completed according to the approved reclamation plan to the satisfaction of the department) the surface mine is reclaimed, unless released as hereinafter provided. Partial drawings will proportionately reduce the value of a performance security but will not extinguish the remaining value. Liability under the performance security may be released only (upon written notification by the department: Notification shall be given upon completion of compliance or acceptance by the department of a substitute performance security) when the surface mine is reclaimed as evidenced by the department in writing or after the department receives and approves a substitute performance security. The department will notify the permit holder, and surety if applicable, when reclamation is accepted by the department as complete or upon the department's acceptance of an alternate security. The liability of the surety shall not exceed the amount of security required by this section and the department's reasonable legal fees to recover the security.

((7)) (8) Any interest or appreciation on the performance security shall be held by the department until (reclamation is completed to its satisfaction. At such time, the interest shall be remitted to the permit holder, except that such interest or appreciation may be used by the department to effect reclamation in the event that the permit holder fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter and the costs of reclamation exceed the face value of the performance security)) the surface mine is reclaimed. The department may collect and use appreciation or interest accrued on a performance security to the same extent as for the underlying performance security. If the permit holder meets its obligations under this chapter, rules adopted under this chapter, and its approved reclamation permit and plan by completing reclamation, the department will return any unused performance security and accrued interest or appreciation.

((8)) (9) No other state agency or local government other than the department shall require performance security for the purposes of surface mine reclamation. However, nothing in this section prohibits a state agency or local government from requiring a performance security when the state agency or local government is acting in its capacity as a landowner and contracting for extraction-related activities on state or local government property.

(10) The department may enter into written agreements with federal agencies in order to avoid redundant bonding of any surface ((mines standing boundaries between federally controlled and other lands within)) mine that is located on both federal and nonfederal lands in Washington state.

((9)) When acting in its capacity as a regulator, no other state agency or local government may require a surface mining operation regulated under this chapter to post performance security unless that state agency or local government has express statutory authority to do so. A state agency's or local government's general authority to protect the public health, safety, and welfare does not constitute express statutory authority to require a performance security. However, nothing in this section prohibits a state agency or local government from requiring a performance security when the state agency or local government is acting in its capacity as a landowner and contracting for extraction-related activities on state or local government property.

NEW SECTION Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 78.44 RCW to read as follows:

(1) A permit holder, in lieu of an individual performance security for each mining site, may file a blanket performance security with the department for their group of permits.

(2) The department may reduce the required performance security calculated from its standard method prescribed in RCW 78.44.087, to an amount not to exceed the sum of reclamation security calculated by the department for the two surface mines with the largest performance security obligations, for nonmetal and nonfuel surface mines that meet the following conditions:

(a) The permit holder has had a valid reclamation permit for more than ten years and can demonstrate exemplary mining and reclamation practices that have been accepted by the department;

(b) The landowner agrees to allow the permit holder to hold a blanket security. The department must include, on forms to be signed by the landowner, notice of the risk of a lien on the landowner's lands;

(c) The permit holder can demonstrate substantial financial ability to perform the reclamation in the approved reclamation plan and permit.

(3) Permit holders are not eligible for blanket securities if they are in violation of a final order of the department.

(4) The department must consider the compliance history and the state of the existing surface mines of the permit holder before approving any blanket performance security.

(5) Lands covered by a blanket performance security are subject to a lien placed by the department in the event of abandonment.

(6) In lieu of the performance security required of the permit holder, the department may accept a similar security from the landowner, equal to the estimated cost of reclamation as determined by the department.
NEW SECTION.  Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 78.44 RCW to read as follows:

(1) To the extent a performance security is insufficient to cover the cost of reclamation performed by the department, a lien shall be established in favor of the department upon all of the permit holder's real and personal property.

(2) The lien attaches upon the filing of a notice of claim of lien with the county clerk of the county in which the property is located. The notice of lien claim must contain a true statement of the demand, the insufficiency of the performance security to compensate the department, and the failure of the permit holder to perform the reclamation required.

(3) The lien becomes effective when filed.

(4) The lien created by this section may be foreclosed by a suit in the superior court in the manner provided by law for the foreclosure of other liens on real or personal property.

Sec. 6. RCW 42.56.270 and 2005 c 274 s 407 are each amended to read as follows:

The following financial, commercial, and proprietary information is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

(1) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five years of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce private gain and public loss;

(2) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (b) highway construction or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070;

(3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects under RCW 43.23.035;

(4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by businesses or individuals during application for loans or program services provided by chapters 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, and 43.168 RCW, or during application for economic development loans or program services provided by any local agency;

(5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports, and any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

(6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state investment board by any person when the information relates to the investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the providers of this information;

(7) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120;

(8) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington center in applications for; or delivery of, program services under chapter 70.95H RCW;

(9) Financial and commercial information requested by the public stadium authority from any person or organization that leases or uses the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010;

(10) Financial information, including but not limited to account numbers and values, and other identification numbers supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other entity related to an application for a liquor license, gambling license, or lottery retail license;

(11) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other information that relates to: (a) A vendor's unique methods of conducting business; (b) data unique to the product or services of the vendor; or (c) determining prices or rates to be charged for services, submitted by any vendor to the department of social and health services for purposes of the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased health care as defined in RCW 41.05.011; (and)

(12)(a) When supplied to and in the records of the department of community, trade, and economic development:

(i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any person and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic development pursuant to RCW 43.330.050(8) and 43.330.080(4); and

(ii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any person and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic development or the office of the governor in connection with the siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that person's business and until a siting decision is made, identifying information of any person supplying information under this subsection and the locations being considered for siting, relocation, or expansion of a business;

(b) When developed by the department of community, trade, and economic development based on information as described in (a)(i) of this subsection, any work product is not exempt from disclosure;

(c) For the purposes of this subsection, "siting decision" means the decision to acquire or not to acquire a site;

(d) If there is no written contact for a period of sixty days to the department of community, trade, and economic development from a person connected with siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that person's business, information described in (a)(ii) of this subsection will be available to the public under this chapter;

(13) Any production records, mineral assessments, and trade secrets submitted by a permit holder, mine operator, or landowner to the department of natural resources under RCW 78.44.085.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 7. Section 6 of this act takes effect July 1, 2006.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 8. The department of natural resources shall establish a surface mining advisory committee that will recommend effective methods of accomplishing reclamation and address other issues deemed appropriate by the committee for the effective administration of chapter 78.44 RCW. The committee is comprised of but not limited to representatives of mining interests, state and local government, environmental groups, and private landowners. The state geologist will select the members of the committee. The department of natural resources must submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature containing the committee's findings by September 1, 2006."

On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "program;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 78.44.085, 78.44.045, 78.44.087, and 42.56.270; adding new sections to chapter 78.44 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date."
WHEREAS, In the last ten years, the Republic of India has moved onto the global stage as the largest democracy in the world with the largest middle-class, thus representing significant market potential for Washington businesses; and

WHEREAS, In the last decade, trade delegations from Washington State have twice visited India, building successful trade alliances and opening markets for Washington businesses; and

WHEREAS, The 2003 Secretary of State's trade mission to India was vital in assisting Washington supercomputer manufacturer Cray Inc. close a deal with the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, the first of several subsequent Cray supercomputer sales that marked the reopening of India as a significant high technology market; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, Hemant S. Sonawala received his Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington and went on to found the Hinditron Group of Companies; and

WHEREAS, Hemant Sonawala was instrumental in coordinating the 2003 Washington State trade mission to India and now leads a return delegation to Washington to further explore mutual business and trade interests, strengthen our cultural relations, and promote Washington as a great place to do business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize Hemant Sonawala for his contributions to building positive and productive trade relations between Washington State and India, and his fellow delegation members, all leaders in their respective fields of business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Mr. Hemant S. Sonawala and the sixteen members of the 2006 Indo-American Chamber of Commerce Delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4716 was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2475, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 74.39A.270 and 2004 c 3 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Solely for the purposes of collective bargaining and as expressly limited under subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the governor is the public employer, as defined in chapter 41.56 RCW, of individual providers, who, solely for the purposes of collective bargaining, are public employees as defined in chapter 41.56 RCW. To accommodate the role of the state as payor for the community-based services provided under this chapter and to ensure coordination
with state employee collective bargaining under chapter 41.80 RCW and the coordination necessary to implement RCW 74.39A.300, the public employer shall be represented for bargaining purposes by the governor or the governor's designee appointed under chapter 41.80 RCW. The governor or governor's designee shall periodically consult with the authority during the collective bargaining process to allow the authority to communicate issues relating to the long-term in-home care services received by consumers. The governor or governor's designee shall include representatives of the authority on the bargaining team for all issues for which the exclusive bargaining representative requests to engage in collective bargaining under subsection (6) of this section. The authority shall work with the developmental disabilities council, the governor's committee on disability issues and employment, the state council on aging, and other consumer advocacy organizations to obtain informed input from consumers on their interests, including impacts on consumer choice, for all issues proposed for collective bargaining under subsection (6) of this section.

(2) Chapter 41.56 RCW governs the collective bargaining relationship between the governor and individual providers, except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter and except as follows:

(a) The only unit appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining under RCW 41.56.060 is a statewide unit of all individual providers;

(b) The showing of interest required to request an election under RCW 41.56.060 is ten percent of the unit, and any intervener seeking to appear on the ballot must make the same showing of interest;

(c) With respect to commencement of negotiations between the governor and the bargaining representative of individual providers, negotiations shall be commenced by May 1st of any year prior to the year in which an existing collective bargaining agreement expires;

(ii) With respect to factors to be taken into consideration by an interest arbitration panel, the panel shall consider the financial ability of the state to pay for the compensation and fringe benefit provisions of a collective bargaining agreement; and

(iii) The decision of the arbitration panel is not binding on the legislature and, if the legislature does not approve the request for funds necessary to implement the compensation and fringe benefit provisions of the arbitrated collective bargaining agreement, is not binding on the authority or the state;

(d) Individual providers do not have the right to strike; and

(e) Individual providers who are related to, or family members of, consumers or prospective consumers are not, for that reason, exempt from this chapter or chapter 41.56 RCW.

(3) Individual providers who are public employees solely for the purposes of collective bargaining under subsection (1) of this section are not, for that reason, employees of the state, its political subdivisions, or an area agency on aging for any purpose. Chapter 41.56 RCW applies only to the governance of the collective bargaining relationship between the employer and individual providers as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(4) Consumers and prospective consumers retain the right to select, hire, supervise the work of, and terminate any individual provider providing services to them. Consumers may elect to receive long-term in-home care services from individual providers who are not referred to them by the authority.

(5) In implementing and administering this chapter, neither the authority nor any of its contractors may reduce or increase the hours of service for any consumer below or above the amount determined to be necessary under any assessment prepared by the department or an area agency on aging.

(6) Except as expressly limited in this section and RCW 74.39A.300, the wages, hours, and working conditions of individual providers are determined solely through collective bargaining as provided in this chapter. No agency or department of the state other than the authority may establish policies or rules governing the wages or hours of individual providers. However, this subsection does not modify:

(a) The department's authority to establish a plan of care for each consumer or to determine the hours or its core responsibility to manage long-term-in-home care services under this chapter, including determination of the level of care that each consumer is eligible to receive. However, at the request of the exclusive bargaining representative, the governor or the governor's designee appointed under chapter 41.80 RCW shall engage in collective bargaining, as defined in RCW 41.56.030(4), with the exclusive bargaining representative over how the department's core responsibility affects hours of work for individual providers. This subsection shall not be interpreted to require collective bargaining over an individual consumer's plan of care;

(b) The department's authority to terminate its contracts with individual providers who are not adequately meeting the needs of a particular consumer, or to deny a contract under RCW 74.39A.095(8);

(c) The consumer's right to assign hours to one or more individual providers selected by the consumer within the maximum hours determined by his or her plan of care;

(d) The consumer's right to select, hire, terminate, supervise the work of, and determine the conditions of employment for each individual provider providing services to the consumer under this chapter;

(e) The department's obligation to comply with the federal medicaid statute and regulations and the terms of any community-based waiver granted by the federal department of health and human services and to ensure federal financial participation in the provision of the services; and

(f) The legislature's right to make programmatic modifications to the delivery of state services under this title, including standards of eligibility of consumers and individual providers participating in the programs under this title, and the nature of services provided. The governor shall not enter into, extend, or renew any agreement under this chapter that does not expressly reserve the legislative rights described in this subsection (6)(f).

(7)(a) The state, the department, the authority, the area agencies on aging, or their contractors under this chapter may not be held vicariously or jointly liable for the action or inaction of any individual provider or prospective individual provider, whether or not that individual provider or prospective individual provider was included on the authority's referral registry or referred to a consumer or prospective consumer. The existence of a collective bargaining agreement, the placement of an individual provider on the referral registry, or the development or approval of a plan of care for a consumer who chooses to use the services of an individual provider and the provision of case management services to that consumer, by the department or an area agency on aging, does not constitute a special relationship with the consumer.

(b) The members of the board are immune from any liability resulting from implementation of this chapter.

(8) Nothing in this section affects the state's responsibility with respect to unemployment insurance for individual providers. However, individual providers are not to be considered, as a result of the state assuming this responsibility, employees of the state.
NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "providers;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.39A.270; and declaring an emergency."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House did not to concur in the Senate Amendment to ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2475 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2481, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that access to insurance can be imperiled by the response of insurers to criminal acts. Rather than allow criminals to achieve their objectives, it is the intent of the legislature that criminals, through criminal acts, should not dictate insurance underwriting decisions. It is the intent of the legislature that courts should use restitution from perpetrators of intentional property crimes to make property owners and insurers whole.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 48.18 RCW to read as follows:

(1) For the purposes of this section:
   (a) "Arson" has the same meaning as in chapter 9A.48 RCW.
   (b) "Health care facility" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 48.43.005.
   (c) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 48.43.005.
   (d) "Insured" means a current policyholder or a person or entity that is covered under the insurance policy.
   (e) A perpetrator does not have to be identified for an act of arson or malicious mischief to have occurred.
   (f) "Malicious mischief" has the same meaning as in chapter 9A.48 RCW.
   (g) "Underwriting action" means an insurer:
      (i) Cancels or refuses to renew an insurance policy; or
      (ii) Changes the terms or benefits in an insurance policy.
   (2) This section applies to property insurance policies if the insured is:
      (a) A health care facility;
      (b) An independent health care clinic;
      (c) A health care provider;
      (d) A religious organization;
      (e) A commercial, research, or educational organization that uses animals or plants for food, fiber production, agriculture, breeding, processing, research, or testing;
      (f) A commercial, research, or educational organization that uses, purchases, or offers for sale a product that contains animal or plant material.

(3) An insurer may not take an underwriting action on a policy described in subsection (2) of this section because an insured has made one or more insurance claims for any loss that occurred during the preceding sixty months that is the result of arson or malicious mischief. An insurer may take an underwriting action due to other factors that are not prohibited by this subsection.

(4) If an insured sustains a loss that is the result of arson or malicious mischief, the insured must file a report with the police or other law enforcement authority within thirty days of discovery of the incident, and a law enforcement authority must determine that a crime has occurred. The report must contain sufficient information to provide an insurer with reasonable notice that the loss was the result of arson or malicious mischief. The insured has a duty to cooperate with any law enforcement official or insurer investigation.

(5) Annually, each insurer must report underwriting actions to the commissioner if the insurer has taken an underwriting action against any insured who has filed a claim during the preceding sixty months that was the result of arson or malicious mischief. The report must include the policy number, name of the insured, location of the property, and the reason for the underwriting action.

Sec. 3. RCW 9A.56.200 and 2002 c 85 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of robbery in the first degree if:
   (a) In the commission of a robbery or of immediate flight therefrom, he or she:
      (i) Is armed with a deadly weapon; or
      (ii) Displays what appears to be a firearm or other deadly weapon; or
      (iii) Inflicts bodily injury; or
   (b) He or she commits a robbery within and against a financial institution as defined in RCW 7.88.010 or 35.38.060. Evidence showing that the establishment robbed was a financial institution is not required when "bank," "savings and loan," "trust," "payday," or "credit union" appears in the name of the establishment.

(2) Robbery in the first degree is a class A felony."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the remainder of the title and insert "insuring victims of crimes and robbery in the first degree; amending RCW 9A.56.200; adding a new section to chapter 48.18 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2481 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 1, 2006
Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1151, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1)(a) A joint select committee on regulation of private ownership of exotic wild animals is established. The joint select committee shall consist of the following members:
(i) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;
(ii) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
(b) The four appointed members shall involve interested parties as appropriate.
(2) The committee shall conduct a study concerning the regulation of the private ownership of exotic wild animals. The study shall include, but not be limited to:
(a) Identifying animals that may be considered dangerous as pets and the criteria used to identify an animal as one that may be considered dangerous as a pet;
(b) Identifying the potential harm an exotic wild animal may cause if privately owned, and how the risk of such harm may affect an owner's ability to qualify for and receive insurance;
(c) Identifying whether the private ownership of exotic wild animals should be regulated or banned, and how a state law regulating or banning the private ownership of exotic wild animals may affect other state and local laws regulating or banning the private ownership of such animals;
(d) Identifying laws in other states that regulate or ban the private ownership of exotic wild animals, and whether such laws have been effective in reducing the injuries or damages that can be caused by the private ownership of exotic wild animals; and
(e) Identifying the ways in which local jurisdictions and public agencies may act to protect the public against possible health and safety threats of owning exotic wild animals.
(3)(a) The committee shall use legislative facilities, and staff support shall be provided by senate committee services and the house of representatives office of program research.
(b) Legislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.
(4) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by November 15, 2006.
(5) This section expires July 1, 2007."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "animals;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1151 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1080, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 9A.42.010 and 1997 c 392 s 508 are each amended to read as follows:
As used in this chapter:
(1) "Basic necessities of life" means food, water, shelter, clothing, and medically necessary health care, including but not limited to health-related treatment or activities, hygiene, oxygen, and medication.
(2)(a) "Bodily injury" means physical pain or injury, illness, or an impairment of physical condition;
(b) "Substantial bodily harm" means bodily injury which involves a temporary but substantial disfigurement, or which causes a temporary but substantial loss or impairment of the function of any bodily part or organ, or which causes a fracture of any bodily part;
(c) "Great bodily harm" means bodily injury which creates a high probability of death, or which causes serious permanent disfigurement, or which causes a permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily part or organ.
(3) "Child" means a person under eighteen years of age.
(4) "Dependent person" means a person who, because of physical or mental disability, or because of extreme advanced age, is dependent upon another person to provide the basic necessities of life. A resident of a nursing home, as defined in RCW 18.51.010, a resident of an adult family home, as defined in RCW 70.128.010, and a frail elder or vulnerable adult, as defined in RCW 74.34.020(((#))) (13), is presumed to be a dependent person for purposes of this chapter.
(5) "Employed" means hired by a dependent person, another person acting on behalf of a dependent person, or by an organization or governmental entity, to provide to a dependent person any of the basic necessities of life. A person may be "employed" regardless of whether the person is paid for the services or, if paid, regardless of who pays for the person's services.
(6) "Parent" has its ordinary meaning and also includes a guardian and the authorized agent of a parent or guardian.
(7) "Abandons" means leaving a child another dependent person without the means or ability to obtain one or more of the basic necessities of life.
(8) "Good samaritan" means any individual or group of individuals who: (a) Is not related to the dependent person; (b) voluntarily provides assistance or services of any type to the dependent person; (c) is not paid, given gifts, or made a beneficiary of any assets valued at five hundred dollars or more, for any reason, by the dependent person, the dependent person's family, or the dependent person's estate; and (d) does not commit or attempt to commit any other crime against the dependent person or the dependent person's estate.

Sec. 2. RCW 9A.42.020 and 1997 c 392 s 510 are each amended to read as follows:
(1) A parent of a child, the person entrusted with the physical custody of a child or dependent person, a person who has assumed the responsibility to provide to a dependent person the basic necessities of life, or a person employed to provide to the child or dependent person the basic necessities of life is guilty of criminal mistreatment in the first degree if he or she recklessly, as defined in RCW 9A.08.010, causes great bodily harm to a child or dependent person by withholding any of the basic necessities of life.

(2) Criminal mistreatment in the first degree is a class B felony.

Sec. 3. RCW 9A.42.030 and 1997 c 392 s 511 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A parent of a child, the person entrusted with the physical custody of a child or dependent person, a person who has assumed the responsibility to provide to a dependent person the basic necessities of life, or a person employed to provide to the child or dependent person the basic necessities of life is guilty of criminal mistreatment in the second degree if he or she recklessly, as defined in RCW 9A.08.010, either (a) creates an imminent and substantial risk of death or great bodily harm, or (b) causes substantial bodily harm by withholding any of the basic necessities of life.

(2) Criminal mistreatment in the second degree is a class C felony.

Sec. 4. RCW 9A.42.035 and 2000 c 76 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of the crime of criminal mistreatment in the third degree if the person is the parent of a child, is a person entrusted with the physical custody of a child or other dependent person, is a person who has assumed the responsibility to provide to a dependent person the basic necessities of life, or is a person employed to provide to the child or dependent person the basic necessities of life, and either:

(a) With criminal negligence, creates an imminent and substantial risk of bodily harm to a child or dependent person by withholding any of the basic necessities of life; or

(b) With criminal negligence, causes substantial bodily harm to a child or dependent person by withholding any of the basic necessities of life.

(2) For purposes of this section, "a person who has assumed the responsibility to provide to a dependent person the basic necessities of life" means a person other than: (a) A government agency that regularly provides assistance or services to dependent persons, including but not limited to the department of social and health services; or (b) a good samaritan as defined in RCW 9A.42.010.

(3) Criminal mistreatment in the third degree is a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. RCW 9A.42.037 and 2002 c 219 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of the crime of criminal mistreatment in the fourth degree if the person is the parent of a child, is a person entrusted with the physical custody of a child or other dependent person, is a person who has assumed the responsibility to provide to a dependent person the basic necessities of life, or is a person employed to provide to the child or dependent person the basic necessities of life, and either:

(a) With criminal negligence, creates an imminent and substantial risk of bodily injury to a child or dependent person by withholding any of the basic necessities of life; or

(b) With criminal negligence, causes bodily injury or extreme emotional distress manifested by more than transient physical symptoms to a child or dependent person by withholding the basic necessities of life.

(2) For purposes of this section, "a person who has assumed the responsibility to provide to a dependent person the basic necessities of life" means a person other than: (a) A government agency that regularly provides assistance or services to dependent persons, including but not limited to the department of social and health services; or (b) a good samaritan as defined in RCW 9A.42.010.

(3) Criminal mistreatment in the fourth degree is a misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. RCW 9A.42.060 and 2002 c 331 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person is guilty of the crime of abandonment of a dependent person in the first degree if:

(a) The person is the parent of a child, a person entrusted with the physical custody of a child or other dependent person, a person who has assumed the responsibility to provide to a dependent person the basic necessities of life, or a person employed to provide to the child or other dependent person any of the basic necessities of life;

(b) The person recklessly abandons the child or other dependent person; and

(c) As a result of being abandoned, the child or other dependent person suffers great bodily harm.

(2) A parent of a newborn who transfers the newborn to a qualified person at an appropriate location pursuant to RCW 13.34.360 is not subject to criminal liability under this section.

(3) Abandonment of a dependent person in the first degree is a class B felony.

Sec. 7. RCW 9A.42.070 and 2002 c 331 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person is guilty of the crime of abandonment of a dependent person in the second degree if:

(a) The person is the parent of a child, a person entrusted with the physical custody of a child or other dependent person, a person who has assumed the responsibility to provide to a dependent person the basic necessities of life, or a person employed to provide to the child or other dependent person any of the basic necessities of life; and

(b) The person recklessly abandons the child or other dependent person; and:

(i) As a result of being abandoned, the child or other dependent person suffers substantial bodily harm; or

(ii) Abandoning the child or other dependent person creates an imminent and substantial risk that the child or other dependent person will die or suffer great bodily harm.

(2) A parent of a newborn who transfers the newborn to a qualified person at an appropriate location pursuant to RCW 13.34.360 is not subject to criminal liability under this section.

(3) Abandonment of a dependent person in the second degree is a class C felony.

Sec. 8. RCW 9A.42.080 and 2002 c 331 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person is guilty of the crime of abandonment of a dependent person in the third degree if:

(a) The person is the parent of a child, a person entrusted with the physical custody of a child or other dependent person, a person who has assumed the responsibility to provide to a dependent person
the basic necessities of life, or a person employed to provide to the child or dependent person any of the basic necessities of life; and
(b) The person recklessly abandons the child or other dependent person; and:
(i) As a result of being abandoned, the child or other dependent person suffers bodily harm; or
(ii) Abandoning the child or other dependent person creates an imminent and substantial risk that the child or other person will suffer substantial bodily harm.

(2) A parent of a newborn who transfers the newborn to a qualified person at an appropriate location pursuant to RCW 13.34.360 is not subject to criminal liability under this section.

(3) Abandonment of a dependent person in the third degree is a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 9. RCW 9.94A.515 and 2005 c 458 s 2 and 2005 c 183 s 9 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

TABLE 2
CRIMES INCLUDED WITHIN EACH SERIOUSNESS LEVEL

XVI Aggravated Murder 1 (RCW 10.95.020)

XV Homicide by abuse (RCW 9A.32.055)
Malicious explosion 1 (RCW 70.74.280(1))
Murder 1 (RCW 9A.32.030)

XIV Murder 2 (RCW 9A.32.050)
Trafficking 1 (RCW 9A.40.100(1))

XIII Malicious explosion 2 (RCW 70.74.280(2))
Malicious placement of an explosive 1 (RCW 70.74.272(1))

XII Assault 1 (RCW 9A.36.011)
Assault of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.36.120)
Malicious placement of an imitation device 1 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(a))
Rape 1 (RCW 9A.44.040)
Rape of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.44.073)
Trafficking 2 (RCW 9A.40.100(2))

XI Manslaughter 1 (RCW 9A.32.060)
Rape 2 (RCW 9A.44.050)
Rape of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.44.076)

X Child Molestation 1 (RCW 9A.44.083)
Indecent Liberties (with forcible compulsion) (RCW 9A.44.100(1)(a))
Kidnapping 1 (RCW 9A.40.020)
Leading Organized Crime (RCW 9A.82.060(1)(a))
Malicious explosion 3 (RCW 70.74.280(3))
Sexually Violent Predator Escape (RCW 9A.76.115)

IX Abandonment of Dependent Person 1 (RCW 9A.42.060)
Assault of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.36.130)
Criminal Mistreatment 1 (RCW 9A.42.020)

Explosive devices prohibited (RCW 70.74.180)
Hit and Run--Death (RCW 46.52.020(4)(a))
Homicide by Watercraft, by being under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 79A.60.050)

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Criminal Mistreatment 1 (RCW 9A.42.020)

Explosive devices prohibited (RCW 70.74.180)
Hit and Run--Death (RCW 46.52.020(4)(a))
Homicide by Watercraft, by being under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 79A.60.050)
Abandonment of Dependent Person 2 (RCW 9A.42.070)

Advancing money or property for extortionate extension of credit (RCW 9A.82.030)

Bail Jumping with class A Felony (RCW 9A.76.170(3)(b))

Child Molestation 3 (RCW 9A.44.089)

Criminal Mistreatment 1 (RCW 9A.42.020)

Custodial Sexual Misconduct 1 (RCW 9A.44.160)

Domestic Violence Court Order Violation (RCW 10.99.040, 10.99.050, 26.09.300, 26.10.220, 26.26.138, 26.50.110, 26.52.070, or 74.34.145)

Exortion 1 (RCW 9A.56.120)

Exortionate Extension of Credit (RCW 9A.82.020)

Incest 2 (RCW 9A.64.020(2))

Kidnapping 2 (RCW 9A.40.030)

Perjury 1 (RCW 9A.72.020)

Persistent prison misbehavior (RCW 9.94.070)

Possession of a Stolen Firearm (RCW 9A.56.310)

Rape 3 (RCW 9A.44.060)

Rendering Criminal Assistance 1 (RCW 9A.76.070)

Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 1 (RCW 9A.44.093)

Sexually Violating Human Remains (RCW 9A.44.105)

Stalking (RCW 9A.46.110)

Taking Motor Vehicle Without Permission 1 (RCW 9A.56.070)

Arson 2 (RCW 9A.48.030)

Assault 2 (RCW 9A.36.021)

Assault 3 of a Peace Officer with a Projectile Stun Gun (RCW 9A.36.051(1)(h))

Assault by Watercraft (RCW 9A.60.060)

Bribery of a Witness/Bribe Received by Witness (RCW 9A.72.090, 9A.72.100)

Cheating 1 (RCW 9A.46.1661)

Commercial Bribery (RCW 9A.68.060)

Counterfeiting (RCW 9A.16.035(4))

Endangerment of a Controlled Substance (RCW 9A.42.100)

Escape 1 (RCW 9A.76.110)

Hit and Run -- Injury (RCW 46.52.020(4)(b))

Identity Theft 1 (RCW 9A.35.020(2))

Indecent Exposure to Person Under Age Fourteen (subsequent sex offense) (RCW 9A.88.010)

Influencing Outcome of Sporting Event (RCW 9A.82.070)

Malicious Harassment (RCW 9A.36.080)

Residential Burglary (RCW 9A.52.025)

Robbery 2 (RCW 9A.56.210)

Theft of Livestock 1 (RCW 9A.56.080)

Threats to Bomb (RCW 9.61.160)

Trafficking in Stolen Property 1 (RCW 9A.82.050)

Unlawful factoring of a credit card or payment card transaction (RCW 9A.56.290(4)(b))

Unlawful transaction of health coverage as a health care service contractor (RCW 48.44.016(3))

Unlawful transaction of health coverage as a health maintenance organization (RCW 48.46.033(3))

Unlawful transaction of insurance business (RCW 48.15.023(3))

Unlicensed practice as an insurance professional (RCW 48.17.063(3))

Use of Proceeds of Criminal Profiteering (RCW 9A.82.080 (1) and (2))

Vehicular Assault, by being under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, or by the operation or driving of a vehicle in a reckless manner (RCW 46.61.522)

Willful Failure to Return from Furlough (RCW 72.66.060)

Assault 3 (Except Assault 3 of a Peace Officer With a Projectile Stun Gun) (RCW 9A.36.031 except subsection (1)(h))

Assault of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.36.140)

Bail Jumping with class B or C Felony (RCW 9A.76.170(3)(c))

Burglary 2 (RCW 9A.52.030)

Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes (RCW 9A.76.070)

Criminal Gang Intimidation (RCW 9A.46.120)

Custodial Assault (RCW 9A.36.100)

Cyberstalking (subsequent conviction or threat of death) (RCW 9A.46.020)

Escape 2 (RCW 9A.76.120)

Extortion 2 (RCW 9A.56.130)

Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020)

Intimidating a Public Servant (RCW 9A.76.180)

Introducing Contraband 2 (RCW 9A.76.150)

Malicious Injury to Railroad Property (RCW 9A.76.150)

Negligently Causing Substantial Bodily Harm By Use of a Signal Preemption Device (RCW 46.37.674)
Patronizing a Juvenile Prostitute (RCW 9.68A.100)
Perjury 2 (RCW 9A.72.030)
Possession of Incendiary Device (RCW 9.40.120)
Possession of Machine Gun or Short-Barreled Shotgun or Rifle (RCW 9.41.190)
Promoting Prostitution 2 (RCW 9A.88.080)
Securities Act violation (RCW 21.20.400)
Tampering with a Witness (RCW 9A.72.120)
Telephone Harassment (subsequent conviction or threat of death) (RCW 9.61.230(2))
Theft of Livestock 2 (RCW 9A.56.083)
Trafficking in Stolen Property 2 (RCW 9A.56.096(5)(b))
Unlawful Imprisonment (RCW 9A.40.040)
Unlawful possession of firearm in the second degree (RCW 9.41.040(2))
Vehicle Prowl 1 (RCW 9A.52.110)
Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(3))
Escape from Community Custody (RCW 72.09.310)
Health Care False Claims (RCW 48.80.030)
Identity Theft 2 (RCW 9.35.020(3))
Improperly Obtaining Financial Information (RCW 9.35.010)
Malicious Mischief 1 (RCW 9A.48.070)
Possession of Stolen Property 1 (RCW 9A.56.150)
Theft 1 (RCW 9A.56.030)
Theft of Rental, Leased, or Lease-purchased Property (valued at one thousand five hundred dollars or more) (RCW 9A.56.096(5)(a))
Theft of Rental, Leased, or Lease-purchased Property (valued at two hundred fifty dollars or more but less than one thousand five hundred dollars) (RCW 9A.56.096(5)(b))
Unlawful Imprisonment (RCW 9A.40.040)
Unlawful possession of firearm in the second degree (RCW 9.41.040(2))
Vehicular Assault, by the operation or driving of a vehicle with disregard for the safety of others (RCW 46.61.522)
Willful Failure to Return from Work Release (RCW 72.65.070)

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On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "person;" strike the remainder of title and insert "amending RCW 9A.42.010, 9A.42.020, 9A.42.030, 9A.42.035, 9A.42.037, 9A.42.060, 9A.42.070, and 9A.42.080; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.515; and prescribing penalties."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1080 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives O’Brien and McDonald spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1080 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1080, as amended by the Senate and
the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 97, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excluded - 1.


Excused: Representative Schual-Berk - 1.

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1080, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1257, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 48.22.030 and 2004 c 90 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

1) "Underinsured motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle with respect to the ownership, maintenance, or use of which either no bodily injury or property damage liability bond or insurance policy applies at the time of an accident, or with respect to which the sum of the limits of liability under all bodily injury or property damage liability bonds and insurance policies applicable to a covered person after an accident is less than the applicable damages which the covered person is legally entitled to recover.

2) No new policy or renewal of an existing policy insuring against loss resulting from liability imposed by law for bodily injury, death, or property damage, suffered by any person arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle shall be issued with respect to any motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this state unless coverage is provided therein or supplemental thereto for the protection of persons insured thereunder who are legally entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of underinsured motor vehicles, hit-and-run motor vehicles, and phantom vehicles because of bodily injury, death, or property damage, resulting therefrom, except while operating or occupying a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, and except while operating or occupying a motor vehicle owned or available for the regular use by the named insured or any family member, and which is not insured under the liability coverage of the policy. The coverage required to be offered under this chapter is not applicable to general liability policies, commonly known as umbrella policies, or other policies which apply only as excess to the insurance directly applicable to the vehicle insured.

3) Except as to property damage, coverage required under subsection (2) of this section shall be in the same amount as the insured's third party liability coverage unless the insured rejects all or part of the coverage as provided in subsection (4) of this section. Coverage for property damage need only be issued in conjunction with coverage for bodily injury or death. Property damage coverage required under subsection (2) of this section shall mean physical damage to the insured motor vehicle unless the policy specifically provides coverage for the contents thereof or other forms of property damage.

4) A named insured or spouse may reject, in writing, underinsured coverage for bodily injury or death, or property damage, and the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply. If a named insured or spouse has rejected underinsured coverage, such coverage shall not be included in any supplemental or renewal policy unless a named insured or spouse subsequently requests such coverage in writing. The requirement of a written rejection under this subsection shall apply only to the original issuance of policies issued after July 24, 1983, and not to any renewal or replacement policy.

5) The limit of liability under the policy coverage may be defined as the maximum limits of liability for all damages resulting from any one accident regardless of the number of covered persons, claims made, or vehicles or premiums shown on the policy, or premiums paid, or vehicles involved in an accident.

6) The policy may provide that if an injured person has other similar insurance available to him under other policies, the total limits of liability of all coverages shall not exceed the higher of the applicable limits of the respective coverages.

7) (a) The policy may provide for a deductible of not more than three hundred dollars for payment for property damage when the damage is caused by a hit-and-run driver or a phantom vehicle.

(b) In all other cases of underinsured property damage coverage, the policy may provide for a deductible of not more than one hundred dollars.

8) For the purposes of this chapter, a "phantom vehicle" shall mean a motor vehicle which causes bodily injury, death, or property damage to an insured and has no physical contact with the insured or the vehicle which the insured is occupying at the time of the accident if:

(a) The facts of the accident can be corroborated by competent evidence other than the testimony of the insured or any person having an underinsured motorist claim resulting from the accident; and

(b) The accident has been reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency within seventy-two hours of the accident.

9) An insurer who elects to write motorcycle or motor-driven cycle insurance in this state must provide information to prospective insureds about the coverage.

10) An insurer who elects to write motorcycle or motor-driven cycle insurance in this state must provide an opportunity for named insureds, who have purchased liability coverage for a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, to reject underinsured coverage for that motorcycle or motor-driven cycle in writing."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "coverage;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 48.22.030." and the same is herewith transmitted.
There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1257 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representatives Roach and Kirby spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1257 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1257, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 97, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1257, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

February 27, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1850, with the following amendment:

On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "chapter" strike "4.24" and insert "38.52"

On page 2, line 21, after "chapter" strike "4.24" and insert "38.52"

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Brad Hendrickson, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1850 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representative Cody spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1850 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1850, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 97, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1257, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2002, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 74.13.031 and 2004 c 183 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

The department shall have the duty to provide child welfare services and shall:

(1) Develop, administer, supervise, and monitor a coordinated and comprehensive plan that establishes, aids, and strengthens services for the protection and care of runaway, dependent, or neglected children.

(2) Within available resources, recruit an adequate number of prospective adoptive and foster homes, both regular and specialized, i.e., homes for children of ethnic minority, including Indian homes for Indian children, sibling groups, handicapped and emotionally disturbed, teens, pregnant and parenting teens, and annually report to the governor and the legislature concerning the department's success in: (a) Meeting the need for adoptive and foster home placements; (b) reducing the foster parent turnover rate; (c) completing home studies for legally free children; and (d) implementing and operating the passport program required by RCW 74.13.285. The report shall include a section entitled "Foster Home Turn-Over, Causes and Recommendations.

(3) Investigate complaints of any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker that results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, or sexual abuse or exploitation, or that presents an imminent risk of serious harm, and on the basis of the findings of such investigation, offer child welfare services in relation to the problem to such parents, legal custodians, or persons serving in loco parentis, and or bring the situation to the attention of an appropriate court, or another community agency: PROVIDED, That an investigation is not required of nonaccidental injuries which are clearly not the result of a lack of care or supervision by the child's parents, legal custodians, or persons serving in loco parentis. If the investigation reveals that a crime against a child may have been committed, the department shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(4) Offer, on a voluntary basis, family reconciliation services to families who are in conflict.

(5) Monitor out-of-home placements, on a timely and routine basis, to assure the safety, well-being, and quality of care being provided is within the scope of the intent of the legislature as defined in RCW 74.13.010 and 74.13.010, and annually submit a report measuring the extent to which the department achieved the specified goals to the governor and the legislature.

(6) Have authority to accept custody of children from parents and to accept custody of children from juvenile courts, where authorized to do so under law, to provide child welfare services including placement for adoption, and to provide for the physical care of such children and make payment of maintenance costs if needed. Except where required by Public Law 95-608 (25 U.S.C. Sec. 1915), no private adoption agency which receives children for adoption from the department shall discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or color when considering applications in their placement for adoption.

(7) Have authority to provide temporary shelter to children who have run away from home and who are admitted to crisis residential centers.

(8) Have authority to purchase care for children; and shall follow in general the policy of using properly approved private agency services for the actual care and supervision of such children insofar as they are available, paying for care of such children as are accepted by the department as eligible for support at reasonable rates established by the department.

(9) Establish a children's services advisory committee which shall assist the secretary in the development of a partnership plan for utilizing resources of the public and private sectors, and advise on all matters pertaining to child welfare, licensing of child care agencies, adoption, and services related thereto. At least one member shall represent the adoption community.

(10)(a) Have authority to provide continued foster care or group care (for individuals from eighteen through twenty years of age to enable them to complete their high school or vocational school program) as needed to participate in or complete a high school or vocational school program.

(b)(i) Beginning in 2006, the department has the authority to allow up to fifty youth reaching age eighteen to continue in foster care or group care as needed to participate in or complete a posthigh school academic or vocational program, and to receive necessary support and transition services.

(ii) In 2007 and 2008, the department has the authority to allow up to fifty additional youth per year reaching age eighteen to remain in foster care or group care as provided in (b)(i) of this subsection.

(iii) A youth who remains eligible for such placement and services pursuant to department rules may continue in foster care or group care until the youth reaches his or her twenty-first birthday. Eligibility requirements shall include active enrollment in a post high school academic or vocational program and maintenance of a 2.0 grade point average.

(11) Refer cases to the division of child support whenever state or federal funds are expended for the care and maintenance of a child, including a child with a developmental disability who is placed as a result of an action under chapter 13.34 RCW, unless the department finds that there is good cause not to pursue collection of child support against the parent or parents of the child. Cases involving individuals age eighteen through twenty shall not be referred to the division of child support unless required by federal law.

(12) Have authority within funds appropriated for foster care services to purchase care for Indian children who are in the custody of a federally recognized Indian tribe or tribally licensed child-placing agency pursuant to parental consent, tribal court order, or state juvenile court order; and the purchase of such care shall be subject to the same eligibility standards and rates of support applicable to other children for whom the department purchases care.

Notwithstanding any other provision of RCW 13.32A.170 through 13.32A.200 and 74.13.032 through 74.13.036, or of this section all services to be provided by the department of social and health services under subsections (4), (6), and (7) of this section, subject to the limitations of these subsections, may be provided by any program offering such services funded pursuant to Titles II and III of the federal juvenile justice and delinquency prevention act of 1974.

(13) Within amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, provide preventive services to families with children that prevent or shorten the duration of an out-of-home placement.

(14) Have authority to provide independent living services to youths, including individuals who have attained eighteen (through twenty) years of age, and have not attained twenty-one years of age who are or have been in foster care.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to create:

(1) An entitlement to services;

(2) Judicial authority to extend the jurisdiction of juvenile court in a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW to a youth who has attained eighteen years of age or to order the provision of services to
the youth; or
(3) A private right of action or claim on the part of any individual, entity, or agency against the department of social and health services or any contractor of the department.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The department of social and health services is authorized to adopt rules establishing eligibility for independent living services and placement for youths under this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) Beginning in July 2008 and subject to the approval of its governing board, the Washington state institute for public policy shall conduct a study measuring the outcomes for foster youth who have received continued support pursuant to RCW 74.13.031(10). The study should include measurements of any savings to the state and local government. The institute shall issue a report containing its preliminary findings to the legislature by December 1, 2008, and a final report by December 1, 2009.

(2) The institute is authorized to accept nonstate funds to conduct the study required in subsection (1) of this section."

On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "birthday;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.13.031; and creating new sections."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2002 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Kagi, Walsh and Dickerson spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Second Substitute House Bill No. 2002 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Second Substitute House Bill No. 2002, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 96, Nays - 1, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Voting nay: Representative Dunn - 1.
Excused: Representative Schuual-Berke - 1.

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2002, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2322, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 70.95L.005 and 1993 c 118 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
The legislature hereby finds and declares that:
(1) Phosphorus loading of surface waters can stimulate the growth of weeds and algae, and that such growth can have adverse environmental, health, and aesthetic effects;
(2) Household detergents contribute to phosphorus loading, and that a limit on detergents containing phosphorus can significantly reduce the discharge of phosphorus into the state's surface and ground waters;
(3) Household detergents containing no or very low phosphorus are readily available and that over thirty percent of the United States population lives in areas with a ban on detergents containing phosphorus; ((remd))
(4) Phosphorus limits on household detergents can significantly reduce treatment costs at those sewage treatment facilities that remove phosphorus from the waste stream; and
(5) While significant reductions of phosphorus from laundry detergent have been accomplished, similar progress in reducing phosphorus contributions from dishwashing detergents has not been achieved.
It is therefore the intent of the legislature to impose a statewide limit on the phosphorus content of household detergents.

Sec. 2. RCW 70.95L.020 and 1993 c 118 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
(1) After July 1, 1994, a person may not sell or distribute for sale a laundry detergent that contains 0.5 percent or more phosphorus by weight.
(2)(a) After July 1, 1994, and until the dates specified in (b) of this subsection, a person may not sell or distribute for sale a dishwashing detergent that contains 8.7 percent or more phosphorous by weight.
(b) A person may not sell or distribute for sale a dishwashing detergent that contains 0.5 percent or more phosphorus by weight:
(i) Commencing July 1, 2008, in counties with populations, as
determined by office of financial management population estimates:

(A) Greater than one hundred eighty thousand and less than two
hundred twenty thousand; and

(B) Greater than three hundred ninety thousand and less than six
hundred fifty thousand;

(ii) Commencing July 1, 2010, throughout the state.

(3) This section does not apply to the sale or distribution of
detergents for commercial and industrial uses."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "detergent;" strike the
remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 70.95L.005 and
70.95L.020."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the
Senate amendment to ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2322
and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final
passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL
AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives B. Sullivan and Serben spoke in favor
the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the
question before the House to be final passage of Engrossed
House Bill No. 2322 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed
House Bill No. 2322, as amended by the Senate and the bill
passed the House by the following vote: Yea - 93, Nays - 4,
Absent - 0, Excused - 1.

Voting yea: Representatives Ahern, Anderson, Appleton,
Bailey, Blake, Buri, Campbell, Clements, Clibborn, Cody,
Conway, Crouse, Darnelle, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eickmeyer,
Ericks, Ericksen, Flannigan, Fromhold, Green, Haigh, Halter,
Hankins, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Holmquist, Hudgins, Hunt,
Hunter, Jarrett, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Kilmer, Kirby, Kretz,
Lantz, Linville, Lovick, McCoy, McCune, McDermott,
McDonald, McIntire, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris,
Murray, Nixon, O'Brien, Ormsby, Pettigrew, Priest, Quall,
Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Santos, Schindler, Sells, Serben,
Shablo, Simpson, Skinner, Sommers, Springer, Strow,
Sullivan, B., Sullivan, P., Takko, Tom, Uphethegrove, Wallace,
Williams, Wood, Woods and Mr. Speaker - 79.

Voting nay: Representatives Alexander, Armstrong, Buck,
Chandler, Chase, Condotha, Cox, Curtis, DeBolt, Dunn, Grant,
Kristiansen, Newhouse, Orcutt, Pearson, Sump, Talcott and
Walsh - 18.

Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2322, as amended by
the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was
declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2348, with the
following amendment:

On page 5, after line 30, strike all of subsection (5) and insert
the following:

"(5) By (December 1, 2006, and by) December 1, 2007,
December 1, 2010, and December 1, 2015, the fiscal committees
of the house of representatives and the senate, in consultation with
the department, shall report to the legislature on the effectiveness
of the incentives under RCW 82.04.4482 and
82.16.0498. The reports shall measure the effect of the tax incentives
on job retention for Washington residents and any other factors the
committees may select."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the
Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2348 and advanced
the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL
AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Morris and Orcutt spoke in favor the
passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the
question before the House to be final passage of House Bill
No. 2348 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House
Bill No. 2348, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed
the House by the following vote: Yea - 93, Nays - 4, Absent -
0, Excused - 1.

Voting yea: Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Anderson,
Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Buck, Buri, Campbell,
Chandler, Chase, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotha,
Conway, Cox, Crouse, Curtis, Darnelle, DeBolt, Dickerson,
Dunn, Dunshee, Eickmeyer, Ericks, Erickson, Flannigan,
Fromhold, Grant, Green, Haigh, Halter, Hankins, Hasegawa,
Hinkle, Holmquist, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jarrett, Kagi,
Kenney, Kessler, Kilmer, Kirby, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lantz,
Linville, Lovick, McCoy, McCune, McDermott, McDonald,
McIntire, Miloscia, Morris, Murray, Newhouse, O'Brien,
Orcutt, Ormsby, Pearson, Pettigrew, Priest, Quall, Roach,
Roberts, Rodne, Santos, Schindler, Sells, Serben, Shablo,

Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2348, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2381, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that beavers have historically played a significant role in maintaining the health of watersheds in the Pacific Northwest and act as key agents in riparian ecology. The live trapping and relocating of beavers has long been recognized as a beneficial wildlife management practice, and has been successfully utilized to restore and maintain stream ecosystems for over fifty years. The benefits of active beaver populations include reduced stream sedimentation, stream temperature moderation, higher dissolved oxygen levels, overall improved water quality, increased natural water storage capabilities within watersheds, and reduced stream velocities. These benefits improve and create habitat for many other species, including endangered salmon, river otters, sandhill cranes, trumpeter swans, and other riparian and aquatic species. Relocating beavers into their historic habitat provides a natural mechanism for improving the environmental conditions in Washington's riparian ecosystems without having to resort to governmental regulation or expensive publically funded engineering projects.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The department shall offer a beaver relocation permit that allows the holder or the holder's agent to capture live beavers in the areas of the state where elevated beaver populations are considered a nuisance, transport the beavers, and release the live beavers on property owned or managed by the permit holder. Priority of issuing permits must be based on properties in which beaver populations are considered a nuisance.

(2) The department may limit the availability of beaver relocation permits to areas of the state where:

(a) There is a low probability of released beavers becoming a nuisance;

(b) Conditions exist for released beavers to improve, maintain, or manage stream or riparian ecosystem functions; and

(c) There is evidence of historic endemic beaver populations.

(3) The department may condition beaver relocation permits to maximize the relocation's success and minimize risk. Factors that the department may condition include:

(a) Stream gradient;

(b) Sufficiency of the water supply;

(c) Stream geomorphology;

(d) Adequacy of a food source;

(e) Proper site elevation and valley width;

(f) Age of the beavers relocated;

(g) Times of year for capture and relocation;

(h) Requirements for the capture, handling, and transport of the live beavers;

(i) Minimum and maximum numbers of beavers that can be relocated in one area; and

(j) Requirements for the permit holder to initially provide supplemental food and lodge building materials.

(4) The department shall provide beaver relocation permits at no charge to the applicant.

(5) The holder of a beaver relocation permit must either obtain a trapping license under RCW 77.65.450 or employ a trapper licensed under RCW 77.65.450 to capture and transport the beavers that are to be relocated.

(6) Nothing in this section creates any liability against the state or the beaver relocation permit holder nor authorizes any private right of action for any damages subsequently caused by beavers released pursuant to a beaver relocation permit.

(7) For the purposes of this section only, beaver may be relocated from west of the crest of the Cascade mountains to areas east of the crest of the Cascade mountains, but may not be relocated to any area west of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 77.36 RCW to read as follows:

Whenever the department undertakes the trapping of nuisance or problem-causing beavers, the department must, if the option is available, capture the beavers with a live trap and work with the holders of beaver relocation permits issued under section 2 of this act to relocate the beavers onto properties that have requested their placement."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "species," strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.36 RCW; and creating a new section."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2381 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives B. Sullivan, Kretz, Strow, Orcutt, Cox, Blake and Dunn spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

Representative McIntire spoke against the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of House Bill
ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 2381, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 94, Nays - 3, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Voting nay: Representatives Flannigan, McIntire and Pettigrew - 3.

Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2381, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE  
February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2415, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 48.22.030 and 2004 c 90 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) "Underinsured motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle with respect to the ownership, maintenance, or use of which either no bodily injury or property damage liability bond or insurance policy applies at the time of an accident, or with respect to which the sum of the limits of liability under all bodily injury or property damage liability bonds and insurance policies applicable to a covered person after an accident is less than the applicable damages which the covered person is legally entitled to recover.

(2) No new policy or renewal of an existing policy insuring against loss resulting from liability imposed by law for bodily injury, death, or property damage, suffered by any person arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle shall be issued with respect to any motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this state unless coverage is provided therein or supplemental thereto for the protection of persons insured thereunder who are legally

entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of underinsured motor vehicles, hit-and-run motor vehicles, and phantom vehicles because of bodily injury, death, or property damage, resulting therefrom, except while operating or occupying a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, and except while operating or occupying a motor vehicle owned or available for the regular use by the named insured or any family member, and which is not insured under the liability coverage of the policy. The coverage required to be offered under this chapter is not applicable to general liability policies, commonly known as umbrella policies, or other policies which apply only as excess to the insurance directly applicable to the vehicle insured.

(3) Except as to property damage, coverage required under subsection (2) of this section shall be in the same amount as the insured's third party liability coverage unless the insured rejects all or part of the coverage as provided in subsection (4) of this section. Coverage for property damage need only be issued in conjunction with coverage for bodily injury or death. Property damage coverage required under subsection (2) of this section shall mean physical damage to the insured motor vehicle unless the policy specifically provides coverage for the contents thereof or other forms of property damage.

(4) A named insured or spouse may reject, in writing, underinsured coverage for bodily injury or death, or property damage, and the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply. If a named insured or spouse has rejected underinsured coverage, such coverage shall not be included in any supplemental or renewal policy unless a named insured or spouse subsequently requests such coverage in writing. The requirement of a written rejection under this subsection shall apply only to the original issuance of policies issued after July 24, 1983, and not to any renewal or replacement policy.

(5) The limit of liability under the policy coverage may be defined as the maximum limits of liability for all damages resulting from any one accident regardless of the number of covered persons, claims made, or vehicles or premiums shown on the policy, or premiums paid, or vehicles involved in an accident.

(6) The policy may provide that if an injured person has other similar insurance available to him under other policies, the total limits of liability of all coverages shall not exceed the higher of the applicable limits of the respective coverages.

(7)(a) The policy may provide for a deductible of not more than three hundred dollars for payment for property damage when the damage is caused by a hit-and-run driver or a phantom vehicle.

(b) In all other cases of underinsured property damage coverage, the policy may provide for a deductible of not more than one hundred dollars.

(8) For the purposes of this chapter, a "phantom vehicle" shall mean a motor vehicle which causes bodily injury, death, or property damage to an insured and has no physical contact with the insured or the vehicle which the insured is occupying at the time of the accident if:

(a) The facts of the accident can be corroborated by competent evidence other than the testimony of the insured or any person having an underinsured motorist claim resulting from the accident; and

(b) The accident has been reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency within seventy-two hours of the accident.

(9) An insurer who elects to write motorcycle or motor-driven cycle insurance in this state must provide information to prospective insureds about the coverage.

(10) If the covered person seeking underinsured motorist coverage under this section was the intended victim of the tortfeasor, the incident must be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
and the covered person must cooperate with any related law
enforcement investigation.

(11) The purpose of this section is to protect innocent victims of
motorists of underinsured motor vehicles. Covered persons are
entitled to coverage without regard to whether an incident was
intentionally caused. A person is not entitled to coverage if the
insurer can demonstrate that the covered person intended to cause
the damage for which underinsured motorists’ coverage is sought. As
used in this section, and in the section of policies providing the
underinsured motorist coverage described in this section, "accident"
means an occurrence that is unexpected and unintended from the
standpoint of the covered person.

(12) "Underinsured coverage," for the purposes of this section,
means coverage for "underinsured motor vehicles," as defined in
subsection (1) of this section.

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "motorists;" strike the
remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 48.22.030."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the
Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2415
and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final
passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL
AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Kirby and Roach spoke in favor the
passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the
question before the House to be final passage of Substitute
House Bill No. 2415 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute
House Bill No. 2415, as amended by the Senate and the bill
passed the House by the following vote: Ycas - 97, Nays - 0,
Absent - 0, Excused - 1.

Voting yea: Representatives Ahem, Alexander, Anderson,
Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Buck, Buri, Campbell,
Chandler, Chase, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta,
Conway, Cox, Crouse, Curtis, Darnelle, DeBolt, Dickerson,
Dunn, Dunshee, Eickmeyer, Ericks, Erickson, Flannigan,
Fromhold, Grant, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hankins, Hasegawa,
Hinkle, Holmquist, Hodgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jarrett, Kagi,
Kenney, Kessler, Kilmer, Kirby, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lantz,
Linville, Lovick, McCoy, McCoy, McCune, McDermott, McDonald,
McIntire, Miloscia, Moeller, Morell, Morris, Murray,
Newhouse, Nixon, O'Brien, Orcutt, Ormsby, Pearson,
Pettigrew, Priest, Quall, Roach, Roberts, Rodne, Santos,
Schindler, Sells, Serben, Shabro, Simpson, Skinner, Sommers,
Springer, Strow, Sullivan, B., Sullivan, P., Sump, Takko,
Talcott, Tom, Upthegrove, Wallace, Walsh, Williams, Wood,
Woods and Mr. Speaker - 97.

Excused: Representative Schual-Berce - 1.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2415, as amended by
the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was
declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO.
2471, with the following amendment:

On page 2, after line 2, insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 41.04.007 and 2005 c 251 s 1 and 2005 c 216 s
7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

"Veteran" includes every person, who at the time he or she seeks
the benefits of RCW 46.16.30920, 72.36.030, 41.04.010, 73.04.090,
73.04.110, 73.08.010, 73.08.060, 73.08.070, (6) 73.08.080, or
section 1 of this act has received an honorable discharge or received
a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where
applicable, and who has served in at least one of the following
capacities:

(1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United
States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and
has fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation;

(2) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots;

(3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or
coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a presidential
select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty cumulative days;

(4) As a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S.
naval transportation service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel
in oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31,
1946;

(5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during
the period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August
15, 1945; or

(6) A United States documented merchant mariner with service
aboard an oceangoing vessel operated by the department of defense,
or its agents, from both June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953, in
Korean territorial waters, and from August 5, 1964, through May 7,
1975, in Vietnam territorial waters, and who received a military
commendation."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "program;" insert "reenacting
and amending RCW 41.04.007;"

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the
Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2471
and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final
passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL
AS SENATE AMENDED
Representatives Miloscia and McCune spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2471 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2471, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 97, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Schual-Berk - 1.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2471, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2498, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"See 1. RCW 43.330.090 and 2005 c 136 s 14 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department shall work with private sector organizations, industry and cluster associations, federal agencies, state agencies that use a cluster-based approach to service delivery, local governments, local associate development organizations, and higher education and training institutions ((to assist)) in the development of industry cluster-based strategies to diversify the economy, facilitate technology transfer and diffusion, and increase value-added production ((by focusing on targeted sectors)). The industry clusters targeted ((sectors)) by the department may include, but are not limited to, (software, forest products, biotechnology, environmental industries, recycling markets and waste reduction, aerospace, food processing, tourism, film and video, microelectronics, and machine tools) aerospace, agriculture, food processing, forest products, marine services, health and biomedical, software, digital and interactive media, transportation and distribution, and microelectronics. The department shall, on a continuing basis, evaluate the potential return to the state from devoting additional resources to ((a targeted sector)) an industry cluster-based approach to economic development and ((including)) identifying and assisting additional ((sectors in its efforts)) clusters. The department shall use information gathered in each service delivery region in formulating its ((sectoral)) industry cluster-based strategies and ((in designating new targeted sectors)) shall assist local communities in identifying regional industry clusters and developing industry cluster-based strategies.

(2) The department shall pursue a coordinated program to expand the tourism industry throughout the state in cooperation with the public and private tourism development organizations. The department, in operating its tourism program, shall:

(a) Promote Washington as a tourism destination to national and international markets to include nature-based and wildlife viewing tourism;

(b) Provide information to businesses and local communities on tourism opportunities that could expand local revenues;

(c) Assist local communities to strengthen their tourism partnerships, including their relationships with state and local agencies;

(d) Provide leadership training and assistance to local communities to facilitate the development and implementation of local tourism plans;

(e) Coordinate the development of a statewide tourism and marketing plan. The department's tourism planning efforts shall be carried out in conjunction with public and private tourism development organizations including the department of fish and wildlife and other appropriate agencies. The plan shall specifically address mechanisms for: (i) Funding national and international marketing and nature-based tourism efforts; (ii) Interagency cooperation; and (iii) Integrating the state plan with local tourism plans;

(3) The department may, in carrying out its efforts to expand the tourism industry in the state:

(a) Solicit and receive gifts, grants, funds, fees, and endowments, in trust or otherwise, from tribal, local or other governmental entities, as well as private sources, and may expend the same or any income therefrom for tourism purposes. All revenue received for tourism purposes shall be deposited into the tourism development and promotion account created in RCW 43.330.094;

(b) Host conferences and strategic planning workshops relating to the promotion of nature-based and wildlife viewing tourism;

(c) Conduct or contract for tourism-related studies;

(d) Contract with individuals, businesses, or public entities to carry out its tourism-related activities under this section;

(e) Provide tourism-related organizations with marketing and other technical assistance;

(f) Evaluate and make recommendations on proposed tourism-related policies.

(4) The department shall promote, market, and encourage growth in the production of films and videos, as well as television commercials within the state; to this end the department is directed to assist in the location of a film and video production studio within the state.

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(b) The department may, in carrying out its efforts to encourage film and video production in the state, solicit and receive gifts, grants, funds, fees, and endowments, in trust or otherwise, from tribal, local, or other governmental entities, as well as private sources, and may expend the same or any income therefrom for the encouragement of film and video production. All revenue received for such purposes shall be deposited into the film and video promotion account created in RCW 43.330.092.

(5) In assisting in the development of ((a targeted sector)) regional and statewide industry cluster-based strategies, the department's activities ((may)) shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) ((Conducting)) Facilitating regional focus group discussions((facilitating meetings)) and conducting studies to identify (members of the sector) industry clusters, appraise the current (state of the sector) information linkages within a cluster, and identify issues of common concern within ((the sector)) a cluster;

(b) Supporting ((the formation of)) industry and cluster associations, publications of association and cluster directories, and related efforts to create or expand the activities ((of)) industry and cluster associations;

(c) ((Assisting in the formation of flexible networks)) by providing (agency employees or private sector consultants trained to act as flexible network brokers and (ii) funding for potential flexible network participants for the purpose of organizing or implementing a flexible network:)

(d) Helping establish research consortia;

(e) Facilitating joint training and education programs;

(f) Promoting cooperative market development activities;

(g) Analyzing the need, feasibility, and cost of establishing product certification and testing facilities and services and

(h) Providing for methods of electronic communication and information dissemination among firms and groups of firms to facilitate network activity)) Administering a competitive grant program to fund activities designed to further regional cluster growth. In administering the program, the department shall work with an industry cluster advisory committee with equal representation from the work force training and education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, the employment security department, business, and labor:

(i) The industry cluster advisory committee shall recommend criteria for evaluating applications for grant funds and recommend applicants for receipt of grant funds;

(ii) Applicants must include organizations, from at least two counties and participants from the local business community. Eligible organizations include, but are not limited to, local governments, economic development councils, chambers of commerce, federally recognized Indian tribes, work force development councils, and educational institutions;

(iii) Applications must evidence financial participation of the partner organizations;

(iv) Priority shall be given to applicants which will use the grant funds to build linkages and joint projects, to develop common resources and common training, and to develop common research and development projects or facilities.

(v) The maximum amount of a grant is one hundred thousand dollars.

(vi) A maximum of one hundred thousand dollars total can go to King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Snohomish counties combined.

(vii) No more than ten percent of funds received for the grant program may be used by the department for administrative costs.

(e) As used in subsection (5) of this section, "industry cluster" means a geographic concentration of interdependent competitive firms that do business with each other. "Industry cluster" also includes firms that sell inside and outside of the geographic region as well as support firms that supply raw materials, components, and business services."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "development:" strike the remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 43.330.090."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2498 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Pettigrew and Kristiansen spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Second Substitute House Bill No. 2498 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Second Substitute House Bill No. 2498, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 2, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2498, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2500, with the following amendment:

On page 1, after line 3, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Health carriers are currently required to file statutory annual statements with the office of the insurance commissioner or the national association of insurance commissioners. These annual statements are extensive and contain a significant amount of financial information. These annual statements are public documents; however, such financial information can be complex and difficult to read and understand.

It is the intent of this act to provide a method of reporting certain financial data in a user friendly format. It is also the intent of this act, to the extent possible, to utilize existing information from the annual statements when developing the additional or supplemental data statement required by this act, and to the extent possible, avoid imposing additional reporting requirements that have the unintended consequences of unduly increasing administrative costs for carriers required to file such information."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2500 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Green and Hinkle spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2500 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2500, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 96, Nays - 1, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Voting nay: Representative Chandler - 1.

Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2500, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2544, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Pursuant to chapter 43.155 RCW, the following project loans recommended by the public works board are authorized to be made with funds appropriated from the public works assistance account:

(1) Alderwood water and wastewater district--sanitary sewer project--upgrade the picnic point wastewater treatment facility and increase the maximum month flow capacity from three million gallons per day to six million gallons per day by improving the fine screening, vortex grit removal, membrane bioreactor, and ultraviolet disinfection .......................... $7,000,000

(2) Arlington--sanitary sewer project--improve the solids handling capacity of the wastewater treatment plant, expand the capacity of both the solids processing and liquid treatment portions of the plant, and alter the type of treatment process . . . $7,000,000

(3) Bainbridge Island--sanitary sewer project--construct an enclosed building to house the headworks equipment, construct a new building to house solid handling equipment, convert aeration for both basins from surface aeration to diffused air, add solid storage basins, upgrade two existing clarifiers and associated return activated sludge pumps, construct vector decanting station, and replace existing electrical system ............................................................... $3,564,500

(4) Bellingham--domestic water project--remove an aging diversion dam and replace its function with a withdrawal structure built into the river that will not impede the natural flow of the river to restore runs of two endangered species to the upper reaches of the middle fork of the Nooksack river and connect it with the existing
(5) Birch Bay water and sewer district--sanitary sewer project--replace the sanitary sewer force main from pump station number 3 to the wastewater treatment plant and divert a portion of the district's sewer flow around pump station number 4 directly to pump station number 3 resulting in a twenty-six percent increase in sanitary sewer conveyance capacity $3,400,000

(6) Buckley--sanitary sewer project--construction of a dewatering building to house a belt filter press sludge dewatering machine, rebuild and expand the wastewater treatment plant to provide nutrient removal and accommodate the wastewater from Rainier school and anticipated growth over the next twenty years, and construction of a gravity interceptor. Improvements to the plant include enclosed headworks with fine screens, grit removal, flow measurement and sampling, biological nutrient removal activated sludge process with new anaerobic basins, anoxic basins, and aeration basins, activated sludge clarifiers, and return sludge pumping, followed by ultraviolet light disinfection $7,000,000

(7) Enumclaw--sanitary sewer project--upgrade and expand the existing wastewater treatment plant including new headworks, new extended aeration activated sludge basins, new anaerobic/anoxic basins for phosphorus removal and denitrification, two additional secondary clarifiers, chemical facilities for additional phosphorus removal in the existing secondary clarifiers, sludge dewatering and stabilization facilities, enlarged laboratory area, increasing capacity to accommodate projected urban growth through 2022 $5,700,000

(8) Everett--sanitary sewer project--limit biochemical oxygen demand loads of the wastewater flowing into the aeration ponds to less than 20,000 pounds per day by construction of a new treatment process in the wastewater stream by constructing the primary clarifiers that will feed up to 21,000,000 gallons per day to the trickling filters for additional treatment, eliminate the use of chlorine gas and replace it with a twelve percent sodium hypochlorite solution, construct a new 4.8 acre solids handling area to process biosolids, and modifications to the laboratory and operations room $7,000,000

(9) Holmes Harbor sewer district--sanitary sewer project--modify the existing wastewater treatment plant and related systems to include 1,500,000 gallons of storage for incompletely treated effluent, including appurtenant parking, piping, and control systems $950,000

(10) King county water district number 54--domestic water project--replace and dispose of an eight-inch water distribution line and an abandoned six-inch water line as part of a project to replace a fill and box culvert with a bridge across Des Moines creek that will improve fish migration and alleviate excess pooling and flooding, provide a temporary line during construction, and install a permanent twelve-inch line under the new bridge $150,300

(11) Kitsap county sewer district number 7--sanitary sewer project--upgrade and add capacity to the wastewater treatment plant by adding a second aeration basin, changing the existing aeration from a floating aerator to fine bubble diffusers, add a third clarifier, change influent screening from bars to a fine screen, add a second bank of ultraviolet lights, add a third return activated sludge pump, add a second sludge digester, and construct a utility building to house the equipment $1,288,000

(12) Lake Stevens--sanitary sewer project--construction of a membrane bioreactor tertiary wastewater treatment plant outside the flood plain, construction of an interceptor line and pump station to intercept and redirect existing flows to the new plant, and associated easement acquisition, permit fees, construction management services, and startup and operation and maintenance manuals $7,000,000

(13) Lakehaven utility district--sanitary sewer project--remove/replace and/or line approximately 1,030 feet of the existing outfall pipe starting from 100 feet inland to the end of the existing outfall, and extend the existing/new outfall from the previous end point approximately 800 feet further into Puget Sound to ensure the protection of shellfish beds in the area $2,400,000

(14) Malaga water district--domestic water project--design and construction of two pump stations, an approximately 60,000 gallon reservoir, approximately 11,000 feet of transmission/distribution main, a pressure reducing station, and other water system appurtenances $1,064,950

(15) Mercer Island--sanitary sewer project--install approximately 16,000 feet of eight to sixteen-inch sewer main and 7,000 feet of six-inch side sewer laterals in Lake Washington along the north and northwest shoreline, replace and modify two pump stations, extend and connect side sewer laterals to the new main, finalize casements with approximately seventy-five property owners, install approximately ten maintenance manholes and cleanouts, and environmental mitigation $7,000,000

(16) Mill Creek--road project--replace existing culverts carrying Penny creek under Mill Creek Road with a new bridge structure in a different location by drilling piers along the outer edge of the alignment, installing pipe caps and precast concrete bridge deck panels, excavating under the panels, installing timber lagging as the excavation progresses, and constructing concrete walls over the lagging, reroute the streambed with some wetland mitigation work, relocate existing water line, and plugging and abandoning the existing culvert $921,500

(17) Mount Vernon--sanitary sewer project--construction of the phase one improvements for the wastewater treatment facility including a new pretreatment (grit and debris screening) facility, two additional primary clarifiers, upgrade of the existing aeration basins, two additional secondary clarifiers, an ultraviolet disinfection system for the effluent (replacing chlorine gas system), and an extensive odor control system $7,000,000

(18) Moxee--sanitary sewer project--construct approximately 13,500 feet of wastewater conveyance piping and appurtenances along state route number 24 from Moxee to Riverside Road, discharging to a new lift station owned and operated by the Terrace Heights sewer district $2,000,000

(19) Mukilteo--storm sewer project--construct approximately 16,500 feet of new eighteen to forty-eight inch storm water conveyance pipeline to transfer high storm water flows from Smugglers Gulch and Big Gulch stream channels, restoring the stream channel, associated fish and wildlife habitat, and adjacent infrastructure, as well as provide mitigation for disturbed wetlands $3,587,200

(20) North Bend--domestic water project--drilling, testing, and development of a new municipal supply well for the perfection of a new water right application with the department of ecology to supply the city and urban growth area with needed additional water, construction of approximately 21,200 lineal foot twelve-inch diversion pipeline from the south fork Tolt river reservoir to the north fork Snoqualmie river $3,474,675

(21) North Bonneville--sanitary sewer project--install a new headworks screen in the existing headworks structure, install a new clarifier, including piping modifications, in the existing sewer treatment plant, and painting existing metal surfaces in the existing treatment plant unit $450,000
(22) Oak Harbor--domestic water project--design and construction of approximately 5,700 feet of twenty-four inch diameter ductile iron water transmission main along highway 20 between Pass Lake and Sharpe's Corner as a replacement for existing water transmission main being destroyed as a result of planned highway construction ........................................ $2,694,500

(23) Okanogan county--sanitary sewer project--construction, right of way acquisition and engineering for gravity and pressure pipe, lift stations, telemetry, treatment plant improvements, and associated facilities, water system improvements including supply main, fire hydrants, air/vac facilities, storage, booster pumping, telemetry, and applicable appurtenances ........................................ $7,000,000

(24) Othello--road project--reconstruct 1,850 lineal feet of arterial truck route (Broadway Avenue), to include surface, subsurface, and impacted utilities, improved to heavy truck traffic standards, retaining the existing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters .......................................................... $555,000

(25) Pullman--sanitary sewer project--construction of a new, approximately 500,000 gallon, variable volume digester at the wastewater treatment plant including site preparation, construction of the digester, necessary piping modifications, upgrades to the existing digesters as required to facilitate the new digester, and modifications to the plant's existing electrical and supervisory control system ........................................ $1,870,000

(26) Sammamish Plateau water and sewer district--domestic water project--design and construction of a new approximately 6.2 million gallon per day water treatment facility to remove arsenic, hydrogen sulfide, iron and manganese, and silica .................. $2,843,250

(27) Sedro-Woolley--sanitary sewer project--construction of approximately 29,700 linear feet of eight to thirty-inch pipes, and the design of two sewer pump stations ........................................ $7,000,000

(28) Stanwood--domestic water project--prepare a feasibility study, wet desktop treatment study, and a preliminary engineering report to determine the most cost-effective water system improvements, the most effective well treatment methods, and outlining the principal design criteria for all planned facilities, conduct a pilot plant study to confirm effectiveness of treatment and provide/confirm design criteria, obtain all necessary permits, prepare plans, specifications, and cost estimates for all improvements, construct a new treatment plant for the removal of arsenic, manganese, and hydrogen sulfide, construct approximately 500 linear feet of new transmission water main, and approximately 1,500 linear feet of new distribution water mains to connect to the existing system ........................................................................ $3,194,733

(29) Stanwood--sanitary sewer project--parallel existing sewer alignment with approximately 4,000 lineal feet of thirty-inch sewer pipe in the same right of way corridor as the existing fourteen-inch interceptor and have a flow capacity of 6.5 million gallons a day sufficient to handle the projected 5.8 million gallons a day build outflow, and the replacement of the existing eight and twelve-inch water mains .................................................. $2,031,500

(30) Tenino--sanitary sewer project--construction of a new wastewater treatment plant and collection system with a membrane bioreactor treatment plant with a capacity of 360,000 gallons per day that will produce Class A reclaimed water, and approximately 68,316 lineal feet of one and one-half to six-inch diameter pipe and 784 individual grinder pumps .................................................. $7,000,000

(31) Terrace Heights sewer district--sanitary sewer project--construct a new lift station with a capacity of approximately 4,400 gallon per minute, approximately 11,700 feet of twelve-inch diameter force mains from the new lift station to the Yakima regional wastewater treatment facility, and approximately 4,200 feet of eight-inch diameter gravity sewer main ................. $3,655,000

(32) Union Gap--sanitary sewer project--replace approximately 3,800 feet of sewer line, institute hydrogen sulfide control measures at the master lift station to reduce corrosion problems, complete eight sewer pipeline point repairs, replace seven manholes, install manhole shields on forty-five manholes located in areas of potential flooding, investigate sixteen side sewer connections, conduct an inflow evaluation during the next flooding event, and visually inspect previously unsuspected portions of the system ........................................ $1,037,000

(33) Val Vue sewer district--sanitary sewer project--replace approximately 11,000 linear feet of pipe and associated side sewers, construction of approximately 1,900 linear feet of replacement main line sewers, construction of approximately 1,600 linear feet of sewer main replacement, replacement of approximately 300 linear feet of main, replacement of approximately 120 side sewer stubs, and improvements to a pump station by the addition of an emergency power generator .................................................. $3,554,700

(34) Whitworth water district number 2--domestic water project--install approximately 11,900 feet of sixteen-inch water pipe, 22,440 feet of twelve-inch water pipe, 4,140 feet of eight-inch water pipe together with valves, fire hydrants, and other appurtenances, and construct an approximately two million gallon ground level steel water reservoir, complete with access road, valving, level controls, and other appurtenances ........................................ $3,496,600

(35) Zillah--sanitary sewer project--construct wastewater facility improvements including a new screening system, construct a new aeration basin of approximately 159,000 gallons, install baffles in both clarifiers and replace the 28-year-old mechanical components of clarifier number 1, install a positive displacement pump in the aerobic digester building for automated daily sludge wasting, replace the existing ultraviolet system with a new and larger system, construct an effluent pump station to accommodate design peak hour flow, replace the submerged turbine aerators with fine bubble diffusers, and provide 480 volt service to all process electrical equipment, and eliminate dual voltage system now found at the plant ................................................................. $2,295,000

(36) Auburn--sanitary sewer project--replace approximately 13,100 linear feet of 10, 12, and 15 inch concrete pipes with 24, 27, and 36 inch sewer pipes to handle existing and future wastewater flows. Removal of eight pressure reducing valves on a water transmission line and storm system revisions .................. $3,500,000

(37) Battle Ground--sanitary sewer project--upgrades at Salmon Creek treatment plant to achieve added capacity and security. Construction of the new Klineline sewer pump station and approximately five miles of force main system to accommodate future pumping capacity needs .................................................. $4,000,000

(38) Bellevue--road project--improve a section of NE 24th Street including widening the roadway to add five-foot bike lanes, constructing curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and introduce calming elements. The project is designed to improve safety by reducing areas of conflict between vehicular and nonmotorized traffic by reducing overall speeds ................................................................ $750,000

(39) Burien--storm sewer project--construct approximately 1,450 linear feet of 30 to 42 inch and approximately 300 linear feet of 24 inch storm water trunk lines to eliminate flooding in downtown Burien during a 25-year storm event. Modify and expand the Ambaum regional detention pond to accommodate peak flows and to control the release of storm water in order to protect downstream habitat ........................................ $1,547,000

(40) Clark public utilities--domestic water project--construct a
1,000 gallon per minute water supply well, construct and paint an approximately 300,000 gallon reservoir, install a 500 gallon per minute booster station, and replace approximately 90,000 feet of undersized and deteriorated water line. These projects will increase fire flow and generally improve the performance and reliability of the system. $5,087,250

(41) Edmonds--road project--provide the necessary slope stability and improve the integrity of approximately 300 feet of roadway section that has been slowly moving down the hill toward a house due to slope failure $624,750

(42) Franklin County--road project--pave approximately 30 miles of gravel roads throughout the county to save wear and tear on the public's vehicles and savings in annual costs for maintenance $4,500,000

(43) Ilwaco--sanitary sewer project--replace a sewage pump station and renovate another sewage pump station, both of which are 35 years old to meet the department of ecology's requirements and save approximately $13,000 every three years $237,960

(44) Lakewood--sanitary sewer project--construct three pump stations, approximately 17,200 linear feet of force main, approximately 13,500 linear feet of gravity collector pipeline, and approximately 320 side sewer stubs to eliminate septic systems in the American Lake gardens and Tillicum neighborhoods $5,000,000

(45) Olympus terrace sewer district--sanitary sewer project--construction of approximately 8,000 linear feet of trunk pipeline and approximately 16,500 linear feet of storm water conveyance pipeline to prevent high storm water flows from further eroding stream channels $7,000,000

(46) Seattle--storm sewer project--install approximately 2,860 feet of storm drain and approximately 6,800 feet of pipe to alleviate chronic flooding problems for at least 38 businesses and several residences in South Park $5,000,000

(47) Southwest suburban sewer district--sanitary sewer project--replace/rehabilitate approximately 16,700 linear feet of sewer mains to reduce environmental and public health issues associated with sewer backups $3,910,000

(48) Stevenson--domestic water project--replace a failing, unsafe, and hazardous pump station to address fire flow requirements, convert the vacated pump station into additional water reservoir storage, and install approximately 6,250 feet of transmission main to eliminate leaks $795,000

(49) Tacoma--domestic water project--construction of an ozonation treatment plant capable of treating approximately 168 million gallons per day that will provide disinfection and taste and odor compound control $7,000,000

(50) Vancouver--road project--widen approximately 5,000 linear feet of NE 138th Street to four lanes with center left turn lane, bike lanes, sidewalks, street lighting, and landscaping to increase capacity and safety, and upgrade traffic control $2,200,000

(51) Washougal--sanitary sewer project--replace a pump station with approximately 6,250 linear feet of force and gravity mains, extending approximately 2,200 linear feet of gravity sewer, and extension of approximately 2,000 linear feet of interceptor sewer. The improvements protect the water quality of the Washougal River and serve the projected 20-year growth of the area $2,070,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. For any project on the proposed public works board recommended project list in section 1 of this act that replaces a water line over a creek, and where the project need and timeline are being determined by a state agency and the city within its boundaries, the jurisdiction may be reimbursed for expenses incurred prior to the execution of the loan agreement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "board;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and declaring an emergency."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2544 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Ormsby and Jarrett spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of House Bill No. 2544 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 2544, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 97, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2544, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 2, 2006
Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2567, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 9.91 RCW to read as follows:
(1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
(a) "Iodine matrix" means iodine at a concentration greater than two percent by weight in a matrix or solution.
(b) "Matrix" means something, as a substance, in which something else originates, develops, or is contained.
(c) "Methylsulfonylmethane" means methylsulfonylmethane in its powder form only, and does not include products containing methylsulfonylmethane in other forms such as liquids, tablets, capsules not containing methylsulfonylmethane in pure powder form, ointments, creams, cosmetics, foods, and beverages.
(2) Any person who knowingly purchases in a thirty-day period or possesses any quantity of iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or more than two pounds of methylsulfonylmethane is guilty of a gross misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to:
(a) A person who possesses iodine in its elemental form or an iodine matrix as a prescription drug, under a prescription issued by a licensed veterinarian, physician, or advanced registered nurse practitioner;
(b) A person who possesses iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or any quantity of methylsulfonylmethane in its powder form and is actively engaged in the practice of animal husbandry of livestock;
(c) A person who possesses iodine in its elemental form or an iodine matrix in conjunction with experiments conducted in a chemistry or chemistry-related laboratory maintained by a:
(i) Public or private secondary school;
(ii) Public or private institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education;
(iii) Manufacturing facility, government agency, or research facility in the course of lawful business activities;
(d) A veterinarian, physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, pharmacist, retail distributor, wholesaler, manufacturer, warehouseman, or common carrier, or an agent of any of these persons who possesses iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or methylsulfonylmethane in its powder form in the regular course of lawful business activities;
(e) A person working in a general hospital who possesses iodine in its elemental form or an iodine matrix in the regular course of employment at the hospital.
(4) Any person who purchases any quantity of iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or any quantity of methylsulfonylmethane must present an identification card or driver's license issued by any state in the United States or jurisdiction of another country before purchasing the item.
(5) The Washington state patrol shall develop a form to be used in recording transactions involving iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or methylsulfonylmethane. A person who sells or otherwise transfers any quantity of iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or any quantity of methylsulfonylmethane to a person for any purpose authorized in subsection (3) of this section must record each sale or transfer. The record must be made on the form developed by the Washington state patrol and must be retained by the person for at least three years. The Washington state patrol or any local law enforcement agency may request access to the records:
(a) Failure to make or retain a record required under this subsection is a misdemeanor.
(b) Failure to comply with a request for access to records required under this subsection to the Washington state patrol or a local law enforcement agency is a misdemeanor.

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "precursors;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 9.91 RCW; and prescribing penalties."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2567 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives O'Brien and Pearson spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of House Bill No: 2567 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 2567, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 96, Nays - 1, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Voting nay: Representative Nixon - 1.
Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2567, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2606, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW to read as follows:
(1) Except as otherwise prohibited by law, a volunteer member of any fire department who does not serve as fire chief for the department may be:
(a) A candidate for elective public office and serve in that public office if elected; or
(b) Appointed to any public office and serve in that public office if appointed.
(2) For purposes of this section, "volunteer" means a member of any fire department who performs voluntarily any assigned or authorized duties on behalf of or at the direction of the fire department without receiving compensation or consideration for performing such duties.
(3) For purposes of this section, "compensation" and "consideration" do not include any benefits the volunteer may have accrued or is accruing under chapter 41.24 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 52.30 RCW to read as follows:
(1) Except as otherwise prohibited by law, a volunteer member of any fire protection district who does not serve as fire chief for the district may be:
(a) A candidate for elective public office and serve in that public office if elected; or
(b) Appointed to any public office and serve in that public office if appointed.
(2) For purposes of this section, "volunteer" means a member of any fire protection district who performs voluntarily any assigned or authorized duties on behalf of or at the direction of the fire protection district without receiving compensation or consideration for performing such duties.
(3) For purposes of this section, "compensation" and "consideration" do not include any benefits the volunteer may have accrued or is accruing under chapter 41.24 RCW."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "office," strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 52.30 RCW."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2606 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representative Curtis spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of House Bill No. 2606 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 2606, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 97, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2606, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MOTION

On motion of Representative Ericsson, the House immediately reconsidered the vote by which ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2322 passed the House.

RECONSIDERATION

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Engrossed House Bill No. 2322 on reconsideration.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of
Engrossed House Bill No. 2322 on reconsideration, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Y eas - 79, N ays - 18, Abs ent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Schual-Berke - 1.

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2322, on reconsideration, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the following bills:

- SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6188,
- SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6234,
- SENATE BILL NO. 6248,

and passed the bills as amended by the House.

Brad Hendrickson, Deputy Secretary

March 4, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the following bills:

- SENATE BILL NO. 6377,
- SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6377,
- SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6555,
- SENATE BILL NO. 6568,

and passed the bills as amended by the House.

Brad Hendrickson, Deputy Secretary

March 4, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the following bills:

- ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 5232,
- SENATE BILL NO. 6059,

and passed the bills as amended by the House.

Brad Hendrickson, Deputy Secretary

March 4, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The President has signed:

- HOUSE BILL NO. 1305,
- ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1383,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1471,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1504,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1641,
- ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2056,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2228,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2320,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2366,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2379,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2380,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2394,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2414,
- ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2479,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2520,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2562,
- ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2651,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2670,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2690,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2691,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2713,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2723,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2726,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2780,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2804,
- SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2805,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2857,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2874,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2876,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2898,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2908,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2932,
- ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2951,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2987,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 3001,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 3056,
- ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 3074,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3085,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3087,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3120,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3128,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 3134,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3137,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 3154,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3185,
- ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 3192,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 3252,
- HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4023,
- HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4031,

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

March 4, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The President has signed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6885, and the same is herewith
Mr. Speaker:

The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the following bills:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6661, SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6840, and passed the bills as amended by the House.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary
March 4, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the following bills:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5385, ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6106, and passed the bills as amended by the House.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary
March 4, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the following bills:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6308, ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6391, SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6439, SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6527, SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6617, and SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6637, and passed the bills as amended by the House.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary
March 4, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6793, and the same is herewith transmitted.

Brad Hendrickson, Deputy Secretary

The Speaker (Representative Linville presiding) called upon Representative Lovick to preside.

There being no objection, the Rules Committee was relieved of SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6247, and the bill was placed on the Second Reading calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2617, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 46.16.010 and 2005 c 350 s 1, 2005 c 323 s 2, and 2005 c 213 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) It is unlawful for a person to operate any vehicle over and along a public highway of this state without first having obtained and having in full force and effect a current and proper vehicle license and display vehicle license number plates therefor as by this chapter provided.

(2) Failure to make initial registration before operation on the highways of this state is a traffic infraction, and any person committing this infraction shall pay a penalty of five hundred twenty-nine dollars, no part of which may be suspended or deferred.

(3) Failure to renew an expired registration before operation on the highways of this state is a traffic infraction.

(4) The licensing of a vehicle in another state by a resident of this state, as defined in RCW 46.16.028, evading the payment of any tax or license fee imposed in connection with registration, is a gross misdemeanor punishable as follows:

(a) For a first offense, up to one year in the county jail and payment of a fine of five hundred twenty-nine dollars plus twice the amount of delinquent taxes and fees, no part of which may be suspended or deferred;

(b) For a second or subsequent offense, up to one year in the county jail and payment of a fine of five hundred twenty-nine dollars plus four times the amount of delinquent taxes and fees, no part of which may be suspended or deferred;

(c) For fines levied under (b) of this subsection, an amount equal to the avoided taxes and fees owed will be deposited in the vehicle licensing fraud account created in the state treasury;

(d) The avoided taxes and fees shall be deposited and distributed in the same manner as if the taxes and fees were properly paid in a timely fashion.

(5) These provisions shall not apply to the following vehicles:

(a) Motorized foot scooters;

(b) Electric-assisted bicycles;

(c) Off-road vehicles operating on nonhighway roads under RCW 46.09.115;

(d) Farm vehicles if operated within a radius of fifteen miles of the farm where principally used or garaged, farm tractors and farm implements including trailers designed as cook or bunk houses used exclusively for animal herding temporarily operating or drawn upon the public highways, and trailers used exclusively to transport farm implements from one farm to another during the daylight hours or at night when such equipment has lights that comply with the law;

(e) Spray or fertilizer applicator rigs designed and used exclusively for spraying or fertilization in the conduct of agricultural operations and not primarily for the purpose of transportation, and nurse rigs or equipment auxiliary to the use of and designed or modified for the fueling, repairing, or loading of spray and fertilizer applicator rigs and not used, designed, or modified primarily for the purpose of transportation;

(f) Fork lifts operated during daylight hours on public highways adjacent to and within five hundred feet of the warehouses which they serve: PROVIDED FURTHER, That these provisions shall not apply to vehicles used by the state parks and recreation commission exclusively for park maintenance and operations upon public highways within state parks;

(g) "Trams" used for transporting persons to and from facilities related to the horse racing industry as regulated in chapter 67.16
RCW, as long as the public right-of-way routes over which the trams operate are not more than one mile from end to end, the public right-of-way over which the trams operate have an average daily traffic of not more than 15,000 vehicles per day, and the activity is in conformity with federal law. The operator must be a licensed driver and at least eighteen years old. For the purposes of this section, "tram" also means a vehicle, or combination of vehicles linked together with a single mode of propulsion, used to transport persons from one location to another;

(h) "Special highway construction equipment" defined as follows: Any vehicle which is designed and used primarily for grading of highways, paving of highways, earth moving, and other construction work on highways and which is not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property on a public highway and which is only incidentally operated or moved over the highway. It includes, but is not limited to, road construction and maintenance machinery so designed and used such as portable air compressors, air drills, asphalt spreaders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders, track laying tractors, ditches, leveling graders, finishing machines, motor graders, paving mixers, road rollers, scarifiers, earth moving scrapers and carryalls, lighting plants, welders, pumps, power shovels and draglines, self-propelled and tractor-drawn earth moving equipment and machinery, including dump trucks and tractor-dump trailer combinations which either (i) are in excess of the legal width, or (ii) which, because of their length, height, or unladen weight, may not be moved on a public highway without the permit specified in RCW 46.44.090 and which are not operated laden except within the boundaries of the project limits as defined by the contract, and other similar types of construction equipment, or (iii) which are driven or moved upon a public highway only for the purpose of crossing such highway from one property to another, provided such movement does not exceed five hundred feet and the vehicle is equipped with wheels or pads which will not damage the roadway surface.

Exclusions:
"Special highway construction equipment" does not include any of the following:

Dump trucks originally designed to comply with the legal size and weight provisions of this code notwithstanding any subsequent modification which would require a permit, as specified in RCW 46.44.090, to operate such vehicles on a public highway, including trailers, truck-mounted transit mixers, cranes and shovels, or other vehicles designed for the transportation of persons or property to which machinery has been attached.

(6) The following vehicles, whether operated solo or in combination, are exempt from license registration and displaying license plates as required by this chapter:

(a) A converter gear used to convert a semitrailer into a trailer or a two-axle truck or tractor into a three or more axle truck or tractor or used in any other manner to increase the number of axles of a vehicle. Converter gear includes an auxiliary axle, booster axle, dolly, and jeep axle.

(b) A tow dolly that is used for towing a motor vehicle behind another motor vehicle. The front or rear wheels of the towed vehicle are secured to and rest on the tow dolly that is attached to the towing vehicle by a tow bar.

(c) An off-road vehicle operated on a street, road, or highway as authorized under RCW 46.09.180.

(7)(a) A motor vehicle subject to initial or renewal registration under this section shall not be registered to a natural person unless the person at time of application:

(i) Presents an unexpired Washington state driver's license; or

(ii) Certifies that he or she is:

(A) A Washington resident who does not operate a motor vehicle on public roads; or

(B) Exempt from the requirement to obtain a Washington state driver's license under RCW 46.20.025.

(b) For shared or joint ownership, the department will set up procedures to verify that all owners meet the requirements of this subsection.

(c) A person falsifying residency is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of five hundred twenty-nine dollars.

(d) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection, including rules under which a natural person applying for registration may be exempt from the requirements of this subsection, when the person provides evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she has a valid and compelling reason for not being able to meet the requirements of this subsection.

Sec. 2. RCW 46.09.115 and 2005 c 213 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is lawful to operate an off-road vehicle upon:

(a) A nonhighway road and in parking areas serving designated off-road vehicle areas if the state, federal, local, or private authority responsible for the management of the nonhighway road authorizes the use of off-road vehicles, and

(b) A street, road, or highway as authorized under RCW 46.09.180.

2. Operations of an off-road vehicle on a nonhighway road, or on a street, road, or highway as authorized under RCW 46.09.180, under this section is exempt from licensing requirements of RCW 46.16.010 and vehicle lighting and equipment requirements of chapter 46.37 RCW.

3. It is unlawful to operate an off-road vehicle upon a private nonhighway road if the road owner has not authorized the use of off-road vehicles.

4. Nothing in this section authorizes trespass on private property.

5. The provisions of RCW 4.24.210(5) shall apply to public landowners who allow members of the public to use public facilities accessed by a highway, street, or nonhighway road for recreational off-road vehicle use.

Sec. 3. RCW 46.09.120 and 2005 c 213 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

1. Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, it is a traffic infraction for any person to operate any nonhighway vehicle:

(a) In such a manner as to endanger the property of another;

(b) On lands not owned by the operator or owner of the nonhighway vehicle without a lighted headlight and taillight between the hours of dusk and dawn, or when otherwise required for the safety of others regardless of ownership;

(c) On lands not owned by the operator or owner of the nonhighway vehicle without an adequate braking device or when otherwise required for the safety of others regardless of ownership;

(d) Without a spark arrester approved by the department of natural resources;

(e) Without an adequate, and operating, muffling device which effectively limits vehicle noise to no more than eighty-six decibels on the "A" scale at fifty feet as measured by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) test procedure J 331a, except that a maximum noise level of one hundred and five decibels on the "A" scale at a distance of twenty inches from the exhaust outlet shall be an acceptable
Sec. 4. RCW 46.09.180 and 1977 ex.s. c 220 s 15 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this chapter, any city, county, or other political subdivision of this state, or any state agency, may regulate the operation of nonhighway vehicles on public lands, waters, and other properties under its jurisdiction, and on streets, roads, or highways within its boundaries by adopting regulations or ordinances of its governing body, provided such regulations are not less stringent than the provisions of this chapter. However, the legislative body of a city with a population of less than three thousand persons may, by ordinance, designate a street or highway within its boundaries to be suitable for use by off-road vehicles. The legislative body of a county may, by ordinance, designate a road or highway within its boundaries to be suitable for use by off-road vehicles if the road or highway is a direct connection between a city with a population of less than three thousand persons and an off-road vehicle recreation facility.

Sec. 5. RCW 46.37.010 and 2005 c 213 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It is a traffic infraction for any person to drive or move or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person, or which does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with such lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required in this chapter or in regulations issued by the chief of the Washington state patrol, or which is equipped in any manner in violation of this chapter or the state patrol's regulations, or for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required under this chapter or the state patrol's regulations.

(2) Nothing contained in this chapter or the state patrol's regulations shall be construed to prohibit the use of additional parts and accessories on any vehicle not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter or the state patrol's regulations.

(3) The provisions of this chapter and the state patrol's regulations with respect to equipment on vehicles shall not apply to implements of husbandry, road machinery, road rollers, or farm tractors except as herein made applicable.

(4) No owner or operator of a farm tractor, self-propelled unit of farm equipment, or implement of husbandry shall be guilty of a crime or subject to penalty for violation of RCW 46.37.160 as now or hereafter amended unless such violation occurs on a public highway.

(5) It is a traffic infraction for any person to sell or offer for sale vehicle equipment which is required to be approved by the state patrol as prescribed in RCW 46.37.005 unless it has been approved by the state patrol.

(6) The provisions of this chapter with respect to equipment required on vehicles shall not apply to motorcycles or motor-driven cycles except as herein made applicable.

(7) This chapter does not apply to off-road vehicles used on nonhighway roads or used on streets, roads, or highways as authorized under RCW 46.09.180.

(8) This chapter does not apply to vehicles used by the state parks and recreation commission exclusively for park maintenance and operations upon public highways within state parks.

(9) Notices of traffic infraction issued to commercial drivers under the provisions of this chapter with respect to equipment required on commercial motor vehicles shall not be considered for driver improvement purposes under chapter 46.20 RCW.

(10) Whenever a traffic infraction is chargeable to the owner or lessee of a vehicle under subsection (1) of this section, the driver shall not be arrested or issued a notice of traffic infraction unless the vehicle is registered in a jurisdiction other than Washington state, or unless the infraction is for an offense that is clearly within the responsibility of the driver.

(11) Whenever the owner or lessee is issued a notice of traffic infraction under this section the court may, on the request of the owner or lessee, take appropriate steps to make the driver of the vehicle, or any other person who directs the loading, maintenance, or operation of the vehicle, a codefendant. If the codefendant is held solely responsible and is found to have committed the traffic infraction, the court may dismiss the notice against the owner or lessee.
Sec. 6. RCW 4.24.210 and 2003 c 39 s 2 and 2003 c 16 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, any public or private landowner or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether designated resource, rural, or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who allow members of the public to use them for the purposes of outdoor recreation, which term includes, but is not limited to, the cutting, gathering, and removing of firewood by private persons for their personal use without purchasing the firewood from the landowner, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, swimming, hiking, bicycling, skateboarding or other nonmotorized wheel-based activities, hang gliding, paragliding, rock climbing, the riding of horses or other animals, clam digging, pleasure driving of off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, and other vehicles, boating, nature study, winter or water sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites, without acquiring a fee of any kind therefor, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to such users.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, any public or private landowner or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether designated resource, rural, or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who offer or allow such land to be used for purposes of a fish or wildlife cooperative project, or allow access to such land for cleanup of litter or other solid waste, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to any volunteer group or to any other users.

(3) Any public or private landowner, or others in lawful possession and control of the land, may charge an administrative fee of up to twenty-five dollars for the cutting, gathering, and removing of firewood from the land.

(4) Nothing in this section shall prevent the liability of a landowner or others in lawful possession and control for injuries sustained to users by reason of a known dangerous artificial latent condition or use of such an anchor. Nothing in RCW 4.24.200 and (4.424.210) this section limits or expands in any way the doctrine of attractive nuisance. Usage by members of the public, volunteer groups, or other users is permissive and does not support any claim of adverse possession.

(5) For purposes of this section, the following are not fees:
   (a) A license or permit issued for statewide use under authority of chapter 79A.05 RCW or Title 77 RCW (is not a fee); and
   (b) A daily charge not to exceed twenty dollars per person, per day, for access to a publicly owned ORV sports park, as defined in RCW 46.09.020, or other public facility accessed by a highway, street, or nonhighway road for the purposes of off-road vehicle use.

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "roads;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 46.09.115, 46.09.120, 46.09.180, and 46.37.010; and reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.010 and 4.24.210."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2617 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL
AS SENATE AMENDED

Representative Kretz spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of House Bill No. 2617 as amended by the Senate.

MOTION

On motion of Representative Clements, Representative Holmquist was excused.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 2617, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 90, Nays - 7, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Holmquist - 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2617, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

I intended to vote NAY on HOUSE BILL NO. 2617 as amended by the Senate.

MARALYN CHASE, 32nd District

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:
The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2975, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 21.20.320 and 1998 c 15 s 14 are each amended to read as follows:

The following transactions are exempt from RCW 21.20.040 through 21.20.300 and 21.20.327 except as expressly provided:

(1) Any isolated transaction, or sales not involving a public offering, whether effected through a broker-dealer or not; or any transaction effected in accordance with any rule by the director establishing a nonpublic offering exemption pursuant to this subsection where registration is not necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

(2) Any nonissuer transaction by a registered salesperson of a registered broker-dealer, and any resale transaction by a sponsor of a unit investment trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 pursuant to any rule adopted by the director.

(3) Any nonissuer transaction effected by or through a registered broker-dealer pursuant to an unsolicited order or offer to buy, but the director may by rule require that the customer acknowledge upon a specified form that the sale was unsolicited, and that a signed copy of each such form be preserved by the broker-dealer for a specified period.

(4) Any transaction between the issuer or other person on whose behalf the offering is made and an underwriter, or among underwriters.

(5) Any transaction in a bond or other evidence of indebtedness secured by a real or chattel mortgage or deed of trust, or by an agreement for the sale of real estate or chattels, if the entire mortgage, deed of trust, or agreement, together with all the bonds or other evidences of indebtedness secured thereby, is offered and sold as a unit. A bond or other evidence of indebtedness is not offered and sold as a unit if the transaction involves:

(a) A partial interest in one or more bonds or other evidences of indebtedness secured by a real or chattel mortgage or deed of trust, or by an agreement for the sale of real estate or chattels; or
(b) One of multiple bonds or other evidences of indebtedness secured by one or more real or chattel mortgages or deeds of trust, or agreements for the sale of real estate or chattels, sold to more than one purchaser as part of a single plan of financing; or
(c) A security including an investment contract other than the bond or other evidence of indebtedness.

(6) Any transaction by an executor, administrator, sheriff, marshal, receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, guardian, or conservator.

(7) Any transaction executed by a bona fide pledgee without any purpose of evading this chapter.

(8) Any offer or sale to a bank, savings institution, trust company, insurance company, investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, pension or profit-sharing trust, or other financial institution or institutional buyer, or to a broker-dealer, whether the purchaser is acting for itself or in some fiduciary capacity.

(9) Any transaction effected in accordance with the terms and conditions of any rule adopted by the director if:

(a) The aggregate offering amount does not exceed five million dollars; and
(b) The director finds that registration is not necessary in the public interest and for the protection of investors.

(10) Any offer or sale of a preorganization certificate or subscription if (a) no commission or other remuneration is paid or given directly or indirectly for soliciting any prospective subscriber, (b) the number of subscribers does not exceed ten, and (c) no payment is made by any subscriber.

(11) Any transaction pursuant to an offer to existing security holders of the issuer, including persons who at the time of the transaction are holders of convertible securities, nontransferable warrants, or transferable warrants exercisable within not more than ninety days of their issuance, if (a) no commission or other remuneration (other than a standby commission) is paid or given directly or indirectly for soliciting any security holder in this state, or (b) the issuer first files a notice specifying the terms of the offer and the director does not by order disallow the exemption within the next five full business days.

(12) Any offer (but not a sale) of a security for which registration statements have been filed under both this chapter and the Securities Act of 1933 if no stop order or refusal order is in effect and no public proceeding or examination looking toward such an order is pending under either act.

(13) The issuance of any stock dividend, whether the corporation distributing the dividend is the issuer of the stock or not, if nothing of value is given by stockholders for the distribution other than the surrender of a right to a cash dividend where the stockholder can elect to take a dividend in cash or stock.

(14) Any transaction incident to a right of conversion or a statutory or judicially approved reclassification, recapitalization, reorganization, quasi reorganization, stock split, reverse stock split, merger, consolidation, or sale of assets.

(15) The offer or sale by a registered broker-dealer, or a person exempted from the registration requirements pursuant to RCW 21.20.040, acting either as principal or agent, of securities previously sold and distributed to the public: PROVIDED, That:

(a) Such securities are sold at prices reasonably related to the current market price thereof at the time of sale, and, if such broker-dealer is acting as agent, the commission collected by such broker-dealer on account of the sale thereof is not in excess of usual and customary commissions collected with respect to securities and transactions having comparable characteristics;
(b) Such securities do not constitute the whole or a part of an unsold allotment to or subscription or participation by such broker-dealer as an underwriter of such securities or as a participant in the distribution of such securities by the issuer, by an underwriter or by a person or group of persons in substantial control of the issuer or of the outstanding securities of the class being distributed; and
(c) The security has been lawfully sold and distributed in this state or any other state of the United States under this or any act regulating the sale of such securities.

(16) Any transaction by a mutual or cooperative association meeting the requirements of (a) and (b) of this subsection:

(a) The transaction:
(i) Does not involve advertising or public solicitation; or
(ii) Involves advertising or public solicitation, and:
(A) The association first files a notice of claim of exemption on a form prescribed by the director specifying the terms of the offer and the director does not by order deny the exemption within the next ten full business days; or
(B) The association is an employee cooperative and identifies itself as an employee cooperative in advertising or public solicitation.
(b) The transaction involves an instrument or interest, that:
(i)(A) Qualifies its holder to be a member or patron of the association;
(B) Represents a contribution of capital to the association by a
person who is or intends to become a member or patron of the association;
(C) Represents a patronage dividend or other patronage allocation;
(D) Represents the terms or conditions by which a member or patron purchases, sells, or markets products, commodities, or services from, to, or through the association; and
(ii) Is nontransferable except in the case of death, operation of law, bona fide transfer for security purposes only to the association, a bank, or other financial institution, intrafamily transfer, (iii) transfer to an existing member or person who will become a member, or transfer by gift to any person organized and operated as a nonprofit organization as defined in RCW 84.36.800(4) that also possesses a current tax exempt status under the laws of the United States, and, in the case of an instrument, so states conspicuously on its face.
(17) Any transaction effected in accordance with any rule adopted by the director establishing a limited offering exemption which furthers objectives of compatibility with federal exemptions and uniformity among the states, provided that in adopting any such rule the director may require that no commission or other remuneration be paid or given to any person, directly or indirectly, for effecting sales unless the person is registered under this chapter as a broker-dealer or salesperson."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "Washington;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 21.20.320."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2975 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Newhouse and Kirby spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of House Bill No. 2975 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 2975, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 97, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Holmquist - 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2975, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2985, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes that foster children have enhanced health care needs and that it is necessary to improve the system of providing health care for foster children. The legislature further recognizes the importance of meeting the mental health needs of children in foster care, as well as their medical and dental health care needs. The legislature finds that there must be greater coordination and integration of systems, in particular coordination between children's administration and the health and recovery services administration as well as other agencies that provide or pay for health services for foster youth, to ensure that the health care needs of children in foster care are met in a timely manner.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW to read as follows:
Whenever a child is ordered removed from his or her home pursuant to this chapter, the agency charged with his or her care may authorize an evaluation and treatment for the child's routine and necessary medical, dental, or mental health care.

Sec. 3. RCW 74.13.031 and 2004 c 183 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
The department shall have the duty to provide child welfare services and shall:
(1) Develop, administer, supervise, and monitor a coordinated and comprehensive plan that establishes, aids, and strengthens services for the protection and care of runaway, dependent, or neglected children.
(2) Within available resources, recruit an adequate number of prospective adoptive and foster homes, both regular and specialized, i.e., homes for children of ethnic minority, including Indian homes for Indian children, sibling groups, handicapped and emotionally disturbed, teens, pregnant and parenting teens, and annually report to the governor and the legislature concerning the department's success in: (a) Meeting the need for adoptive and foster home placements; (b)
reducing the foster parent turnover rate; (e) completing home studies for legally free children; and (d) implementing and operating the passport program required by RCW 74.13.285. The report shall include a section entitled "Foster Home Turn-Over, Causes and Recommendations."

(3) Investigate complaints of any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker that results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, or sexual abuse or exploitation, or that presents an imminent risk of serious harm, and on the basis of the findings of such investigation, offer child welfare services in relation to the problem to such parents, legal custodians, or persons serving in loco parentis, and/or bring the situation to the attention of an appropriate court, or another community agency: PROVIDED, That an investigation is not required of nonaccidental injuries which are clearly not the result of a lack of care or supervision by the child's parents, legal custodians, or persons serving in loco parentis. If the investigation reveals that a crime against a child may have been committed, the department shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(4) Offer, on a voluntary basis, family reconciliation services to families who are in conflict.

(5) Monitor out-of-home placements, on a timely and routine basis, to assure the safety, well-being, and quality of care being provided is within the scope of the intent of the legislation as defined in RCW 74.13.010 and 74.15.010, and annually submit a report measuring the extent to which the department achieved the specified goals to the governor and the legislature.

(6) Have authority to accept custody of children from parents and to accept custody of children from juvenile courts, where authorized to do so under law, to provide child welfare services including placement for adoption, to provide for the routine and necessary medical, dental, and mental health care, or necessary emergency care of the children, and to provide for the physical care of such children and make payment of maintenance costs if needed. Except where required by Public Law 95-608 (25 U.S.C. Sec. 1915), no private adoption agency which receives children for adoption from the department shall discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or color when considering applications in their placement for adoption.

(7) Have authority to provide temporary shelter to children who have run away from home and who are admitted to crisis residential centers.

(8) Have authority to purchase care for children; and shall follow in general the policy of using properly approved private agency services for the actual care and supervision of such children insofar as they are available, paying for care of such children as are accepted by the department as eligible for support at reasonable rates established by the department.

(9) Establish a children's services advisory committee which shall assist the secretary in the development of a partnership plan for utilizing resources of the public and private sectors, and advise on all matters pertaining to child welfare, licensing of child care agencies, adoption, and services related thereto. At least one member shall represent the adoption community.

(10) Have authority to provide continued foster care or group care for individuals from eighteen through twenty years of age to enable them to complete their high school or vocational school program.

(11) Refer cases to the division of child support whenever state or federal funds are expended for the care and maintenance of a child, including a child with a developmental disability who is placed as a result of an action under chapter 13.34 RCW, unless the department finds that there is good cause not to pursue collection of child support against the parent or parents of the child.

(12) Have authority within funds appropriated for foster care services to purchase care for Indian children who are in the custody of a federally recognized Indian tribe or tribally licensed child-placing agency pursuant to parental consent, tribal court order, or state juvenile court order; and the purchase of such care shall be subject to the same eligibility standards and rates of support applicable to other children for whom the department purchases care.

Notwithstanding any other provision of RCW 13.32A.170 through 13.32A.200 and 74.13.032 through 74.13.036, or of this section all services to be provided by the department of social and health services under subsections (4), (6), and (7) of this section, subject to the limitations of these subsections, may be provided by any program offering such services funded pursuant to Titles II and III of the federal juvenile justice and delinquency prevention act of 1974.

(13) Within amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, provide preventive services to families with children that prevent or shorten the duration of an out-of-home placement.

(14) Have authority to provide independent living services to youths, including individuals eighteen through twenty years of age, who are or have been in foster care.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW to read as follows:

Within existing resources, the department shall establish a foster care health unit within the children's administration. The children's administration and the health and recovery services administration within the department shall integrally collaborate to accomplish the following tasks:

(1) The health unit shall review and provide recommendations to the legislature by September 1, 2006, regarding issues including, but not limited to, the following:

   (a) Creation of an office within the department to consolidate and coordinate physical, dental, and mental health services provided to children who are in the custody of the department;

   (b) Alternative payment structures for health care organization. The department may consider managed care as an alternative structure for health care. The department may not implement managed care for health care services for children in foster care for cost containment purposes; however, the department may institute managed care if the managed care is in the foster child's best interest;

   (c) Improving coordination of health care for children in foster care, including medical, dental, and mental health care;

   (d) Improving access to health information available to the children's administration for providers of health services for children in foster care, including the use of the child profile as a means to facilitate access to such information;

   (e) Establishing a medical home for each child placed in foster care to ensure that appropriate, timely, and necessary quality care is available through a coordinated system of care and analyzing how a medical home might be utilized to meet the unique needs of children in foster care. In establishing a medical home, the department shall consider primary care that is accessible, continuous, comprehensive, family centered, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally effective;

   (f) Examining how existing resources are being utilized to provide health care for foster children and options for improving how the resources are utilized. Particular emphasis shall be placed on the following:

      (i) Whether the health care services provided to foster children are evidence-based;

      (ii) Whether resources are duplicative or redundant between
agencies or departments in the provision of medical, dental, or mental health services for children; and

(iii) Identification of where resources are inadequate to meet the routine and necessary medical, dental, and mental health needs of children in foster care; and

(g) Any other issues related to medical, dental, or mental health care for children in foster care.

(2)(a) The foster care health unit, in collaboration with regional medical consultants, shall develop a statewide, uniform role for the regional medical consultants with emphasis placed on the mental health needs of the children in foster care.

(b) By September 1, 2006, the department shall implement the utilization of the statewide, uniform role for the regional medical consultants developed in (a) of this subsection.

(3) This section expires January 1, 2007."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "services;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.13.031; adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2985 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representatives Schual-Berke and Walsh spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2985 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage Substitute House Bill No. 2985, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 96, Nays - 1, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Voting nay: Representative Dunn - 1.

Excused: Representative Holmquist - 1.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2985, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 3139, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. \(7.70.065\) and \(2005\ c 440\ s 2\) are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Informed consent for health care for a patient who is not competent, as defined in RCW 11.88.010(1)(e), to consent may be obtained from a person authorized to consent on behalf of such patient.

(a) Persons authorized to provide informed consent to health care on behalf of a patient who is not competent to consent, based upon a reason other than incapacity as defined in RCW 11.88.010(1)(d), shall be a member of one of the following classes of persons in the following order of priority:

(i) The appointed guardian of the patient, if any;

(ii) The individual, if any, to whom the patient has given a durable power of attorney that encompasses the authority to make health care decisions;

(iii) The patient's spouse;

(iv) Children of the patient who are at least eighteen years of age;

(v) Parents of the patient; and

(vi) Adult brothers and sisters of the patient.

(b) If the health care provider seeking informed consent for proposed health care of the patient who is not competent to consent under RCW 11.88.010(1)(e), other than a person determined to be incapacitated because he or she is under the age of majority and who is not otherwise authorized to provide informed consent, makes reasonable efforts to locate and secure authorization from a competent person in the first or succeeding class and finds no such person available, authorization may be given by any person in the next class in the order of descending priority. However, no person under this section may provide informed consent to health care:

(i) If a person of higher priority under this section has refused to give such authorization; or

(ii) If there are two or more individuals in the same class and the decision is not unanimous among all available members of that class.

(c) Before any person authorized to provide informed consent on behalf of a patient not competent to consent under RCW 11.88.010(1)(e), other than a person determined to be incapacitated because he or she is under the age of majority and who is not otherwise authorized to provide informed consent, exercises that
authority, the person must first determine in good faith that that patient, if competent, would consent to the proposed health care. If such a determination cannot be made, the decision to consent to the proposed health care may be made only after determining that the proposed health care is in the patient's best interests.

(2) Informed consent for health care, including mental health care, for a patient who is not competent, as defined in RCW 11.88.010(1)(e), because he or she is under the age of majority and who is not otherwise authorized to provide informed consent, may be obtained from a person authorized to consent on behalf of such a patient.

(a) Persons authorized to provide informed consent to health care, including mental health care, on behalf of a patient who is incapacitated, as defined in RCW 11.88.010(1)(e), because he or she is under the age of majority and who is not otherwise authorized to provide informed consent, shall be a member of one of the following classes of persons in the following order of priority:

(i) The appointed guardian, or legal custodian authorized pursuant to Title 26 RCW, of the minor patient, if any;
(ii) A person authorized by the court to consent to medical care for a child in out-of-home placement pursuant to chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW, if any;
(iii) Parents of the minor patient;
(iv) The individual, if any, to whom the minor's parent has given a signed authorization to make health care decisions for the minor patient; and
(v) A competent adult representing himself or herself to be a relative responsible for the health care of such minor patient or a competent adult who has signed and dated a declaration under penalty of perjury pursuant to RCW 9A.72.085 stating that the adult person is a relative responsible for the health care of the minor patient. Such declaration shall be effective for up to six months from the date of the declaration.

(b) A health care provider may, but is not required to, rely on the representations or declaration of a person claiming to be a relative responsible for the care of the minor patient, under (a)(v) of this subsection, if the health care provider does not have actual notice of the falsity of any of the statements made by the person claiming to be a relative responsible for the health care of the minor patient.

(c) A health care facility or a health care provider may, in its discretion, require documentation of a person's claimed status as being a relative responsible for the health care of the minor patient. However, there is no obligation to require such documentation.

(d) The health care provider or health care facility where services are rendered shall be immune from suit in any action, civil or criminal, or from professional or other disciplinary action when such reliance is based on a declaration signed under penalty of perjury pursuant to RCW 9A.72.085 stating that the adult person is a relative responsible for the health care of the minor patient under (a)(v) of this subsection.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "health care," "health care provider," and "health care facility" shall be defined as established in RCW 70.02.010.

Sec. 2. RCW 71.34.020 and 1998 c 296 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

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

(1) "Child psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a physician and surgeon in this state, who has had graduate training in child psychiatry in a program approved by the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association, and who is board eligible or board certified in child psychiatry.

(2) "Children's mental health specialist" means:

(a) A mental health professional who has completed a minimum of one hundred actual hours, not quarter or semester hours, of specialized training devoted to the study of child development and the treatment of children; and

(b) A mental health professional who has the equivalent of one year of full-time experience in the treatment of children under the supervision of a children's mental health specialist.

(3) "Commitment" means a determination by a judge or court commissioner, made after a commitment hearing, that the minor is in need of inpatient diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment or that the minor is in need of less restrictive alternative treatment.

(4) "(County) Designated mental health professional" means a mental health professional designated by one or more counties to perform the functions of a ((county)) designated mental health professional described in this chapter.

(5) "Department" means the department of social and health services.

(6) "Evaluation and treatment facility" means a public or private facility or unit that is certified by the department to provide emergency, inpatient, residential, or outpatient mental health evaluation and treatment services for minors. A physically separate and separately-operated portion of a state hospital may be designated as an evaluation and treatment facility for minors. A facility which is part of or operated by the department or federal agency does not require certification. No correctional institution or facility, juvenile court detention facility, or jail may be an evaluation and treatment facility within the meaning of this chapter.

(7) "Evaluation and treatment program" means the total system of services and facilities coordinated and approved by a county or combination of counties for the evaluation and treatment of minors under this chapter.

(8) "Gravely disabled minor" means a minor who, as a result of a mental disorder, is in danger of serious physical harm resulting from a failure to provide for his or her essential human needs of health or safety, or manifests severe deterioration in routine functioning evidenced by repeated and escalating loss of cognitive or volitional control over his or her actions and is not receiving such care as is essential for his or her health or safety.

(9) "Inpatient treatment" means twenty-four-hour-per-day mental health care provided within a general hospital, psychiatric hospital, or residential treatment facility certified by the department as an evaluation and treatment facility for minors.

(10) "Less restrictive alternative" or "less restrictive setting" means outpatient treatment provided to a minor who is not residing in a facility providing inpatient treatment as defined in this chapter.

(11) "Likelihood of serious harm" means either: (a) A substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon his or her own person, as evidenced by threats or attempts to commit suicide or inflict physical harm on oneself; (b) a substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon another, as evidenced by behavior which has caused such harm or which places another person or persons in reasonable fear of sustaining such harm; or (c) a substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon the property of others, as evidenced by behavior which has caused substantial loss or damage to the property of others.

(12) "Medical necessity" for inpatient care means a requested service which is reasonably calculated to: (a) Diagnose, correct, cure, or alleviate a mental disorder; or (b) prevent the worsening of mental conditions that endanger life or cause suffering and pain, or result in
illness or infirmity or threaten to cause or aggravate a handicap, or cause physical deformity or malfunction, and there is no adequate less restrictive alternative available.

(13) "Mental disorder" means any organic, mental, or emotional impairment that has substantial adverse effects on an individual's cognitive or volitional functions. The presence of alcohol abuse, drug abuse, juvenile criminal history, antisocial behavior, or mental retardation alone is insufficient to justify a finding of "mental disorder" within the meaning of this section.

(14) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric nurse, or social professional, and such other mental health professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the secretary under this chapter.

(15) "Minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years.

(16) "Outpatient treatment" means any of the nonresidential services mandated under chapter 71.24 RCW and provided by licensed services providers as identified by RCW 71.24.025((4)).

(17) "Parent" means:

(a) A biological or adoptive parent who has legal custody of the child, including either parent if custody is shared under a joint custody agreement; or

(b) A person or agency judicially appointed as legal guardian or custodian of the child.

(18) "Professional person in charge" or "professional person" means a physician or other mental health professional empowered by an evaluation and treatment facility with authority to make admission and discharge decisions on behalf of that facility.

(19) "Psychiatric nurse" means a registered nurse who has a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and who has had, in addition, at least two years' experience in the direct treatment of mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons, such experience gained under the supervision of a mental health professional. "Psychiatric nurse" shall also mean any other registered nurse who has three years of such experience.

(20) "Psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a physician in this state who has completed residency training in psychiatry in a program approved by the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association, and is board eligible or board certified in psychiatry.

(21) "Psychologist" means a person licensed as a psychologist under chapter 18.83 RCW.

(22) "Responsible other" means the minor, the minor's parent or estate, or any other person legally responsible for support of the minor.

(23) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or secretary's designee.

(24) "Start of initial detention" means the time of arrival of the minor at the first evaluation and treatment facility offering inpatient treatment if the minor is being involuntarily detained at the time. With regard to voluntary patients, "start of initial detention" means the time at which the minor gives notice of intent to leave under the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 3. RCW 71.34.500 and 2005 c 371 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A minor thirteen years or older may admit himself or herself to an evaluation and treatment facility for inpatient mental treatment, without parental consent. The admission shall occur only if the professional person in charge of the facility concurs with the need for inpatient treatment. Parental authorization, or authorization from a person who may consent on behalf of the minor pursuant to RCW 7.70.065, is required for inpatient treatment of a minor under the age of thirteen.

(2) When, in the judgment of the professional person in charge of an evaluation and treatment facility, there is reason to believe that a minor is in need of inpatient treatment because of a mental disorder, and the facility provides the type of evaluation and treatment needed by the minor, and it is not feasible to treat the minor in any less restrictive setting or the minor's home, the minor may be admitted to an evaluation and treatment facility.

(3) Written renewal of voluntary consent must be obtained from the applicant no less than once every twelve months. The minor's need for continued inpatient treatments shall be reviewed and documented no less than every one hundred eighty days.

Sec. 4. RCW 71.34.530 and 1998 c 296 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

Any minor thirteen years or older may request and receive outpatient treatment without the consent of the minor's parent. Parental authorization, or authorization from a person who may consent on behalf of the minor pursuant to RCW 7.70.065, is required for outpatient treatment of a minor under the age of thirteen.

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "minors," strike the remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 7.70.065, 71.34.020, 71.34.500, and 71.34.530."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 3139 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Pettigrew and Walsh spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of House Bill No. 3139 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 3139, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 97, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.

Voting yea: Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Buck, Buri, Campbell, Chandler, Chase, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Cox, Crouse, Curtis, Darneille, DeBolt, Dickerson, Dunn, Dunshew, Eickmeyer, Ericks, Erickson, Flannigan, Fromhold, Grant, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hankins, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jarrett, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Kilmer, Kirby, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lantz, Linville, Lovick, McCoy, McCune, McDermott, McDonald, McIntire, Miloscia,

Excused: Representative Holmquist - 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3139, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 3156, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes that one in four families lack the financial resources to sustain their family for a period of three months at the federal poverty level. Low-income wage earners need tools to allow them to better control, manage, and increase their financial resources. The legislature is committed to supporting the collaboration of community-based, faith-based, governmental, job training, health care, and social service agencies to help low-income families achieve greater prosperity.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW to read as follows:

(1) The department of community, trade, and economic development must establish a process to offer consulting services to community action agencies, established under RCW 43.63A.115, who are interested in developing pilot programs to assist low-income families accumulate assets. In implementing a pilot program, the community action agency applicant is encouraged to facilitate bringing together community partners to determine the asset building programs to initiate within the community.

(2) The department must select the pilot sites through an application process developed by the department and beginning by July 31, 2006. The department must offer consulting services to no less than four sites with at least one of the pilot sites located in eastern Washington.

(3) A community action agency as established in RCW 43.63A.115 may submit an application to be selected as a pilot site. To be considered for a pilot site, the application must demonstrate how the site will meet the following criteria. The application must:

(a) Identify the local agency that will be the lead agency for the pilot program;

(b) Describe how the lead agency will work with community partners, including local government, to implement the pilot program activities described in this section. The application must specifically identify the community partners with whom the community action agency will be collaborating and the role of the partners;

(c) Identify the areas of potential need based upon input from the community partners. Areas of potential need may include financial literacy, assistance with federal income tax preparation and the use of tax credits, the use of individual development accounts, and other asset-building strategies; and

(d) Identify the resources within the community that might support training for the implementation of the selected best practices chosen to address the needs identified by the community.

(4) The department must report to the legislature by December 1, 2007, on the progress of the implementation of the pilot programs including the application process, the status of the programs, and any implementation issues that arose in initiating the pilot programs.

(5) As used in this section, "asset" or "asset building" means investment or savings for an investment in a family home, higher education, small business, or other long-term asset that will assist low-income families to attain greater self-sufficiency.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW to read as follows:

To the extent funding is appropriated, the department of community, trade, and economic development must establish a program to create an outreach campaign to increase the number of eligible families who claim the federal earned income tax credit. The department may work collaboratively with other state agencies, private and nonprofit agencies, local communities, and others with expertise that might assist the department in implementing the program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act expires January 1, 2008."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "persons;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 43.63A RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 3156 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Darneille and Walsh spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of House Bill No. 3156 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 3156, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 96, Nays - 1, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.

Voting yea: Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Buck, Buri, Campbell, Chandler, Chase, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta,
MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3182, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 74.15.020 and 2001 c 230 s 1, 2001 c 144 s 1, and 2001 c 137 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031, and unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context thereof, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or facility which receives children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities for control, care, or maintenance outside their own homes, or which places, arranges the placement of, or assists in the placement of children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities for foster care or placement of children for adoption, and shall include the following irrespective of whether there is compensation to the agency or to the children, expectant mothers or persons with developmental disabilities for services rendered:

(a) "Child day-care center" means an agency which regularly provides care for a group of children for periods of less than twenty-four hours;

(b) "Child-placing agency" means an agency which places a child or children for temporary care, continued care, or for adoption;

(c) "Community facility" means a group care facility operated for the care of juveniles committed to the department under RCW 13.40.185. A county detention facility that houses juveniles committed to the department under RCW 13.40.185 pursuant to a contract with the department is not a community facility;

(d) "Crisis residential center" means an agency which is a temporary protective residential facility operated to perform the duties specified in chapter 13.32A RCW, in the manner provided in RCW 74.13.032 through 74.13.036;

(e) "Emergency respite center" is an agency that may be commonly known as a crisis nursery, that provides emergency and crisis care for up to seventy-two hours to children who have been admitted by their parents or guardians to prevent abuse or neglect. Emergency respite centers may operate for up to twenty-four hours a day, and for up to seven days a week. Emergency respite centers may provide care for children ages birth through seventeen, and for persons eighteen through twenty with developmental disabilities who are admitted with a sibling or siblings through age seventeen. Emergency respite centers may not substitute for crisis residential centers or HOPE centers, or any other services defined under this section, and may not substitute for services which are required under chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW;

(f) "Family day-care provider" means a child day-care provider who regularly provides child day care for not more than twelve children in the provider's home in the family living quarters;

(g) "Foster-family home" means an agency which regularly provides care on a twenty-four hour basis to one or more children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities in the family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care and supervision the child, expectant mother, or person with a developmental disability is placed;

(h) "Group-care facility" means an agency, other than a foster-family home, which is maintained and operated for the care of a group of children on a twenty-four hour basis;

(i) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the secretary to provide temporary residential placement and other services to street youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for thirty days while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated. No street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by the department and any additional days approved by the department must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option. A street youth whose parent wants him or her returned to home may remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center up to thirty days;

(j) "Maternity service" means an agency which provides or arranges for care or services to expectant mothers, before or during confinement, or which provides care as needed to mothers and their infants after confinement;

(k) "Responsible living skills program" means an agency licensed by the secretary that provides residential and transitional living services to persons ages sixteen to eighteen who are dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW and who have been unable to live in his or her legally authorized residence and, as a result, the minor lived outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by the minor. Dependent minors ages fourteen and fifteen may be eligible if no other placement alternative is available and the department approves the placement;

(l) "Service provider" means the entity that operates a community facility.

(2) "Agency" shall not include the following:

(a) Persons related to the child, expectant mother, or person with developmental disability in the following ways:

(i) Any blood relative, including those of half-blood, and including first cousins, nephews or nieces, and persons of preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of grand, great, or great-great;

(ii) Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, and stepsister;

(iii) A person who legally adopts a child or the child's parent as well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such persons,
and other relatives of the adoptive parents in accordance with state law;
(iv) Spouses of any persons named in (i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection (2)(a), even after the marriage is terminated; or
(v) Extended family members, as defined by the law or custom of the Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of such law or custom, a person who has reached the age of eighteen and who is the Indian child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, niece or nephew, first or second cousin, or stepparent who provides care in the family abode on a twenty-four-hour basis to an Indian child as defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903(4);
(b) Persons who are legal guardians of the child, expectant mother, or persons with developmental disabilities;
(c) Persons who care for a neighbor's or friend's child or children, with or without compensation, where: (i) The person providing care for periods of less than twenty-four hours does not conduct such activity on an ongoing, regularly scheduled basis for the purpose of engaging in business, which includes, but is not limited to, advertising such care; or (ii) the parent and person providing care on a twenty-four-hour basis have agreed to the placement in writing and the state is not providing any payment for the care;
(d) Parents on a mutually cooperative basis exchange care of one another's children;
(e) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that provides placement or similar services to exchange students or international student exchange visitors or persons who have the care of an exchange student in their home;
(f) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that provides placement or similar services to international children who have entered the country by obtaining visas that meet the criteria for medical care as established by the United States immigration and naturalization service, or persons who have the care of such an international child in their home;
(g) Nursery schools or kindergartens which are engaged primarily in educational work with preschool children and in which no child is enrolled on a regular basis for more than four hours per day;
(h) Schools, including boarding schools, which are engaged primarily in education, operate on a definite school year schedule, follow a stated academic curriculum, accept only school-age children and do not accept custody of children;
(i) Seasonal camps of three months' or less duration engaged primarily in recreational or educational activities;
(j) Hospitals licensed pursuant to chapter 70.41 RCW when performing functions defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW and boarding homes licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW;
(k) Licensed physicians or lawyers;
(l) Facilities providing care to children for periods of less than twenty-four hours whose parents remain on the premises to participate in activities other than employment;
(m) Facilities approved and certified under chapter 71A.22 RCW;
(n) Any agency having been in operation in this state ten years prior to June 8, 1967, and not seeking or accepting moneys or assistance from any state or federal agency, and is supported in part by an endowment or trust fund;
(o) Persons who have a child in their home for purposes of adoption, if the child was placed in such home by a licensed child-placing agency, an authorized public or tribal agency or court or if a replacement report has been filed under chapter 26.33 RCW and the placement has been approved by the court;
(p) An agency operated by any unit of local, state, or federal government or an agency(entered within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian reservation) licensed by (the) an Indian tribe pursuant to RCW 74.15.190;
(q) A maximum or medium security program for juvenile offenders operated by or under contract with the department;
(r) An agency located on a federal military reservation, except where the military authorities request that such agency be subject to the licensing requirements of this chapter.
3) "Department" means the state department of social and health services.
4) "Juvenile" means a person under the age of twenty-one who has been sentenced to a term of confinement under the supervision of the department under RCW 13.40.185.
5) "Probationary license" means a license issued as a disciplinary measure to an agency that has previously been issued a full license but is out of compliance with licensing standards.
6) "Requirement" means any rule, regulation, or standard of care to be maintained by an agency.
7) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health services.
8) "Street youth" means a person under the age of eighteen who lives outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by the minor and who is not residing with his or her parent or at his or her legally authorized residence.
9) "Transitional living services" means at a minimum, to the extent funds are available, the following:
(a) Educational services, including basic literacy and computational skills training, either in local alternative or public high schools or in a high school equivalency program that leads to obtaining a high school equivalency degree;
(b) Assistance and counseling related to obtaining vocational training or higher education, job readiness, job search assistance, and placement programs;
(c) Counseling and instruction in life skills such as money management, home management, consumer skills, parenting, health care, access to community resources, and transportation and housing options;
(d) Individual and group counseling; and
(e) Establishing networks with federal agencies and state and local organizations such as the United States department of labor, employment and training administration programs including the job training partnership act which administers private industry councils and the job corps; vocational rehabilitation; and volunteer programs.

Sec. 2. RCW 74.15.190 and 1987 c 170 s 13 are each amended to read as follows:
(1)(a) The state of Washington recognizes the authority of Indian tribes within the state to license agencies, located within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian reservation, to receive children for control, care, and maintenance outside their own homes, or to place, receive, arrange the placement of, or assist in the placement of children for foster care or adoption.
(b) The state of Washington recognizes the ability of the Indian tribes within the state to enter into agreements with the state to license agencies located on or near the federally recognized Indian reservation or, for those federally recognized tribes that do not have a reservation, then on or near the federally designated service delivery area, to receive children for control, care, and maintenance outside their own homes, or to place, receive, arrange the placement of, or assist in the placement of children for foster care.
(c) The department and state licensed child-placing agencies may place children in tribally licensed facilities if the requirements
of RCW 74.15.030 (2)(b) and (3) and supporting rules are satisfied before placing the children in such facilities by the department or any state licensed child-placing agency.

(2) The department may enter into written agreements with Indian tribes within the state to define the terms under which the tribe may license agencies pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. The agreements shall include a definition of what are the geographic boundaries of the tribe for the purposes of licensing and may include locations on or near the federally recognized Indian reservation or, for those federally recognized tribes that do not have a reservation, then on or near the federally designated service delivery area.

(3) The department and its employees are immune from civil liability for damages arising from the conduct of agencies licensed by a tribe."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "licensing;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.15.190; and reenacting and amending RCW 74.15.020."

and the same is hereewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3182 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Pettigrew and Walsh spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 3182 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 3182, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 96, Nays - 1, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Voting nay: Representative Dunn - 1.

Excused: Representative Holmquist - 1.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3182, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 3277, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW to read as follows:

(1) In a prosecution for rape of a child in the first degree, rape of a child in the second degree, or child molestation in the first degree, the prosecuting attorney shall file a special allegation that the offense was predatory whenever sufficient admissible evidence exists, which, when considered with the most plausible, reasonably foreseeable defense that could be raised under the evidence, would justify a finding by a reasonable and objective fact-finder that the offense was predatory, unless the prosecuting attorney determines, after consulting with a victim, that filing a special allegation under this section is likely to interfere with the ability to obtain a conviction.

(2) Once a special allegation has been made under this section, the state has the burden to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the offense was predatory. If a jury is had, the court shall make a finding of fact as to whether the offense was predatory. If no jury is had, the court shall make a finding of fact to correct an error in the initial charging decision or that there are evidentiary problems that make proving the special allegation doubtful.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW to read as follows:

(1) In a prosecution for rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree, indecent liberties by forcible compulsion, or kidnapping in the first degree with sexual motivation, the prosecuting attorney shall file a special allegation that the victim of the offense was under fifteen years of age at the time of the offense whenever sufficient admissible evidence exists, which, when considered with the most plausible, reasonably foreseeable defense that could be raised under the evidence, would justify a finding by a reasonable and objective fact-finder that the victim was under fifteen years of age at the time of the offense, unless the prosecuting attorney determines, after consulting with a victim, that filing a special allegation under this section is likely to interfere with the ability to obtain a conviction."
(2) Once a special allegation has been made under this section, the state has the burden to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the victim was under fifteen years of age at the time of the offense. If a jury is had, the jury shall, if it finds the defendant guilty, also find a special verdict as to whether the victim was under the age of fifteen at the time of the offense. If no jury is had, the court shall make a finding of fact as to whether the victim was under the age of fifteen at the time of the offense.

(3) The prosecuting attorney shall not withdraw a special allegation filed under this section without the approval of the court through an order of dismissal of the allegation. The court may not dismiss the special allegation unless it finds that the order is necessary to correct an error in the initial charging decision or that there are evidentiary problems that make proving the special allegation doubtful.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW to read as follows:

(1) In a prosecution for rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree with forcible compulsion, indecent liberties with forcible compulsion, or kidnapping in the first degree with sexual motivation, the prosecuting attorney shall file a special allegation that the victim was, at the time of the offense, developmentally disabled, mentally disordered, or a frail elder or vulnerable adult, whenever sufficient admissible evidence exists which, when considered with the most plausible, reasonably foreseeable defense that could be raised under the evidence, would justify a finding by a reasonable and objective fact-finder that the victim was, at the time of the offense, developmentally disabled, mentally disordered, or a frail elder or vulnerable adult, unless the prosecuting attorney determines, after consulting with a victim, that filing a special allegation under this section is likely to interfere with the ability to obtain a conviction.

(2) Once a special allegation has been made under this section, the state has the burden to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the victim was, at the time of the offense, developmentally disabled, mentally disordered, or a frail elder or vulnerable adult. If a jury is had, the jury shall, if it finds the defendant guilty, also find a special verdict as to whether the victim was, at the time of the offense, developmentally disabled, mentally disordered, or a frail elder or vulnerable adult. If no jury is had, the court shall make a finding of fact as to whether the victim was, at the time of the offense, developmentally disabled, mentally disordered, or a frail elder or vulnerable adult.

(3) The prosecuting attorney shall not withdraw a special allegation filed under this section without the approval of the court through an order of dismissal of the allegation. The court may not dismiss the special allegation unless it finds that the order is necessary to correct an error in the initial charging decision or that there are evidentiary problems that make proving the special allegation doubtful.

(4) For purposes of this section, "developmentally disabled," "mentally disordered," and "frail elder or vulnerable adult" have the same meaning as in RCW 9A.44.010.

**Sec. 4.** RCW 9.94A.712 and 2005 c 436 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) An offender who is not a persistent offender shall be sentenced under this section if the offender:

(a) Is convicted of:

(i) Rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree, rape of a child in the first degree, child molestation in the first degree, rape of a child in the second degree, or indecent liberties by forcible compulsion;

(ii) Any of the following offenses with a finding of sexual motivation: Murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, homicide by abuse, kidnapping in the first degree, kidnapping in the second degree, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, assault of a child in the first degree, or burglary in the first degree; or

(iii) An attempt to commit any crime listed in this subsection (1)(a); committed on or after September 1, 2001; or

(b) Has a prior conviction for an offense listed in RCW 9.94A.030(33)(b), and is convicted of any sex offense which was committed after September 1, 2001.

For purposes of this subsection (1)(b), failure to register is not a sex offense.

(2) An offender convicted of rape of a child in the first degree or child molestation in the first degree who was seventeen years of age or younger at the time of the offense shall not be sentenced under this section.

(3) (a) Upon a finding that the offender is subject to sentencing under this section, the court shall impose a sentence to a maximum term (consisting of the statutory maximum sentence for the offense) and a minimum term (either within the standard sentence range for the offense, or outside the standard sentence range pursuant to RCW 9.94A.535, if the offender is otherwise eligible for such a sentence).

(b) The maximum term shall consist of the statutory maximum sentence for the offense.

(i) Except as provided in (c)(ii) of this subsection, the minimum term shall be either within the standard sentence range for the offense, or outside the standard sentence range pursuant to RCW 9.94A.535, if the offender is otherwise eligible for such a sentence.

(ii) If the offense that caused the offender to be sentenced under this section was rape of a child in the first degree, rape of a child in the second degree, or child molestation in the first degree, and there has been a finding that the offense was predatory under section 1 of this act, the minimum term shall be either the maximum of the standard sentence range for the offense or twenty-five years, whichever is greater. If the offense that caused the offender to be sentenced under this section was rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree, indecent liberties by forcible compulsion, or kidnapping in the first degree with sexual motivation, and there has been a finding that the victim was under the age of fifteen at the time of the offense, the minimum term shall be either the maximum of the standard sentence range for the offense or twenty-five years, whichever is greater.

(iii) If the offense that caused the offender to be sentenced under this section is rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree with forcible compulsion, indecent liberties with forcible compulsion, or kidnapping in the first degree with sexual motivation, and there has been a finding under section 3 of this act that the victim was, at the time of the offense, developmentally disabled, mentally disordered, or a frail elder or vulnerable adult, the minimum sentence shall be either the maximum of the standard sentence range for the offense or twenty-five years, whichever is greater.

(iv) The minimum terms in (c)(ii) of this subsection do not apply to a juvenile tried as an adult pursuant to RCW 13.04.030(1)(c)(i) or (v). The minimum term for such a juvenile shall be imposed under (c)(i) of this subsection.

(4) A person sentenced under subsection (3) of this section shall serve the sentence in a facility or institution operated, or utilized under contract, by the state.
(5) When a court sentences a person to the custody of the department under this section, the court shall, in addition to the other terms of the sentence, sentence the offender to community custody under the supervision of the department and the authority of the board for any period of time the person is released from total confinement before the expiration of the maximum sentence.

(6)(a)(i) Unless a condition is waived by the court, the conditions of community custody shall include those provided for in RCW 9.94A.700(4). The conditions may also include those provided for in RCW 9.94A.700(5). The court may also order the offender to participate in rehabilitative programs or otherwise perform affirmative conduct reasonably related to the circumstances of the offense, the offender's risk of reoffending, or the safety of the community, and the department and the board shall enforce such conditions pursuant to RCW 9.94A.713, 9.95.425, and 9.95.430.

(ii) If the offense that caused the offender to be sentenced under this section was an offense listed in subsection (1)(a) of this section and the victim of the offense was under eighteen years of age at the time of the offense, the court shall, as a condition of community custody, prohibit the offender from residing in a community protection zone.

(b) As part of any sentence under this section, the court shall also require the offender to comply with any conditions imposed by the board under RCW 9.94A.713 and 9.95.420 through 9.95.435.

Sec. 5. RCW 9.94A.712 and 2004 c 176 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) An offender who is not a persistent offender shall be sentenced under this section if the offender:

(a) Is convicted of:

(i) Rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree, rape of a child in the first degree, child molestation in the first degree, rape of a child in the second degree, or indecent liberties by forcible compulsion;

(ii) Any of the following offenses with a finding of sexual motivation: Murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, homicide by abuse, kidnapping in the first degree, kidnapping in the second degree, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, assault of a child in the first degree, or burglary in the first degree; or

(iii) An attempt to commit any crime listed in this subsection (1)(a);

(b) Has a prior conviction for an offense listed in RCW 9.94A.030(32)(b), and is convicted of any sex offense which was committed after September 1, 2001.

For purposes of this subsection (1)(b), failure to register is not a sex offense.

(2) An offender convicted of rape of a child in the first or second degree or child molestation in the first degree who was seventeen years of age or younger at the time of the offense shall not be sentenced under this section.

(3)(a) Upon a finding that the offender is subject to sentencing under this section, the court shall impose a sentence to a maximum term (consisting of the statutory maximum sentence for the offense) and a minimum term (either within the standard sentence range for the offense, or outside the standard sentence range pursuant to RCW 9.94A.535, if the offender is otherwise eligible for such a sentence).

(b) The maximum term shall consist of the statutory maximum sentence for the offense.

(c)(i) Except as provided in (c)(ii) of this subsection, the minimum term shall be either within the standard sentence range for the offense, or outside the standard sentence range pursuant to RCW 9.94A.535, if the offender is otherwise eligible for such a sentence.

(ii) If the offense caused the offender to be sentenced under this section was rape of a child in the first degree, rape of a child in the second degree, or child molestation in the first degree, and there has been a finding that the offense was predatory under section 1 of this act, the minimum term shall be either the maximum of the standard sentence range for the offense or twenty-five years, whichever is greater.

(iii) If the offense caused the offender to be sentenced under this section was rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree, indecent liberties by forcible compulsion, or kidnapping in the first degree with sexual motivation, and there has been a finding that the victim was under the age of fifteen at the time of the offense under section 2 of this act, the minimum term shall be either the maximum of the standard sentence range for the offense or twenty-five years, whichever is greater.

(iv) If the offense caused the offender to be sentenced under this section was rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree with forcible compulsion, indecent liberties with forcible compulsion, or kidnapping in the first degree with sexual motivation, and there has been a finding under section 3 of this act that the victim was, at the time of the offense, developmentally disabled, mentally disordered, or a frail elder or vulnerable adult, the minimum sentence shall be either the maximum of the standard sentence range for the offense or twenty-five years, whichever is greater.

(d) The minimum terms in (c)(ii) of this subsection do not apply to a juvenile tried as an adult pursuant to RCW 13.04.030(1)(e)(i) or (y). The minimum term for such a juvenile shall be imposed under (c)(i) of this subsection.

(4) A person sentenced under subsection (3) of this section shall serve the sentence in a facility or institution operated, or utilized under contract, by the state.

(5) When a court sentences a person to the custody of the department under this section, the court shall, in addition to the other terms of the sentence, sentence the offender to community custody under the supervision of the department and the authority of the board for any period of time the person is released from total confinement before the expiration of the maximum sentence.

(6)(a) Unless a condition is waived by the court, the conditions of community custody shall include those provided for in RCW 9.94A.700(4). The conditions may also include those provided for in RCW 9.94A.700(5). The court may also order the offender to participate in rehabilitative programs or otherwise perform affirmative conduct reasonably related to the circumstances of the offense, the offender's risk of reoffending, or the safety of the community, and the department and the board shall enforce such conditions pursuant to RCW 9.94A.713, 9.95.425, and 9.95.430.

(b) As part of any sentence under this section, the court shall also require the offender to comply with any conditions imposed by the board under RCW 9.94A.713 and 9.95.420 through 9.95.435.

Sec. 6. RCW 9.94A.030 and 2005 c 436 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

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

(1) "Board" means the indeterminate sentence review board created under chapter 9.95 RCW.

(2) "Collect," or any derivative thereof, "collect and remit," or "collect and deliver," when used with reference to the department, means that the department, either directly or through a collection agreement authorized by RCW 9.94A.760, is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the offender's sentence with regard to the
legal financial obligation, receiving payment thereof from the offender, and, consistent with current law, delivering daily the entire payment to the superior court clerk without depositing it in a departmental account.

(3) "Commission" means the sentencing guidelines commission.

(4) "Community corrections officer" means an employee of the department who is responsible for carrying out specific duties in supervision of sentenced offenders and monitoring of sentence conditions.

(5) "Community custody" means that portion of an offender's sentence of confinement in lieu of earned release time or imposed pursuant to RCW 9.94A.505(2)(b), 9.94A.650 through 9.94A.670, 9.94A.690, 9.94A.700 through 9.94A.715, or 9.94A.545, served in the community subject to controls placed on the offender's movement and activities by the department. For offenders placed on community custody for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2000, the department shall assess the offender's risk of reoffense and may establish and modify conditions of community custody, in addition to those imposed by the court, based upon the risk to community safety.

(6) "Community custody range" means the minimum and maximum period of community custody included as part of a sentence under RCW 9.94A.715, as established by the commission or the legislature under RCW 9.94A.850, for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2000.

(7) "Community placement" means that period during which the offender is subject to the conditions of community custody and/or postrelease supervision, which begins either upon completion of the term of confinement (postrelease supervision) or at such time as the offender is transferred to community custody in lieu of earned release. Community placement may consist of entirely community custody, entirely postrelease supervision, or a combination of the two.

(8) "Community protection zone" means the area within eight hundred eighty feet of the facilities and grounds of a public or private school.

(9) "Community restitution" means compulsory service, without compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the offender.

(10) "Community supervision" means a period of time during which a convicted offender is subject to crime-related prohibitions and other sentence conditions imposed by a court pursuant to this chapter or RCW 16.52.200(6) or 46.61.524. Where the court finds that any offender has a chemical dependency that has contributed to his or her offense, the conditions of supervision may, subject to available resources, include treatment. For purposes of the interstate compact for out-of-state supervision of parolees and probationers, RCW 9.95.270, community supervision is the functional equivalent of probation and should be considered the same as probation by other states.

(11) "Confinement" means total or partial confinement.

(12) "Conviction" means an adjudication of guilt pursuant to Titles 10 or 13 RCW and includes a verdict of guilty, a finding of guilty, and acceptance of a plea of guilty.

(13) "Crime-related prohibition" means an order of a court prohibiting conduct that directly relates to the circumstances of the crime for which the offender has been convicted, and shall not be construed to mean orders directing an offender affirmatively to participate in rehabilitative programs or to otherwise perform affirmative conduct. However, affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with the order of a court may be required by the department.

(14) "Criminal history" means the list of a defendant's prior convictions and juvenile adjudications, whether in this state, in federal court, or elsewhere.

(a) The history shall include, where known, for each conviction (i) whether the defendant has been placed on probation and the length and terms thereof; and (ii) whether the defendant has been incarcerated and the length of incarceration.

(b) A conviction may be removed from a defendant's criminal history only if it is vacated pursuant to RCW 9.96.060, 9.94A.640, 9.95.240, or a similar out-of-state statute, or if the conviction has been vacated pursuant to a governor's pardon.

(c) The determination of a defendant's criminal history is distinct from the determination of an offender score. A prior conviction that was not included in an offender score calculated pursuant to a former version of the sentencing reform act remains part of the defendant's criminal history.

(15) "Day fine" means a fine imposed by the sentencing court that equals the difference between the offender's net daily income and the reasonable obligations that the offender has for the support of the offender and any dependents.

(16) "Day reporting" means a program of enhanced supervision designed to monitor the offender's daily activities and compliance with sentence conditions, and in which the offender is required to report daily to a specific location designated by the department or the sentencing court.

(17) "Department" means the department of corrections.

(18) "Determinate sentence" means a sentence that states with exactitude the number of actual years, months, or days of confinement, of partial confinement, of community supervision, the number of actual hours or days of community restitution work, or dollars or terms of a legal financial obligation. The fact that an offender through earned release can reduce the actual period of confinement shall not affect the classification of the sentence as a determinate sentence.

(19) "Disposable earnings" means that part of the earnings of an offender remaining after the deduction from those earnings of any amount required by law to be withheld. For the purposes of this definition, "earnings" means compensation paid or payable for personal services, whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonuses, or otherwise, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law making the payments exempt from garnishment, attachment, or other process to satisfy a court-ordered legal financial obligation, specifically includes periodic payments pursuant to pension or retirement programs, or insurance policies of any type, but does not include payments made under Title 50 RCW, except as provided in RCW 50.40.020 and 50.40.050, or Title 74 RCW.

(20) "Drug offender sentencing alternative" is a sentencing option available to persons convicted of a felony offense other than a violent offense or a sex offense and who are eligible for the option under RCW 9.94A.660.

(21) "Drug offense" means:

(a) Any felony violation of chapter 69.50 RCW except possession of a controlled substance (RCW 69.50.4013) or forged prescription for a controlled substance (RCW 69.50.403);

(b) Any offense defined as a felony under federal law that relates to the possession, manufacture, distribution, or transportation of a controlled substance; or

(c) Any out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a drug offense under (a) of this subsection.

(22) "Earned release" means earned release from confinement as provided in RCW 9.94A.728.

(23) "Escape" means:
(a) Sexually violent predator escape (RCW 9A.76.115), escape in the first degree (RCW 9A.76.110), escape in the second degree (RCW 9A.76.120), willful failure to return from furlough (RCW 72.66.060), willful failure to return from work release (RCW 72.65.070), or willful failure to be available for supervision by the department while in community custody (RCW 72.09.310); or
(b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as an escape under (a) of this subsection.

(24) "Felony traffic offense" means:
(a) Vehicular homicide (RCW 46.61.520), vehicular assault (RCW 46.61.522), eluding a police officer (RCW 46.61.024), or felony hit-and-run injury-accident (RCW 46.52.020(4)); or
(b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a felony traffic offense under (a) of this subsection.

(25) "Fine" means a specific sum of money ordered by the sentencing court to be paid by the offender to the court over a specific period of time.

(26) "First-time offender" means any person who has no prior convictions for a felony and is eligible for the first-time offender waiver under RCW 9.94A.650.

(27) "Home detention" means a program of partial confinement available to offenders wherein the offender is confined in a private residence subject to electronic surveillance.

(28) "Legal financial obligation" means a sum of money that is ordered by a superior court of the state of Washington for legal financial obligations which may include restitution to the victim, statutorily imposed crime victims' compensation fees as assessed pursuant to RCW 7.68.035, court costs, county or interlocal drug funds, court-appointed attorneys' fees, and costs of defense, fines, and any other financial obligation that is assessed to the offender as a result of a felony conviction. Upon conviction for vehicular assault while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, RCW 46.61.522(1)(b), or vehicular homicide while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, RCW 46.61.520(1)(a), legal financial obligations may also include payment to a public agency of the expense of an emergency response to the incident resulting in the conviction, subject to RCW 38.52.430.

(29) "Most serious offense" means any of the following felonies or a felony attempt to commit any of the following felonies:
(a) Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or criminal solicitation of or criminal conspiracy to commit a class A felony;
(b) Assault in the second degree;
(c) Assault of a child in the second degree;
(d) Child molestation in the second degree;
(e) Controlled substance homicide;
(f) Extortion in the first degree;
(g) Incest when committed against a child under age fourteen;
(h) Indecent liberties;
(i) Kidnapping in the second degree;
(j) Leading organized crime;
(k) Manslaughter in the first degree;
(l) Manslaughter in the second degree;
(m) Promoting prostitution in the first degree;
(n) Rape in the third degree;
(o) Robbery in the second degree;
(p) Sexual exploitation;
(q) Vehicular assault, when caused by the operation or driving of a vehicle by a person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or by the operation or driving of a vehicle in a reckless manner;
(r) Vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by the driving of any vehicle by any person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation of any vehicle in a reckless manner;
(s) Any other class B felony offense with a finding of sexual motivation;
(t) Any other felony with a deadly weapon verdict under RCW 9.94A.602;
(u) Any felony offense in effect at any time prior to December 2, 1993, that is comparable to a most serious offense under this subsection, or any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a most serious offense under this subsection;
(v) (i) A prior conviction for indecent liberties under RCW 9A.88.100(1)(a), (b), and (c), chapter 260, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. as it existed until July 1, 1979, RCW 9A.44.100(1) (a), (b), and (c) as it existed from July 1, 1979, until June 11, 1986, and RCW 9A.44.100(1) (a), (b), and (d) as it existed from June 11, 1986, until July 1, 1988;
(ii) A prior conviction for indecent liberties under RCW 9A.44.100(1)(c) as it existed from June 11, 1986, until July 1, 1988, if: (A) The crime was committed against a child under the age of fourteen; or (B) the relationship between the victim and perpetrator is included in the definition of indecent liberties under RCW 9A.44.100(1)(c) as it existed from July 1, 1988, through July 27, 1997, or RCW 9A.44.100(1)(d) or (e) as it existed from July 25, 1993, through July 27, 1997.

(30) "Nonviolent offense" means an offense which is not a violent offense.

(31) "Offender" means a person who has committed a felony established by state law and is eighteen years of age or older or is less than eighteen years of age but whose case is under superior court jurisdiction under RCW 13.04.030 or has been transferred by the appropriate juvenile court to a criminal court pursuant to RCW 13.40.110. Throughout this chapter, the terms "offender" and "defendant" are used interchangeably.

(32) "Partial confinement" means confinement for no more than one year in a facility or institution operated or utilized under contract by the state or any other unit of government, or, if home detention or work crew has been ordered by the court, in an approved residence, for a substantial portion of each day with the balance of the day spent in the community. Partial confinement includes work release, home detention, work crew, and a combination of work crew and home detention.

(33) "Persistent offender" is an offender who:
(a)(i) Has been convicted in this state of any felony considered a most serious offense; and
(ii) Has, before the commission of the offense under (a) of this subsection, been convicted as an offender on at least two separate occasions, whether in this state or elsewhere, of felonies that under the laws of this state would be considered most serious offenses and would be included in the offender score under RCW 9.94A.525; provided that of the two or more previous convictions, at least one conviction must have occurred before the commission of any of the other most serious offenses for which the offender was previously convicted; or
(b)(i) Has been convicted of: (A) Rape in the first degree, rape of a child in the first degree, child molestation in the first degree, rape in the second degree, rape of a child in the second degree, or indecent liberties by forcible compulsion; (B) any of the following offenses with a finding of sexual motivation: Murder in the first degree,
murder in the second degree, homicide by abuse, kidnapping in the first degree, kidnapping in the second degree, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, assault of a child in the first degree, or burglary in the first degree; or (C) an attempt to commit any crime listed in this subsection (33)(b)(i); and

(ii) Has, before the commission of the offense under (b)(ii) of this subsection, been convicted as an offender on at least one occasion, whether in this state or elsewhere, of an offense listed in (b)(i) of this subsection or any federal or out-of-state offense or offense under prior Washington law that is comparable to the offenses listed in (b)(i) of this subsection. A conviction for rape of a child in the first degree constitutes a conviction under (b)(i) of this subsection only when the offender was sixteen years of age or older when the offender committed the offense. A conviction for rape of a child in the second degree constitutes a conviction under (b)(i) of this subsection only when the offender was eighteen years of age or older when the offender committed the offense.

(34) "Postrelease supervision" is that portion of an offender's community placement that is not community custody.

(35) "Predatory" means: (a) The perpetrator of the crime was a stranger to the victim, as defined in this section; (b) the perpetrator established or promoted a relationship with the victim prior to the offense and the victimization of the victim was a significant reason the perpetrator established or promoted the relationship; or (c) the perpetrator was: (i) A teacher, counselor, volunteer, or other person in authority in any public or private school and the victim was a student of the school under his or her authority or supervision. For purposes of this subsection, "school" does not include home-based instruction as defined in RCW 28A.225.010; (ii) a coach, trainer, volunteer, or other person in authority in any recreational activity and the victim was a participant in the activity under his or her authority or supervision; or (iii) a pastor, elder, volunteer, or other person in authority in any church or religious organization, and the victim was a member or participant of the organization under his or her authority.

(36) "Private school" means a school regulated under chapter 28A.195 or 28A.205 RCW.

(37) "Public school" has the same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.010.

(38) "Restitution" means a specific sum of money ordered by the sentencing court to be paid by the offender to the court over a specified period of time as payment of damages. The sum may include both public and private costs.

(39) "Risk assessment" means the application of an objective instrument supported by research and adopted by the department for the purpose of assessing an offender's risk of reoffense, taking into consideration the nature of the harm done by the offender, place and circumstances of the offender related to risk, the offender's relationship to any victim, and any information provided to the department by victims. The results of a risk assessment shall not be based on unconfirmed or unconfirmed allegations.

(40) "Serious traffic offense" means:
(a) Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.502), actual physical control while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.504), reckless driving (RCW 46.61.500), or hit-and-run an attended vehicle (RCW 46.52.020(5)) or
(b) Any federal, out-of-state, county, or municipal conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be classified as a serious traffic offense under (a) of this subsection.

(41) "Serious violent offense" is a subcategory of violent offense and means:
(a)(i) Murder in the first degree;
(ii) Homicide by abuse;
(iii) Murder in the second degree;
(iv) Manslaughter in the first degree;
(v) Assault in the first degree;
(vi) Kidnapping in the first degree;
(vii) Rape in the first degree;
(viii) Assault of a child in the first degree; or
(ix) An attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit one of these felonies; or
(b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a serious violent offense under (a) of this subsection.

(42) "Sex offense" means:
(a) A felony that is a violation of chapter 9A.44 RCW other than RCW 9A.44.130(11);
(b) A violation of RCW 9A.64.020;
(c) A felony that is a violation of chapter 9.68A RCW other than RCW 9.68A.070 or 9.68A.080; or
(d) A felony that is, under chapter 9A.28 RCW, a criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit such crimes;
(e) Any conviction for a felony offense in effect at any time prior to July 1, 1976, that is comparable to a felony classified as a sex offense in (a) of this subsection;
(f) A felony with a finding of sexual motivation under RCW 9.94A.835 or 13.40.135; or
(g) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a sex offense under (a) of this subsection.

(43) "Sexual motivation" means that one of the purposes for which the defendant committed the crime was for the purpose of his or her sexual gratification.

(44) "Standard sentence range" means the sentencing court's discretionary range in imposing a nonappealable sentence.

(45) "Statutory maximum sentence" means the maximum length of time for which an offender may be confined as punishment for a crime as prescribed in chapter 9A.20 RCW, RCW 9.92.010, the statute defining the crime, or other statute defining the maximum penalty for a crime.

(46) "Stranger" means that the victim did not know the offender twenty-four hours before the offense.

(47) "Total confinement" means confinement inside the physical boundaries of a facility or institution operated or utilized under contract by the state or any other unit of government for twenty-four hours a day, or pursuant to RCW 72.64.050 and 72.64.060.

(48) "Transition training" means written and verbal instructions and assistance provided by the department to the offender during the two weeks prior to the offender's successful completion of the work ethic camp program. The transition training shall include instructions in the offender's requirements and obligations during the offender's period of community custody.

(49) "Victim" means any person who has sustained emotional, psychological, physical, or financial injury to person or property as a direct result of the crime charged.

(50) "Violent offense" means:
(a) Any of the following felonies:
(i) Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or an attempt to commit a class A felony;
(ii) Criminal solicitation of or criminal conspiracy to commit a class A felony;
(iii) Manslaughter in the first degree;
(iv) Manslaughter in the second degree;
(v) Indecent liberties if committed by forcible compulsion;
(vi) Kidnapping in the second degree;
(vii) Arson in the second degree;
(viii) Assault in the second degree;
(ix) Assault of a child in the second degree;
(x) Extortion in the first degree;
(xi) Robbery in the second degree;
(xii) Drive-by shooting;
(xiii) Vehicular assault, when caused by the operation or driving of a vehicle by a person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or by the operation or driving of a vehicle in a reckless manner; and
(xiv) Vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by the driving of any vehicle by any person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation of any vehicle in a reckless manner;
(b) Any conviction for a felony offense in effect at any time prior to July 1, 1976, that is comparable to a felony classified as a violent offense in (a) of this subsection; and
(c) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a violent offense under (a) or (b) of this subsection.

Sec. 7. RCW 9.94A.030 and 2003 c 53 s 55 are each amended to read as follows:

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

(1) "Board" means the indeterminate sentence review board created under chapter 9.95 RCW.

(2) "Collect," or any derivative thereof, "collect and remit," or "collect and deliver," when used with reference to the department, means that the department, either directly or through a collection agreement authorized by RCW 9.94A.760, is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the offender's sentence with regard to the legal financial obligation, receiving payment thereof from the offender, and, consistent with current law, delivering daily the entire payment to the superior court clerk without depositing it in a departmental account.

(3) "Commission" means the sentencing guidelines commission.

(4) "Community corrections officer" means an employee of the department who is responsible for carrying out specific duties in supervision of sentenced offenders and monitoring of sentence conditions.

(5) "Community custody" means that portion of an offender's sentence of confinement in lieu of earned release time or imposed pursuant to RCW 9.94A.505(2)(b), 9.94A.650 through 9.94A.670, 9.94A.690, 9.94A.700 through 9.94A.715, or 9.94A.545, served in the community subject to controls placed on the offender's movement and activities by the department. For offenders placed on community custody for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2000, the department shall assess the offender's risk of reoffense and may establish and modify conditions of community custody, in addition to those imposed by the court, based upon the risk to community safety.

(6) "Community custody range" means the minimum and maximum period of community custody included as part of a sentence under RCW 9.94A.715, as established by the commission or the legislature under RCW 9.94A.850, for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2000.

(7) "Community placement" means that period during which the offender is subject to the conditions of community custody and/or postrelease supervision, which begins either upon completion of the term of confinement (postrelease supervision) or at such time as the offender is transferred to community custody in lieu of earned release. Community placement may consist of entirely community custody, entirely postrelease supervision, or a combination of the two.

(8) "Community restitution" means compulsory service, without compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the offender.

(9) "Community supervision" means a period of time during which a convicted offender is subject to crime-related prohibitions and other sentence conditions imposed by a court pursuant to this chapter or RCW 16.52.200(6) or 46.61.524. Where the court finds that any offender has a chemical dependency that has contributed to his or her offense, the conditions of supervision may, subject to available resources, include treatment. For purposes of the interstate compact for out-of-state supervision of parolees and probationers, RCW 9.95.270, community supervision is the functional equivalent of probation and should be considered the same as probation by other states.

(10) "Confinement" means total or partial confinement.

(11) "Conviction" means an adjudication of guilt pursuant to Titles 10 or 13 RCW and includes a verdict of guilty, a finding of guilty, and acceptance of a plea of guilty.

(12) "Crime-related prohibition" means an order of a court prohibiting conduct that directly relates to the circumstances of the crime for which the offender has been convicted, and shall not be construed to mean orders directing an offender affirmatively to participate in rehabilitative programs or to otherwise perform affirmative conduct. However, affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with the order of a court may be required by the department.

(13) "Crimes list" means the list of a defendant's prior convictions and juvenile adjudications, whether in this, state, in federal court, or elsewhere.

(a) The crimes list shall include, where known, for each conviction (i) whether the defendant has been placed on probation and the length and terms thereof; and (ii) whether the defendant has been incarcerated and the length of incarceration.

(b) A conviction may be removed from a defendant's criminal history only if it is vacated pursuant to RCW 9.96.060, 9.94A.640, 9.95.240, or a similar out-of-state statute, or if the conviction has been vacated pursuant to a governor's pardon.

(c) The determination of a defendant's criminal history is distinct from the determination of an offender score. A prior conviction that was not included in an offender score calculated pursuant to a former version of the sentencing reform act remains part of the defendant's criminal history.

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that equals the difference between the offender's net daily income and the reasonable obligations that the offender has for the support of the offender and any dependents.

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(b) Any offense defined as a felony under federal law that relates to the possession, manufacture, distribution, or transportation of a controlled substance; or

(c) Any out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a drug offense under (a) of this subsection.

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(b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as an escape under (a) of this subsection.

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(a) Vehicular homicide (RCW 46.61.520), vehicular assault (RCW 46.61.522), eluding a police officer (RCW 46.61.024), or felony hit-and-run injury-accident (RCW 46.52.020(4)); or

(b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a felony traffic offense under (a) of this subsection.

(24) "Fine" means a specific sum of money ordered by the sentencing court to be paid by the offender to the court over a specific period of time.

(25) "First-time offender" means any person who has no prior convictions for a felony and is eligible for the first-time offender waiver under RCW 9.94A.650.

(26) "Home detention" means a program of partial confinement available to offenders wherein the offender is confined in a private residence subject to electronic surveillance.

(27) "Legal financial obligation" means a sum of money that is ordered by a superior court of the state of Washington for legal financial obligations which may include restitution to the victim, statutorily imposed crime victims' compensation fees assessed pursuant to RCW 7.68.035, court costs, county or interlocal drug funds, court-appointed attorneys' fees, and costs of defense, fines, and any other financial obligation that is assessed to the offender as a result of a felony conviction. Upon conviction for vehicular assault while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, RCW 46.61.520(1)(b), or vehicular homicide while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, RCW 46.61.520(1)(a), legal financial obligations may also include payment to a public agency of the expense of an emergency response to the incident resulting in the conviction, subject to RCW 38.52.430.

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(c) Assault of a child in the second degree;

(d) Child molestation in the second degree;

(e) Controlled substance homicide;

(f) Extortion in the first degree;

(g) Incest when committed against a child under age fourteen;

(h) Indecent liberties;

(i) Kidnapping in the second degree;

(j) Leading organized crime;

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(l) Manslaughter in the second degree;

(m) Promoting prostitution in the first degree;

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(o) Robbery in the second degree;

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(q) Vehicular assault, when caused by the operation or driving of a vehicle by a person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or by the operation or driving of a vehicle in a reckless manner;

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(t) Any other felony with a deadly weapon verdict under RCW 9.94A.602;

(u) Any felony offense in effect at any time prior to December 2, 1993, that is comparable to a most serious offense under this subsection, or any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a most serious offense under this subsection;

(v) A prior conviction for indecent liberties under RCW 9A.88.100(1)(a), (b), and (c), chapter 260, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess.
as it existed until July 1, 1979, RCW 9A.44.100(1)(a), (b), and (c) as it existed from July 1, 1979, until June 11, 1986, and RCW 9A.44.100(1)(a), (b), and (d) as it existed from June 11, 1986, until July 1, 1988:

(ii) A prior conviction for indecent liberties under RCW 9A.44.100(1)(c) as it existed from June 11, 1986, until July 1, 1988, if: (A) The crime was committed against a child under the age of fourteen; or (B) the relationship between the victim and perpetrator is included in the definition of indecent liberties under RCW 9A.44.100(1)(c) as it existed from July 1, 1988, through July 27, 1997, or RCW 9A.44.100(1)(d) or (e) as it existed from July 25, 1993, through July 27, 1997.

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(b)(i) Has been convicted of: (A) Rape in the first degree, rape of a child in the first degree, child molestation in the first degree, rape in the second degree, rape of a child in the second degree, or indecent liberties by forcible compulsion; (B) any of the following offenses with a finding of sexual motivation: Murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, homicide by abuse, kidnapping in the first degree, kidnapping in the second degree, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, assault of a child in the first degree, or burglary in the first degree; or (C) an attempt to commit any crime listed in this subsection (32)(b)(i); and

(ii) Has, before the commission of the offense under (b)(i) of this subsection, been convicted as an offender on at least one occasion, whether in this state or elsewhere, of an offense listed in (b)(i) of this subsection or any federal or out-of-state offense or offense under prior Washington law that is comparable to the offenses listed in (b)(i) of this subsection. A conviction for rape of a child in the first degree constitutes a conviction under (b)(i) of this subsection only when the offender was sixteen years of age or older when the offender committed the offense. A conviction for rape of a child in the second degree constitutes a conviction under (b)(i) of this subsection only when the offender was eighteen years of age or older when the offender committed the offense.

(33) "Postrelease supervision" is that portion of an offender's community placement that is not community custody.

(34) "Predatory" means: (a) The perpetrator of the crime was a stranger to the victim, as defined in this section; (b) the perpetrator established or promoted a relationship with the victim prior to the offense and the victimization of the victim was a significant reason the perpetrator established or promoted the relationship; or (c) the perpetrator was: (i) A teacher, counselor, volunteer, or other person in authority in any public or private school and the victim was a student of the school under his or her authority or supervision. For purposes of this subsection, "school" does not include home-based instruction as defined in RCW 28A.225.010; (ii) a coach, trainer, volunteer, or other person in authority in any recreational activity and the victim was a participant in the activity under his or her authority or supervision; or (iii) a pastor, elder, volunteer, or other person in authority in any church or religious organization, and the victim was a member or participant of the organization under his or her authority.

(35) "Restitution" means a specific sum of money ordered by the sentencing court to be paid by the offender to the court over a specified period of time as payment of damages. The sum may include both public and private costs.

(36) "Risk assessment" means the application of an objective instrument supported by research and adopted by the department for the purpose of assessing an offender's risk of reoffense, taking into consideration the nature of the harm done by the offender, place and circumstances of the offender related to risk, the offender's relationship to any victim, and any information provided to the department by victims. The results of a risk assessment shall not be based on unconfirmed or unconfirmable allegations.

(37) "Serious traffic offense" means:

(a) Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.502), actual physical control while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.504), reckless driving (RCW 46.61.500), or hit-and-run an attended vehicle (RCW 46.52.020(5)); or

(b) Any federal, out-of-state, county, or municipal conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be classified as a serious traffic offense under (a) of this subsection.

(38) "Serious violent offense" is a subcategory of violent offense and means:

(a)(i) Murder in the first degree;

(ii) Homicide by abuse;

(iii) Murder in the second degree;

(iv) Manslaughter in the first degree;

(v) Assault in the first degree;

(vi) Kidnapping in the first degree;

(vii) Rape in the first degree;

(viii) Assault of a child in the first degree; or

(ix) An attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit one of these felonies; or

(b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a serious violent offense under (a) of this subsection.

(39) "Sex offense" means:

(a)(i) A felony that is a violation of chapter 9A.44 RCW other than RCW 9A.44.130(11);

(ii) A violation of RCW 9A.64.020; or

(iii) A felony that is a violation of chapter 9.68A RCW other than RCW 9.68A.070 or 9.68A.080; or
...continued and the bill passed by the House by the following vote: Yeas - 97, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.

Voting yea: Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Anderson,

Excused: Representative Holmquist - 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3277, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2353, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"PART I - FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS"

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 41.56 RCW to read as follows:

(1) In addition to the entities listed in RCW 41.56.020, this chapter applies to the governor with respect to family child care providers. Solely for the purposes of collective bargaining and as expressly limited under subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the governor is the public employer of family child care providers who, solely for the purposes of collective bargaining, are public employees. The public employer shall be represented for bargaining purposes by the governor or the governor's designee appointed under chapter 41.80 RCW.

(2) This chapter governs the collective bargaining relationship between the governor and family child care providers, except as follows:

(a) A statewide unit of all family child care providers is the only unit appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining under RCW 41.56.060.

(b) The exclusive bargaining representative of family child care providers in the unit specified in (a) of this subsection shall be the representative chosen in an election conducted pursuant to RCW 41.56.070, except that in the initial election conducted under this act, if more than one labor organization is on the ballot and none of the choices receives a majority of the votes cast, a run-off election shall be held.

(c) Notwithstanding the definition of "collective bargaining" in RCW 41.56.030(4), the scope of collective bargaining for child care providers under this section shall be limited solely to: (i) Economic compensation, such as manner and rate of subsidy and reimbursement, including tiered reimbursements; (ii) health and welfare benefits; (iii) professional development and training; (iv) labor-management committees; (v) grievance procedures; and (vi) other economic matters. Retirement benefits shall not be subject to collective bargaining. By such obligation, neither party shall be compelled to agree to a proposal or be required to make a concession unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(d) The mediation and interest arbitration provisions of RCW 41.56.430 through 41.56.470 and 41.56.480 apply, except that:

(i) With respect to commencement of negotiations between the governor and the exclusive bargaining representative of family child care providers, negotiations shall be commenced initially upon certification of an exclusive bargaining representative under (a) of this subsection and, thereafter, by February 1st of any even-numbered year;

(ii) In addition to the factors to be taken into consideration by an interest arbitration panel under RCW 41.56.465, the panel shall consider the financial ability of the state to pay for the compensation and benefit provisions of a collective bargaining agreement; and

(iii) The decision of the arbitration panel is not binding on the legislature and, if the legislature does not approve the request for funds necessary to implement the compensation and benefit provisions of the arbitrated collective bargaining agreement, is not binding on the state.

(e) Family child care providers do not have the right to strike.

(3) Family child care providers who are public employees solely for the purposes of collective bargaining under subsection (1) of this section are not, for that reason, employees of the state for any purpose. This section applies only to the governance of the collective bargaining relationship between the employer and family child care providers as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(4) This section does not create or modify:

(a) The parents' or legal guardians' right to choose and terminate the services of any family child care provider that provides care for their child or children;

(b) The secretary of the department of social and health services' right to adopt requirements under RCW 74.15.030, except for requirements related to grievance procedures and collective negotiations on personnel matters as specified in subsection (2)(c) of this section;

(c) Chapter 26.44 RCW, RCW 43.43.832, 43.20A.205, and 74.15.130; and

(d) The legislature's right to make programmatic modifications to the delivery of state services through child care subsidy programs, including standards of eligibility of parents, legal guardians, and family child care providers participating in child care subsidy programs, and the nature of services provided. The governor shall not enter into, extend, or renew any agreement under this section that does not expressly reserve the legislative rights described in this subsection (4)(d).

(5) Upon meeting the requirements of subsection (6) of this section, the governor must submit, as a part of the proposed biennial or supplemental operating budget submitted to the legislature under RCW 43.88.030, a request for funds necessary to implement the compensation and benefit provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into under this section or for legislation necessary to implement such agreement.

(6) A request for funds necessary to implement the compensation and benefit provisions of a collective bargaining
agreement entered into under this section shall not be submitted by the governor to the legislature unless such request has been:

(a) Submitted to the director of financial management by October 1st before the legislative session at which the request is to be considered, except that, for initial negotiations under this section, the request must be submitted by November 15, 2006; and

(b) Certified by the director of financial management as being feasible financially for the state or reflects the binding decision of an arbitration panel reached under this section.

(7) The legislature must approve or reject the submission of the request for funds as a whole. If the legislature rejects or fails to act on the submission, any such agreement will be reopened solely for the purpose of renegotiating the funds necessary to implement the agreement.

(8) The governor shall periodically consult with the joint committee on employment relations established by RCW 41.80.010 regarding appropriations necessary to implement the compensation and benefit provisions of any collective bargaining agreement and, upon completion of negotiations, advise the committee on the elements of the agreement and on any legislation necessary to implement such agreement.

(9) After the expiration date of any collective bargaining agreement entered into under this section, all of the terms and conditions specified in any such agreement remain in effect until the effective date of a subsequent agreement, not to exceed one year from the expiration date stated in the agreement, except as provided in subsection (4)(d) of this section.

(10) If, after the compensation and benefit provisions of an agreement are approved by the legislature, a significant revenue shortfall occurs resulting in reduced appropriations, as declared by proclamation of the governor or by resolution of the legislature, both parties shall immediately enter into collective bargaining for a mutually agreed upon modification of the agreement.

(11) In enacting this section, the legislature intends to provide state action immunity under federal and state antitrust laws for the joint activities of family child care providers and their exclusive bargaining representative to the extent such activities are authorized by this chapter.

Sec. 2. RCW 41.56.030 and 2004 c 3 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Public employer" means any officer, board, commission, council, or other person or body acting on behalf of any public body governed by this chapter, or any subdivision of such public body. For the purposes of this section, the public employer of district court or superior court employees for wage-related matters is the respective county legislative authority, or person or body acting on behalf of the legislative authority, and the public employer for nonwage-related matters is the judge or judge's designee of the respective district court or superior court.

(2) "Public employee" means any employee of a public employer except any person (a) elected by popular vote, or (b) appointed to office pursuant to statute, ordinance or resolution for a specified term of office as a member of a multimember board, commission, or committee, whether appointed by the executive head or body of the public employer, or (c) whose duties as deputy, administrative assistant or secretary necessarily imply a confidential relationship to (i) the executive head or body of the applicable bargaining unit, or (ii) any person elected by popular vote, or (iii) any person appointed to office pursuant to statute, ordinance or resolution for a specified term of office as a member of a multimember board, commission, or committee, whether appointed by the executive head or body of the public employer, or (d) who is a court commissioner or a court magistrate of superior court, district court, or a department of a district court organized under chapter 3.46 RCW, or (e) who is a personal assistant to a district court judge, superior court judge, or court commissioner((f) or (g) excluded from a bargaining unit under RCW 41.56.201(2)(c))). For the purpose of (e) of this subsection, no more than one assistant for each judge or commissioner may be excluded from a bargaining unit.

(3) "Bargaining representative" means any lawful organization which has as one of its primary purposes the representation of employees in their employment relations with employers.

(4) "Collective bargaining" means the performance of the mutual obligations of the public employer and the exclusive bargaining representative to meet at reasonable times, to confer and negotiate in good faith, and to execute a written agreement with respect to grievance procedures and collective negotiations on personnel matters, including wages, hours and working conditions, which may be peculiar to an appropriate bargaining unit of such public employer, except that by such obligation neither party shall be compelled to agree to a proposal or be required to make a concession unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(5) "Commission" means the public employment relations commission.

(6) "Executive director" means the executive director of the commission.

(7) "Uniformed personnel" means: (a) Law enforcement officers as defined in RCW 41.26.030 employed by the governing body of any city or town with a population of two thousand five hundred or more and law enforcement officers employed by the governing body of any county with a population of ten thousand or more; (b) correctional employees who are uniformed and nonuniformed, commissioned and noncommissioned security personnel employed in a jail as defined in RCW 70.48.020(5), by a county with a population of seventy thousand or more, and who are trained for and charged with the responsibility of controlling and maintaining custody of inmates in the jail and safeguarding inmates from other inmates; (c) general authority Washington peace officers as defined in RCW 10.93.020 employed by a port district in a county with a population of one million or more; (d) security forces established under RCW 43.52.520; (e) fire fighters as that term is defined in RCW 41.26.030; (f) employees of a port district in a county with a population of one million or more whose duties include crash fire rescue or other fire fighting duties; (g) employees of fire departments of public employers who dispatch exclusively either fire or emergency medical services, or both; or (h) employees in the several classes of advanced life support technicians, as defined in RCW 18.71.200, who are employed by a public employer.

(8) "Institution of higher education" means the University of Washington, Washington State University, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Western Washington University, The Evergreen State College, and the various state community colleges.

(9) "Home care quality authority" means the authority under chapter 74.39A RCW.

(10) "Individual provider" means an individual provider as defined in RCW 74.39A.240(4) who, solely for the purposes of collective bargaining, is a public employee as provided in RCW 74.39A.270.

(11) "Child care subsidy" means a payment from the state through a child care subsidy program established pursuant to RCW 74.12.340 or 74.08A.340, 45 C.F.R. Sec. 98.1 through 98.17, or any successor...
program.

(12) "Family child care provider" means a person who: (a) Provides regularly scheduled care for a child or children in the home of the provider or in the home of the child or children for periods of less than twenty-four hours or, if necessary due to the nature of the parent's work, for periods equal to or greater than twenty-four hours; (b) receives child care subsidies; and (c) is either licensed by the state under RCW 74.15.030 or is exempt from licensing under chapter 74.15 RCW.

Sec. 3. RCW 41.56.113 and 2004 c 3 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Upon the written authorization of an individual provider or a family child care provider within the bargaining unit and after the certification or recognition of the bargaining unit's exclusive bargaining representative, the state as payor, but not as the employer, shall, subject to subsection (3) of this section, enforce the agreement by deducting from the payments to an individual provider or a family child care provider the monthly amount of dues as certified by the secretary of the exclusive bargaining representative and shall transmit the same to the treasurer of the exclusive bargaining representative.

(2) If the governor and the exclusive bargaining representative of a bargaining unit of individual providers or family child care providers enter into a collective bargaining agreement that:

(a) Includes a union security provision authorized in RCW 41.56.122, the state as payor, but not as the employer, shall, subject to subsection (3) of this section, enforce the agreement by deducting from the payments to bargaining unit members the dues required for membership in the exclusive bargaining representative, or, for nonmembers thereof, a fee equivalent to the dues; or

(b) Includes requirements for deductions of payments other than the deduction under (a) of this subsection, the state, as payor, but not as the employer, shall, subject to subsection (3) of this section, make such deductions upon written authorization of the individual provider or the family child care provider.

(3) (a) The initial additional costs to the state in making deductions from the payments to individual providers or family child care providers under this section shall be negotiated, agreed upon in advance, and reimbursed to the state by the exclusive bargaining representative.

(b) The allocation of ongoing additional costs to the state in making deductions from the payments to individual providers or family child care providers under this section shall be an appropriate subject of collective bargaining between the exclusive bargaining representative and the governor unless prohibited by another statute. If no collective bargaining agreement containing a provision allocating the ongoing additional cost is entered into between the exclusive bargaining representative and the governor, or if the legislature does not approve funding for the collective bargaining agreement as provided in RCW 74.39A.300 or section 1 of this act, as applicable, the ongoing additional costs to the state in making deductions from the payments to individual providers or family child care providers under this section shall be negotiated, agreed upon in advance, and reimbursed to the state by the exclusive bargaining representative.

(4) The governor and the exclusive bargaining representative of a bargaining unit of family child care providers may not enter into a collective bargaining agreement that contains a union security provision unless the agreement contains a process, to be administered by the exclusive bargaining representative of a bargaining unit of family child care providers, for hardship dispensation for license-exempt family child care providers who are also temporary assistance for needy families recipients or WorkFirst participants.

Sec. 4. RCW 41.04.810 and 2004 c 3 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

Individual providers, as defined in RCW 74.39A.240, and family child care providers, as defined in RCW 41.56.030, are not employees of the state or any of its political subdivisions and are specifically and entirely excluded from all provisions of this title, except as provided in RCW 74.39A.270 and section 1 of this act.

Sec. 5. RCW 43.01.047 and 2004 c 3 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 43.01.040 through 43.01.044 do not apply to individual providers under RCW 74.39A.220 through 74.39A.300 or to family child care providers under section 1 of this act.

PART II - FAMILY CHILD CARE LICENSEES

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 74.15 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Solely for the purposes of negotiated rule making pursuant to RCW 34.05.310(2)(a) and 74.15.030, a statewide unit of all family child care licensees is appropriate. As of the effective date of this act, the exclusive representative of family child care licensees in the statewide unit shall be the representative selected as the majority representative in the election held under the directive of the governor to the secretary of the department of social and health services, dated September 16, 2005. If family child care licensees seek to select a different representative thereafter, the family child care licensees may request that the American arbitration association conduct an election and certify the results of the election.

(2) In enacting this section, the legislature intends to provide state action immunity under federal and state antitrust laws for the joint activities of family child care licensees and their exclusive representative to the extent such activities are authorized by this chapter.

Sec. 7. RCW 74.15.020 and 2001 c 230 s 1, 2001 c 144 s 1, and 2001 c 137 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of this chapter (74.15 RCW) and RCW 74.13.031, and unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context thereof, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or facility which receives children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities for control, care, or maintenance outside their own homes, or which places, arranges the placement of, or assists in the placement of, children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities for foster care or placement of children for adoption, and shall include the following irrespective of whether there is compensation to the agency or to the children, expectant mothers or persons with developmental disabilities for services rendered:

(a) "Child day-care center" means an agency which regularly provides care for a group of children for periods of less than twenty-four hours;

(b) "Child-placing agency" means an agency which places a child or children for temporary care, continued care, or for adoption;

(c) "Community facility" means a group care facility operated for the care of juveniles committed to the department under RCW 13.40.185. A county detention facility that houses juveniles committed to the department under RCW 13.40.185 pursuant to a contract with the department is not a community facility;
(d) "Crisis residential center" means an agency which is a temporary protective residential facility operated to perform the duties specified in chapter 13.32A RCW, in the manner provided in RCW 74.13.032 through 74.13.036;

(e) "Emergency respite center" is an agency that may be commonly known as a crisis nursery, that provides emergency and crisis care for up to seventy-two hours to children who have been admitted by their parents or guardians to prevent abuse or neglect. Emergency respite centers may operate for up to twenty-four hours a day, and for up to seven days a week. Emergency respite centers may provide care for children ages birth through seventeen, and for persons eighteen through twenty with developmental disabilities who are admitted with a sibling or siblings through age seventeen. Emergency respite centers may not substitute for crisis residential centers or HOPE centers, or any other services defined under this section, and may not substitute for services which are required under chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW;

(f) "Family day-care provider" means a child day-care provider who regularly provides child day care for not more than twelve children in the provider's home in the family living quarters;

(g) "Foster-family home" means an agency which regularly provides care on a twenty-four hour basis to one or more children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities in the family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care and supervision the child, expectant mother, or person with a developmental disability is placed;

(h) "Group-care facility" means an agency, other than a foster-family home, which is maintained and operated for the care of a group of children on a twenty-four hour basis;

(i) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the secretary to provide temporary residential placement and other services to street youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for thirty days while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated. No street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by the department and any additional days approved by the department must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option. A street youth whose parent wants him or her returned to home may remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center up to thirty days;

(j) "Maternity service" means an agency which provides or arranges for care or services to expectant mothers, before or during confinement, or which provides care as needed to mothers and their infants after confinement;

(k) "Responsible living skills program" means an agency licensed by the secretary that provides residential and transitional living services to persons ages sixteen to eighteen who are dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW and who have been unable to live in his or her legally authorized residence and, as a result, the minor lived outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by the minor. Dependent minors ages fourteen and fifteen may be eligible if no other placement alternative is available and the department approves the placement;

(l) "Service provider" means the entity that operates a community facility.

(2) "Agency" shall not include the following:

(a) Persons related to the child, expectant mother, or person with developmental disability in the following ways:

(i) Any blood relative, including those of half-blood, and including first cousins, nephews or nieces, and persons of preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of grand, great, or great-great;

(ii) Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, and stepsister;

(iii) A person who legally adopts a child or the child's parent as well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such persons, and other relatives of the adoptive parents in accordance with state law;

(iv) Spouses of any persons named in (i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection (2)(a), even after the marriage is terminated; or

(v) Extended family members, as defined by the law or custom of the Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of such law or custom, a person who has reached the age of eighteen and who is the Indian child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, niece or nephew, first or second cousin, or stepparent who provides care in the family abode on a twenty-four-hour basis to an Indian child as defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903(4);

(b) Persons who are legal guardians of the child, expectant mother, or persons with developmental disabilities;

(c) Persons who care for a neighbor's or friend's child or children, with or without compensation, where: (i) The person providing care for periods of less than twenty-four hours does not conduct such activity on an ongoing, regularly scheduled basis for the purpose of engaging in business, which includes, but is not limited to, advertising such care; or (ii) the parent and person providing care on a twenty-four-hour basis have agreed to the placement in writing and the state is not providing any payment for the care;

(d) Parents on a mutually cooperative basis exchange care of one another's children;

(e) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that provides placement or similar services to exchange students or international student exchange visitors or persons who have the care of an exchange student in their home;

(f) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that provides placement or similar services to international children who have entered the country by obtaining visas that meet the criteria for medical care as established by the United States immigration and naturalization service, or persons who have the care of such an international child in their home;

(g) Nursery schools or kindergartens which are engaged primarily in educational work with preschool children and in which no child is enrolled on a regular basis for more than four hours per day;

(h) Schools, including boarding schools, which are engaged primarily in education, operate on a definite school year schedule, follow a stated academic curriculum, accept only school-age children and do not accept custody of children;

(i) Seasonal camps of three months' or less duration engaged primarily in recreational or educational activities;

(j) Hospitals licensed pursuant to chapter 70.41 RCW when performing functions defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW and boarding homes licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW;

(k) Licensed physicians or lawyers;

(l) Facilities providing care to children for periods of less than twenty-four hours whose parents remain on the premises to participate in activities other than employment;

(m) Facilities approved and certified under chapter 71A.22 RCW;

(n) Any agency having been in operation in this state ten years prior to June 8, 1967, and not seeking or accepting moneys or assistance from any state of federal agency, and is supported in part by an endowment or trust fund;

(o) Persons who have a child in their home for purposes of adoption, if the child was placed in such home by a licensed child-
placing agency, an authorized public or tribal agency or court or if a replacement report has been filed under chapter 26.33 RCW and the placement has been approved by the court:

(p) An agency operated by any unit of local, state, or federal government or an agency, located within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian reservation, licensed by the Indian tribe;

(q) A maximum or medium security program for juvenile offenders operated by or under contract with the department;

(r) An agency located on a federal military reservation, except where the military authorities request that such agency be subject to the licensing requirements of this chapter.

(3) "Department" means the state department of social and health services.

(4) "Family child care licensee" means a person who: (a) Provides regularly scheduled care for a child or children in the home of the provider for periods of less than twenty-four hours or, if necessary due to the nature of the parent's work, for periods equal to or greater than twenty-four hours; (b) does not receive child care subsidies; and (c) is licensed by the state under RCW 74.15.030.

(5) "Juvenile" means a person under the age of twenty-one who has been sentenced to a term of confinement under the supervision of the department under RCW 13.40.185.

(6) "Probationary license" means a license issued as a disciplinary measure to an agency that has previously been issued a full license but is out of compliance with licensing standards.

(7) "Requirement" means any rule, regulation, or standard of care to be maintained by an agency.

(8) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health services.

(9) "Street youth" means a person under the age of eighteen who lives outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by the minor and who is not residing with his or her parent or at his or her legally authorized residence.

(10) "Transitional living services" means at a minimum, to the extent funds are available, the following:

(a) Educational services, including basic literacy and computational skills training; either in local alternative or public high schools or in a high school equivalency program that leads to obtaining a high school equivalency degree;

(b) Assistance and counseling related to obtaining vocational training or higher education, job readiness, job search assistance, and placement programs;

(c) Counseling and instruction in life skills such as money management, home management, consumer skills, parenting, health care, access to community resources, and transportation and housing options;

(d) Individual and group counseling; and

(e) Establishing networks with federal agencies and state and local organizations such as the United States department of labor, employment and training administration programs including the job training partnership act which administers private industry councils and the job corps; vocational rehabilitation; and volunteer programs.

Sec. 8. RCW 74.15.030 and 2005 c 490 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary shall have the power and it shall be the secretary's duty:

(1) In consultation with the children's services advisory committee, and with the advice and assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to designate categories of facilities for which separate or different requirements shall be developed as may be appropriate whether because of variations in the ages, sex and other characteristics of persons served, variations in the purposes and services offered or size or structure of the agencies to be licensed hereunder, or because of any other factor relevant thereto;

(2) In consultation with the children's services advisory committee, and with the advice and assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to adopt and publish minimum requirements for licensing applicable to each of the various categories of agencies to be licensed.

The minimum requirements shall be limited to:

(a) The size and suitability of a facility and the plan of operation for carrying out the purpose for which an applicant seeks a license;

(b) The character, suitability and competence of an agency and other persons associated with an agency directly responsible for the care and treatment of children, expectant mothers or developmentally disabled persons. In consultation with law enforcement personnel, the secretary shall investigate the conviction record or pending charges and dependency record information under chapter 43.43 RCW of each agency and its staff seeking licensure or relicensure. No unfounded allegation of child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020 may be disclosed to a child-placing agency, private adoption agency, or any other provider licensed under this chapter. In order to determine the suitability of applicants for an agency license, licensees, their employees, and other persons who have supervised access to children in care, and who have not resided in the state of Washington during the three-year period before being authorized to care for children shall be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Washington state patrol and federal bureau of investigation for a criminal history records check. The fingerprint criminal history records checks will be at the expense of the licensee except that in the case of a foster family home, if this expense would work a hardship on the licensee, the department shall pay the expense. The licensee may not pass this cost on to the employee or prospective employee, unless the employee is determined to be unsuitable due to his or her criminal history record.

The secretary shall use the information solely for the purpose of determining eligibility for a license and for determining the character, suitability, and competence of those persons or agencies, excluding parents, not required to be licensed who are authorized to care for children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled persons. Criminal justice agencies shall provide the secretary such information as they may have and that the secretary may require for such purpose;

(c) The number of qualified persons required to render the type of care and treatment for which an agency seeks a license;

(d) The safety, cleanliness, and general adequacy of the premises to provide for the comfort, care and well-being of children, expectant mothers or developmentally disabled persons;

(e) The provision of necessary care, including food, clothing, supervision and discipline; physical, mental and social well-being; and educational, recreational and spiritual opportunities for those served;

(f) The financial ability of an agency to comply with minimum requirements established pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031; and

(g) The maintenance of records pertaining to the admission, progress, health and discharge of persons served;

(3) To investigate any person, including relatives by blood or marriage except for parents, for character, suitability, and competence in the care and treatment of children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled persons prior to authorizing that person to care for children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled persons. However, if a child is placed with a relative under RCW
13.34.065 or 13.34.130, and if such relative appears otherwise suitable and competent to provide care and treatment the criminal history background check required by this section need not be completed before placement, but shall be completed as soon as possible after placement:

(4) On reports of alleged child abuse and neglect, to investigate agencies in accordance with chapter 26.44 RCW, including child day-care centers and family day-care homes, to determine whether the alleged abuse or neglect has occurred, and whether child protective services or referral to a law enforcement agency is appropriate;

(5) To issue, revoke, or deny licenses to agencies pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031. Licenses shall specify the category of care which an agency is authorized to render and the ages, sex and number of persons to be served;

(6) To prescribe the procedures and the form and contents of reports necessary for the administration of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and to require regular reports from each licensee;

(7) To inspect agencies periodically to determine whether or not there is compliance with chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and the requirements adopted hereunder;

(8) To review requirements adopted hereunder at least every two years and to adopt appropriate changes after consultation with affected groups for child day-care requirements and with the children's services advisory committee for requirements for other agencies; (endif)

(9) To engage in negotiated rule making pursuant to RCW 34.05.310(2)(a) with the exclusive representative of the family child care licensees selected in accordance with section 6 of this act and with other affected interests before adopting requirements that affect family child care licensees; and

(10) To consult with public and private agencies in order to help them improve their methods and facilities for the care of children, expectant mothers and developmentally disabled persons.

**PART III - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 9. Part headings used in this act are not any part of the law.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 10. 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.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 11. If any part of this act is found to be in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to the agencies concerned. "Rules adopted under this act must meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 12. This act may be known and cited as the access to quality family child care act.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 13. Sections 1 through 5 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and take effect immediately."

On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "licensees;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 41.56.030, 41.56.113, 41.04.810, 43.01.047, and 74.15.030; reenacting and amending RCW 74.15.020; adding a new section to chapter 41.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.15 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2353 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINIAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representatives Conway and Condotta spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 2353 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 2353, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote:

Yeas - 84, Nays - 13, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Holmquist - 1.

**ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2353, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**
Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2984, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that as new market-rate housing developments are constructed and housing costs rise, there is a significant and growing number of low-income households that cannot afford market-rate housing in Washington state. The legislature finds that assistance to low-income households that cannot afford market-rate housing requires a broad variety of tools to address this serious, statewide problem. The legislature further finds that absent any incentives to provide low-income housing, market conditions will result in housing developments in many areas that lack units affordable to low-income households, circumstances that can cause adverse socioeconomic effects.

The legislature encourages cities, towns, and counties to enact or expand affordable housing incentive programs, including density bonuses and other incentives, to increase the availability of low-income housing for renter and owner occupancy that is located in largely market-rate housing developments throughout the community, consistent with local needs and adopted comprehensive plans. While this act establishes minimum standards for those cities, towns, and counties choosing to implement or expand upon an affordable housing incentive program, cities, towns, and counties are encouraged to enact programs that address local circumstances and conditions while simultaneously contributing to the statewide need for additional low-income housing.

NEw SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW to read as follows:

(1)(a) Any city or county planning under RCW 36.70A.040 may enact or expand affordable housing incentive programs providing for the development of low-income housing units through development regulations. An affordable housing incentive program may include, but is not limited to:

(i) Density bonuses within the urban growth area;
(ii) Height and bulk bonuses;
(iii) Fee waivers or exemptions;
(iv) Parking reductions;
(v) Expedited permitting conditioned on provision of low-income housing units; or
(vi) Mixed use projects.

(b) The city or county may enact or expand such programs whether or not the programs may impose a tax, fee, or charge on the development or construction of property.

(c) If a developer chooses not to participate in an optional affordable housing incentive program adopted and authorized under this section, a city, county, or town may not condition, deny, or delay the issuance of a permit or development approval that is consistent with zoning and development standards on the subject property absent incentive provisions of this program.

(2) Affordable housing incentive programs enacted or expanded under this section shall comply with the following:

(a) The incentives or bonuses shall provide for the construction of low-income housing units;

(b) Jurisdictions shall establish standards for low-income renter or owner occupancy housing, including income guidelines consistent with local housing needs, to assist low-income households that cannot afford market-rate housing. Low-income households are defined for renter and owner occupancy program purposes as follows:

(i) Rental housing units to be developed shall be affordable to and occupied by households with an income of fifty percent or less of the county median family income, adjusted for family size; and

(ii) Owner occupancy housing units shall be affordable to and occupied by households with an income of eighty percent or less of the county median family income, adjusted for family size.

The legislative authority of a jurisdiction, after holding a public hearing, may establish lower income levels. The legislative authority of a jurisdiction, after holding a public hearing, may also establish higher income levels for rental housing or for owner occupancy housing upon finding that higher income levels are needed to address local housing market conditions. The higher income level for rental housing may not exceed eighty percent of the county area median family income. The higher income level for owner occupancy housing may not exceed one hundred percent of the county area median family income. These established higher income levels must be considered "low-income" for the purposes of this section;

(c) The jurisdiction shall establish a maximum rent level or sales price for each low-income housing unit developed under the terms of a program and may adjust these levels or prices based on the average size of the household expected to occupy the unit. For renter-occupied housing units, the total housing costs, including basic utilities as determined by the jurisdiction, may not exceed thirty percent of the income limit for the low-income housing unit;

(d) Low-income housing units shall be provided in a range of sizes comparable to those units that are available to other residents. To the extent practicable, the number of bedrooms in low-income units must be in the same proportion as the number of bedrooms in units within the entire building. The low-income units shall generally be distributed throughout the building, except that units may be provided in an adjacent building. The low-income units shall have substantially the same functionality as the other units in the building or buildings;

(e) Low-income housing units developed under an affordable housing incentive program shall be committed to continuing affordability for at least fifty years. A local government, however, may accept payments in lieu of continuing affordability. The program shall include measures to enforce continuing affordability and income standards applicable to low-income units constructed under this section that may include, but are not limited to, covenants, options, or other agreements to be executed and recorded by owners and developers;

(f) Programs authorized under subsection (1) of this section may apply to part or all of a jurisdiction and different standards may be applied to different areas within a jurisdiction. Programs authorized under this section may be modified to meet local needs and may include provisions not expressly provided in this section or RCW 82.02.020; and

(g) Low-income housing units developed under an affordable housing incentive program are encouraged to be provided within market-rate housing developments for which a bonus or incentive is provided. However, programs may allow units to be provided in an adjacent building and may allow payments of money or property in lieu of low-income housing units if the payment equals the approximate cost of developing the same number and quality of housing units that would otherwise be developed. Any city or county shall use these funds or property to support the development of low-income housing, including support provided through loans or
grants to public or private owners or developers of housing.

(3) Affordable housing incentive programs enacted or expanded under this section may be applied within the jurisdiction to address the need for increased residential development, consistent with local growth management and housing policies, as follows:

(a) The jurisdiction shall identify certain land use designations within a geographic area where increased residential development will assist in achieving local growth management and housing policies;

(b) The jurisdiction shall provide increased residential development capacity through zoning changes, bonus densities, height and bulk increases, parking reductions, or other regulatory changes or other incentives;

(c) The jurisdiction shall determine that increased residential development capacity or other incentives can be achieved within the identified area, subject to consideration of other regulatory controls on development; and

(d) The jurisdiction may establish a minimum amount of affordable housing that must be provided by all residential developments being built under the revised regulations, consistent with the requirements of this section.

**Sec. 3.** RCW 82.02.020 and 2005 c 502 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

Except only as expressly provided in chapters 67.28 and 82.14 RCW, the state preempts the field of imposing taxes upon retail sales of tangible personal property, the use of tangible personal property, parimutuel wagering authorized pursuant to RCW 67.16.060, conveyances, and cigarettes, and no county, town, or other municipal subdivision shall have the right to impose taxes of that nature. Except as provided in RCW 82.02.050 through 82.02.090, no county, city, town, or other municipal corporation shall impose any tax, fee, or charge, either direct or indirect, on the construction or reconstruction of residential buildings, commercial buildings, industrial buildings, or on any other building or building space or appurtenance thereto, or on the development, subdivision, classification, or reclassification of land. However, this section does not preclude dedications of land or easements within the proposed development or plat which the county, city, town, or other municipal corporation can demonstrate are reasonably necessary as a direct result of the proposed development or plat to which the dedication of land or easement is to apply.

This section does not prohibit voluntary agreements with counties, cities, towns, or other municipal corporations that allow a payment in lieu of a dedication of land or to mitigate a direct impact that has been identified as a consequence of a proposed development, subdivision, or plat. A local government shall not use such voluntary agreements for local off-site transportation improvements within the geographic boundaries of the area or areas covered by an adopted transportation program authorized by chapter 39.92 RCW. Any such voluntary agreement is subject to the following provisions:

(1) The payment shall be held in a reserve account and may only be expended to fund a capital improvement agreed upon by the parties to mitigate the identified, direct impact;

(2) The payment shall be expended in all cases within five years of collection; and

(3) Any payment not so expended shall be refunded with interest to be calculated from the original date the deposit was received by the county and at the same rate applied to tax refunds pursuant to RCW 84.69.100; however, if the payment is not expended within five years due to delay attributable to the developer, the payment shall be refunded without interest.

No county, city, town, or other municipal corporation shall require any payment as part of such a voluntary agreement which the county, city, town, or other municipal corporation cannot establish is reasonably necessary as a direct result of the proposed development or plat.

Nothing in this section prohibits cities, towns, counties, or other municipal corporations from collecting reasonable fees from an applicant for a permit or other governmental approval to cover the cost to the city, town, county, or other municipal corporation of processing applications, inspecting and reviewing plans, or preparing detailed statements required by chapter 43.21C RCW.

This section does not limit the existing authority of any county, city, town, or other municipal corporation to impose special assessments on property specifically benefited thereby in the manner prescribed by law.

Nothing in this section prohibits counties, cities, or towns from imposing or permits counties, cities, or towns to impose water, sewer, natural gas, drainage utility, and drainage system charges: PROVIDED, That no such charge shall exceed the proportionate share of such utility or system's capital costs which the county, city, or town can demonstrate are attributable to the property being charged: PROVIDED FURTHER, That these provisions shall not be interpreted to expand or contract any existing authority of counties, cities, or towns to impose such charges.

Nothing in this section prohibits a transportation benefit district from imposing fees or charges authorized in RCW 36.73.120 nor prohibits the legislative authority of a county, city, or town from approving the imposition of such fees within a transportation benefit district.

Nothing in this section prohibits counties, cities, or towns from imposing transportation impact fees authorized pursuant to chapter 39.92 RCW.

Nothing in this section prohibits counties, cities, or towns from requiring property owners to provide relocation assistance to tenants under RCW 59.18.440 and 59.18.450.

Nothing in this section limits the authority of counties, cities, or towns to implement programs consistent with section 2 of this act, nor to enforce agreements made pursuant to such programs.

This section does not apply to special purpose districts formed and acting pursuant to Titles 54, 57, or 87 RCW, nor is the authority conferred by these titles affected.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.** The powers granted in this act are supplemental and additional to the powers otherwise held by local governments, and nothing in this act shall be construed as a limit on such powers. The authority granted in this act shall extend to any affordable housing incentive program enacted or expanded prior to the effective date of this act if the extension is adopted by the applicable local government in an ordinance or resolution."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "programs;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 82.02.020; adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; and creating new sections." and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2984 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.
FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Springer and Simpson spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Representatives Schindler and Tom spoke against the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2984 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2984, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 58, Nays - 39, Absent - 0, Excused - 1.


Excused: Representative Holmquist - 1.

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2353, on reconsideration, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2409, with the following amendment:

On page 5, line 34, after "within" strike "((thirty days)) seventy-two hours" and insert "((thirty)) three business days"

On page 9, line 9, after "office" strike "((may)) shall" and insert "may"

On page 9, line 10, after "locations" strike ", including addresses when applicable."

On page 9, beginning on line 11, after "days" strike "and where the person plans to stay in the forthcoming seven days" and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2409 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker:
The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2576, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION.  Sec. 1. Sexual assault is the most heinous crime against another person short of murder. Sexual assault inflicts humiliation, degradation, and terror on victims. According to the FBI, a woman is raped every six minutes in the United States. Rape is recognized as the most underreported crime; estimates suggest that only one in seven rapes is reported to authorities. Victims who do not report the crime still desire safety and protection from future interactions with the offender. Some cases in which the rape is reported are not prosecuted. In these situations, the victim should be able to seek a civil remedy requiring that the offender stay away from the victim.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 2. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Nonconsensual" means a lack of freely given agreement.

(2) "Petitioner" means any named petitioner for the sexual assault protection order or any named victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration on whose behalf the petition is brought.

(3) "Sexual assault protection order" means an ex parte temporary order or a final order granted under this chapter, which includes a remedy authorized by section 10 of this act.

(4) "Sexual conduct" means any of the following:

(a) Any intentional or knowing touching or fondling of the genitals, anus, or breasts, directly or indirectly, including through clothing;

(b) Any intentional or knowing display of the genitals, anus, or breasts for the purposes of arousal or sexual gratification of the respondent;

(c) Any intentional or knowing touching or fondling of the genitals, anus, or breasts, directly or indirectly, including through clothing, that the petitioner is forced to perform by another person or the respondent;

(d) Any forced display of the petitioner's genitals, anus, or breasts for the purposes of arousal or sexual gratification of the respondent or others;

(e) Any intentional or knowing touching of the clothed or unclothed body of a child under the age of thirteen, if done for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal of the respondent or others; and

(f) Any coerced or forced touching or fondling by a child under the age of thirteen, directly or indirectly, including through clothing, of the genitals, anus, or breasts of the respondent or others.

(5) "Sexual penetration" means any contact, however slight, between the sex organ of one person by an object, the sex organ, mouth, or anus of another person, or any intrusion, however slight, of any part of the body of one person or of any animal or object into the sex organ or anus of another person, including but not limited to cunnilingus, fellatio, or anal penetration. Evidence of emission of semen is not required to prove sexual penetration.

(6) "Nonphysical contact" includes, but is not limited to, telephone calls, mail, e-mail, fax, and written notes.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 3. A petition for a sexual assault protection order may be filed by a person:

(1) Who is a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration, including a single incident of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration; or

(2) On behalf of any of the following persons who is a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration:

(a) A minor child;

(b) A vulnerable adult as defined in RCW 74.34.020 or 74.34.021; or

(c) Any other adult who, because of age, disability, health, or inaccessibility, cannot file the petition.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 4. (1) Any person may seek relief under this chapter by filing a petition with a court alleging that the person has been the victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration committed by the respondent.

(2) A person under eighteen years of age who is sixteen years of age or older may seek relief under this chapter and is not required to seek relief by a guardian or next friend.

(3) No guardian or guardian ad litem need be appointed on behalf of a respondent to an action under this chapter who is under eighteen years of age if such respondent is sixteen years of age or older.

(4) The court may, if it deems necessary, appoint a guardian ad litem for a petitioner or respondent who is a party to an action under this chapter.

(5) Jurisdiction of the courts over proceedings under this chapter shall be the same as jurisdiction over domestic violence protection orders under RCW 26.50.020(5).

(6) An action under this chapter shall be filed in the county or the municipality where the petitioner resides.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 5. There shall exist an action known as a petition for a sexual assault protection order.

(1) A petition for relief shall allege the existence of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration, and shall be accompanied by an affidavit made under oath stating the specific statements or actions made at the same time of the sexual assault or subsequently thereafter, which give rise to a reasonable fear of future dangerous acts, for which relief is sought. Petitioner and respondent shall disclose the existence of any other litigation or of any other restraining, protection, or no-contact orders between the parties.

(2) A petition for relief may be made regardless of whether or not there is a pending lawsuit, complaint, petition, or other action between the parties.

(3) Within ninety days of receipt of the master copy from the administrative office of the courts, all court clerk's offices shall make available the standardized forms, instructions, and informational brochures required by section 19 of this act and shall fill in and keep current specific program names and telephone numbers for community resources. Any assistance or information provided by clerks under this section does not constitute the practice of law and clerks are not responsible for incorrect information contained in a petition.

(4) No filing fee may be charged for proceedings under this chapter. Forms and instructional brochures and the necessary number of certified copies shall be provided free of charge.

(5) A person is not required to post a bond to obtain relief in any proceeding under this section.

(6) If the petition states that disclosure of the petitioner's address would risk abuse of the petitioner or any member of the petitioner's family or household, that address may be omitted from all documents.
filed with the court. If the petitioner has not disclosed an address under this subsection, the petitioner shall designate an alternative address at which the respondent may serve notice of any motions.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Upon receipt of the petition, the court shall order a hearing which shall be held not later than fourteen days from the date of the order. The court may schedule a hearing by telephone pursuant to local court rule, to reasonably accommodate a disability, or in exceptional circumstances to protect a petitioner from further nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration. The court shall require assurances of the petitioner's identity before conducting a telephonic hearing. Except as provided in section 12 of this act, personal service shall be made upon the respondent not less than five court days prior to the hearing. If timely personal service cannot be made, the court shall set a new hearing date and shall require additional attempts at obtaining personal service. The court may issue an ex parte temporary sexual assault order pending the hearing as provided in section 12 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sexual assault advocates, as defined in RCW 5.60.060, shall be allowed to accompany the victim and confer with the victim, unless otherwise directed by the court. Court administrators shall allow sexual assault advocates to assist victims of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration in the preparation of petitions for sexual assault protection orders. Sexual assault advocates are not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law when providing assistance of the types specified in this section. Communications between the petitioner and a sexual assault advocate are protected as provided by RCW 5.60.060.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The court may appoint counsel to represent the petitioner if the respondent is represented by counsel.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. (1) In proceedings for a sexual assault protection order and prosecutions for violating a sexual assault protection order, the prior sexual activity or the reputation of the petitioner is inadmissible except:

(a) As evidence concerning the past sexual conduct of the petitioner with the respondent when this evidence is offered by the respondent upon the issue of whether the petitioner consented to the sexual conduct with respect to which the offense is alleged; or

(b) When constitutionally required to be admitted.

(2) No evidence admissible under this section may be introduced unless ruled admissible by the court after an offer of proof has been made at a hearing held in camera to determine whether the respondent has evidence to impeach the witness in the event that prior sexual activity with the respondent is denied. The offer of proof shall include reasonably specific information as to the date, time, and place of the past sexual conduct between the petitioner and the respondent. Unless the court finds that reasonably specific information as to date, time, or place, or some combination thereof, has been offered as to prior sexual activity with the respondent, counsel for the respondent shall be ordered to refrain from inquiring into prior sexual activity between the petitioner and the respondent. The court may not admit evidence under this section unless it determines at the hearing that the evidence is relevant and the probative value of the evidence outweighs the danger of unfair prejudice. The evidence shall be admissible at trial to the extent an order made by the court specifies the evidence that may be admitted and areas with respect to which the petitioner may be examined or cross-examined.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. (1)(a) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the petitioner has been a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration by the respondent, the court shall issue a sexual assault protection order; provided that the petitioner must also satisfy the requirements of section 12 of this act for ex parte temporary orders or section 13 of this act for final orders.

(b) The petitioner shall not be denied a sexual assault protection order because the petitioner or the respondent is a minor or because the petitioner did not report the assault to law enforcement. The court, when determining whether or not to issue a sexual assault protection order, may not require proof of physical injury on the person of the victim or proof that the petitioner has reported the sexual assault to law enforcement. Modification and extension of prior sexual assault protection orders shall be in accordance with this chapter.

(2) The court may provide relief as follows:

(a) Restrain the respondent from having any contact, including nonphysical contact, with the petitioner directly, indirectly, or through third parties regardless of whether those third parties know of the order;

(b) Exclude the respondent from the petitioner's residence, workplace, or school, or from the day care or school of a child, if the victim is a child;

(c) Prohibit the respondent from knowingly coming within, or knowingly remaining within, a specified distance from a specified location; and

(d) Order any other injunctive relief as necessary or appropriate for the protection of the petitioner.

(3) In cases where the petitioner and the respondent are under the age of eighteen and attend the same public or private elementary, middle, or high school, the court, when issuing a protection order and providing relief, shall consider, among the other facts of the case, the severity of the act, any continuing physical danger or emotional distress to the petitioner, and the expense difficulty, and educational disruption that would be caused by a transfer of the respondent to another school. The court may order that the person restrained in the order not attend the public or approved private elementary, middle, or high school attended by the person under the age of eighteen protected by the order. In the event the court orders a transfer of the restrained person to another school, the parents or legal guardians of the person restrained in the order are responsible for transportation and other costs associated with the change of school by the person restrained in the order. The court shall send notice of the restriction on attending the same school as the person protected by the order to the public or approved private school the person restrained by the order will attend and to the school the person protected by the order attends.

(4) Denial of a remedy may not be based, in whole or in part, on evidence that:

(a) The respondent was voluntarily intoxicated;

(b) The petitioner was voluntarily intoxicated; or

(c) The petitioner engaged in limited consensual sexual touching.

(5) Monetary damages are not recoverable as a remedy.

(6) A knowing violation of a court order issued under this section is punishable under RCW 26.50.110.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. For the purposes of issuing a sexual assault protection order, deciding what relief should be included in the order, and enforcing the order, RCW 9A.08.020 shall govern whether the respondent is legally accountable for the conduct of
NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. (1) An ex parte temporary sexual assault protection order shall issue if the petitioner satisfies the requirements of this subsection by a preponderance of the evidence. The petitioner shall establish that:

(a) The petitioner has been a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration by the respondent; and

(b) There is good cause to grant the remedy, regardless of prior service of process or notice upon the respondent, because the harm which that remedy is intended to prevent would be likely to occur if the respondent were given any prior notice, or greater notice than was actually given, of the petitioner's efforts to obtain judicial relief.

(2) If the respondent appears in court for this hearing for an ex parte temporary order, he or she may elect to file a general appearance and testify. Any resulting order may be an ex parte temporary order, governed by this section.

(3) If the court declines to issue an ex parte temporary sexual assault protection order, the court shall state the particular reasons for the court's denial. The court's denial of a motion for an ex parte order shall be filed with the court.

(4) A knowing violation of a court order issued under this section is punishable under RCW 26.50.110.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. (1)(a) An ex parte temporary sexual assault protection order shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed fourteen days. A full hearing, as provided in this chapter, shall be set for not later than fourteen days from the issuance of the temporary order. Except as provided in section 6 of this act, the respondent shall be personally served with a copy of the ex parte temporary sexual assault protection order along with a copy of the petition and notice of the date set for the hearing.

(b) Any ex parte temporary order issued under this section shall contain the date and time of issuance and the expiration date and shall be entered into a statewide judicial information system by the clerk of the court within one judicial day after issuance.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section or section 16 of this act, a final sexual assault protection order shall be effective for a fixed period of time, not to exceed two years.

(3) Any ex parte temporary or final sexual assault protection order may be renewed one or more times, as required. The petitioner may apply for renewal of the order by filing a petition for renewal at any time within the three months before the order expires. If the motion for renewal is uncontested and the petitioner seeks no modification of the order, the order may be renewed on the basis of the petitioner's motion or affidavit stating that there has been no material change in relevant circumstances since entry of the order and stating the reason for the requested renewal. Renewals may be granted only in open court.

(4) Any sexual assault protection order which would expire on a court holiday shall instead expire at the close of the next court business day.

(5) The practice of dismissing or suspending a criminal prosecution in exchange for the issuance of a sexual assault protection order undermines the purposes of this chapter. This section shall not be construed as encouraging that practice.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. (1) Any sexual assault protection order shall describe each remedy granted by the court, in reasonable detail and not by reference to any other document, so that the respondent may clearly understand what he or she must do or refrain from doing.

(2) A sexual assault protection order shall further state the following:

(a) The name of each petitioner that the court finds was the victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration by the respondent;

(b) The date and time the sexual assault protection order was issued, whether it is an ex parte temporary or final order, and the duration of the order;

(c) The date, time, and place for any scheduled hearing for renewal of that sexual assault protection order or for another order of greater duration or scope;

(d) For each remedy in an ex parte temporary sexual assault protection order, the reason for entering that remedy without prior notice to the respondent or greater notice than was actually given;

(e) For an ex parte temporary sexual assault protection orders, that the respondent may petition the court, to reopen the order if he or she did not receive actual prior notice of the hearing and if the respondent alleges that he or she had a meritorious defense to the order or that the order or its remedy is not authorized by this chapter.

(3) A sexual assault protection order shall include the following notice, printed in conspicuous type: "A knowing violation of this sexual assault protection order is a criminal offense under chapter 26.50 RCW and will subject a violator to arrest. You can be arrested even if any person protected by the order invites or allows you to violate the order's prohibitions. You have the sole responsibility to avoid or refrain from violating the order's provisions. Only the court can change the order."

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. (1) An order issued under this chapter shall be personally served upon the respondent, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section.

(2) The sheriff of the county or the peace officers of the municipality in which the respondent resides shall serve the respondent personally unless the petitioner elects to have the respondent served by a private party.

(3) If service by a sheriff or municipal peace officer is to be used, the clerk of the court shall have a copy of any order issued under this chapter forwarded on or before the next judicial day to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the order for service upon the respondent. Service of an order issued under this chapter shall take precedence over the service of other documents unless they are of a similar emergency nature.

(4) If the sheriff or municipal peace officer cannot complete service upon the respondent within ten days, the sheriff or municipal peace officer shall notify the petitioner. The petitioner shall provide information sufficient to permit notification.

(5) Returns of service under this chapter shall be made in accordance with the applicable court rules.

(6) If an order entered by the court recites that the respondent appeared in person before the court, the necessity for further service is waived and proof of service of that order is not necessary.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. (1)(a) When any person charged with or arrested for a sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, a violation of RCW 9A.44.096, a violation of RCW 9.68A.090, or a gross misdemeanor that is, under chapter 9A.28 RCW, a criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit an offense that is classified as a sex offense under RCW 9.94A.030, is released from custody before arraignment or trial on bail or personal recognizance, the court authorizing the release may prohibit that person from having any contact with the victim. The jurisdiction authorizing the release shall determine whether that person should be
prohibited from having any contact with the victim. If there is no outstanding restraining or protective order prohibiting that person from having contact with the victim, the court authorizing release may issue, by telephone, a sexual assault protection order prohibiting the person charged or arrested from having contact with the victim or from knowingly coming within, or knowingly remaining within, a specified distance of a location.

(b) In issuing the order, the court shall consider the provisions of RCW 9.41.800.

(c) The sexual assault protection order shall also be issued in writing as soon as possible.

(2) (a) At the time of arraignment or whenever a motion is brought to modify the conditions of the defendant's release, the court shall determine whether a sexual assault protection order shall be issued or extended. If a sexual assault protection order is issued or extended, the court may also include in the conditions of release a requirement that the defendant submit to electronic monitoring. If electronic monitoring is ordered, the court shall specify who shall provide the monitoring services, and the terms under which the monitoring shall be performed. Upon conviction, the court may require as a condition of the sentence that the defendant reimburse the providing agency for the costs of the electronic monitoring.

(b) A sexual assault protection order issued by the court in conjunction with criminal charges shall terminate if the defendant is acquitted or the charges are dismissed, unless the victim files an independent action for a sexual assault protection order. If the victim files an independent action for a sexual assault protection order, the order may be continued by the court until a full hearing is conducted pursuant to section 6 of this act.

(3) (a) The written order releasing the person charged or arrested shall contain the court's directives and shall bear the legend: "Violation of this order is a criminal offense under chapter 26.50 RCW and will subject a violator to arrest. You can be arrested even if any person protected by the order invites or allows you to violate the order's prohibitions. You have the sole responsibility to avoid or refrain from violating the order's provisions. Only the court can change the order."

(b) A certified copy of the order shall be provided to the victim at no charge.

(4) If a sexual assault protection order has been issued prior to charging, that order shall expire at arraignment or within seventy-two hours if charges are not filed. Such orders need not be entered into the computer-based criminal intelligence information system in this state which is used by law enforcement agencies to list outstanding warrants.

(5) Whenever an order prohibiting contact is issued pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the clerk of the court shall forward a copy of the order on or before the next judicial day to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the order. Upon receipt of the copy of the order, the law enforcement agency shall enter the order for one year or until the expiration date specified on the order into any computer-based criminal intelligence information system available in this state used by law enforcement agencies to list outstanding warrants. Entry into the computer-based criminal intelligence information system constitutes notice to all law enforcement agencies of the existence of the order. The order is fully enforceable in any jurisdiction in the state. Upon receipt of notice that an order has been terminated under subsection (2) of this section, the law enforcement agency shall remove the order from the computer-based criminal intelligence information system.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. (1) A copy of a sexual assault protection order granted under this chapter shall be forwarded by the clerk of the court on or before the next judicial day to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the order. Upon receipt of the order, the law enforcement agency shall immediately enter the order into any computer-based criminal intelligence information system available in this state used by law enforcement agencies to list outstanding warrants. The order shall remain in the computer for one year or until the expiration date specified on the order. Upon receipt of notice that an order has been terminated, the law enforcement agency shall remove the order from the computer-based criminal intelligence information system. The law enforcement agency shall only expunge from the computer-based criminal intelligence information system orders that are expired, vacated, terminated, or superseded. Entry into the law enforcement information system constitutes notice to all law enforcement agencies of the existence of the order. The order is fully enforceable in any county in the state.

(2) The information entered into the computer-based criminal intelligence information system shall include notice to law enforcement whether the order was personally served, served by publication, or served by mail.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. Upon application with notice to all parties and after a hearing, the court may modify the terms of an existing sexual assault protection order. In any situation where an
order is terminated or modified before its expiration date, the clerk of the court shall forward on or before the next judicial day a true copy of the modified order or the termination order to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the modified or termination order. Upon receipt of the order, the law enforcement agency shall promptly enter it in the computer-based criminal intelligence information system, or if the order is terminated, remove the order from the computer-based criminal intelligence information system.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. (1) The administrative office of the courts shall develop and prepare instructions and informational brochures required under section 5 of this act, standard petition and order for protection forms, and a court staff handbook on sexual assault, and the protection order process. The standard petition and order for protection forms must be used after September 1, 2006, for all petitions filed and orders issued under this chapter. The instructions, brochures, forms, and handbook shall be prepared in consultation with interested persons, including a representative of the state, sexual assault coalition, judges, and law enforcement personnel.

(a) The instructions shall be designed to assist petitioners in completing the petition, and shall include a sample of standard petition and order for protection forms.

(b) The informational brochure shall describe the use of and the process for obtaining, modifying, and terminating a protection order as provided under this chapter.

(c) The order for protection form shall include, in a conspicuous location, notice of criminal penalties resulting from violation of the order, and the following statement: "You can be arrested even if the person or persons who obtained the order invite or allow you to violate the order's prohibitions. The respondent has the sole responsibility to avoid or refrain from violating the order's provisions. Only the court can change the order upon written application."

(d) The court staff handbook shall allow for the addition of a community resource list by the court clerk.

(2) All court clerks shall obtain a community resource list from a sexual assault program serving the county in which the court is located. The community resource list shall include the names and telephone numbers of sexual assault programs serving the community in which the court is located, including law enforcement agencies, domestic violence agencies, sexual assault agencies, legal assistance programs, interpreters, multicultural programs, and batterers' treatment programs. The court shall make the community resource list available as part of or in addition to the informational brochures described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The administrative office of the courts shall distribute a master copy of the petition and order forms, instructions, and informational brochures to all court clerks and shall distribute a master copy of the petition and order forms to all superior, district, and municipal courts.

(4) For purposes of this section, "court clerks" means court administrators in courts of limited jurisdiction and elected court clerks.

(5) The administrative office of the courts shall determine the significant non-English-speaking or limited English-speaking populations in the state. The administrator shall then arrange for translation of the instructions and informational brochures required by this section, which shall contain a sample of the standard petition and order for protection forms, into the languages spoken by those significant non-English-speaking populations and shall distribute a master copy of the translated instructions and informational brochures to all court clerks by December 1, 2006.

(6) The administrative office of the courts shall update the instructions, brochures, standard petition and order for protection forms, and court staff handbook when changes in the law make an update necessary.

Sec. 20. RCW 9A.46.060 and 2004 c 94 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, "harassment" may include but is not limited to any of the following crimes:

(1) Harassment (RCW 9A.46.011);
(2) Malicious harassment (RCW 9A.36.080);
(3) Telephone harassment (RCW 9.61.230);
(4) Assault in the first degree (RCW 9A.36.011);
(5) Assault of a child in the first degree (RCW 9A.36.120);
(6) Assault in the second degree (RCW 9A.36.021);
(7) Assault of a child in the second degree (RCW 9A.36.130);
(8) Assault in the fourth degree (RCW 9A.36.041);
(9) Reckless endangerment (RCW 9A.36.050);
(10) Extortion in the first degree (RCW 9A.56.120);
(11) Extortion in the second degree (RCW 9A.56.130);
(12) Coercion (RCW 9A.36.070);
(13) Burglary in the first degree (RCW 9A.52.020);
(14) Burglary in the second degree (RCW 9A.52.030);
(15) Criminal trespass in the first degree (RCW 9A.52.070);
(16) Criminal trespass in the second degree (RCW 9A.52.080);
(17) Malicious mischief in the first degree (RCW 9A.48.070);
(18) Malicious mischief in the second degree (RCW 9A.48.080);
(19) Malicious mischief in the third degree (RCW 9A.48.090);
(20) Kidnapping in the first degree (RCW 9A.40.020);
(21) Kidnapping in the second degree (RCW 9A.40.030);
(22) Unlawful imprisonment (RCW 9A.40.040);
(23) Rape in the first degree (RCW 9A.44.040);
(24) Rape in the second degree (RCW 9A.44.050);
(25) Rape in the third degree (RCW 9A.44.060);
(26) Indecent liberties (RCW 9A.44.100);
(27) Rape of a child in the first degree (RCW 9A.44.073);
(28) Rape of a child in the second degree (RCW 9A.44.076);
(29) Rape of a child in the third degree (RCW 9A.44.079);
(30) Child molestation in the first degree (RCW 9A.44.083);
(31) Child molestation in the second degree (RCW 9A.44.086);
(32) Child molestation in the third degree (RCW 9A.44.089);
(33) Stalking (RCW 9A.46.110);
(34) Cyberstalking (RCW 9.61.260);
(35) Residential burglary (RCW 9A.52.025);
(36) Violation of a temporary (13), permanent, or final protective order issued pursuant to chapter 7.9A.46, 10.14, 10.99, 26.09, or 26.50 RCW;
(37) Unlawful discharge of a laser in the first degree (RCW 9A.49.020); and
(38) Unlawful discharge of a laser in the second degree (RCW 9A.49.030).

Sec. 21. RCW 10.14.130 and 1987 c 280 s 13 are each amended to read as follows:

Protection orders authorized under this chapter shall not be issued for any action specifically covered by chapter 7.9A.46, 10.14, 10.99, 26.09, or 26.50 RCW.

Sec. 22. RCW 10.31.100 and 2000 c 119 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

A police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing a felony shall have the authority to
arrest the person without a warrant. A police officer may arrest a person without a warrant for committing a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor only when the offense is committed in the presence of the officer, except as provided in subsections (1) through (10) of this section.

(1) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor, involving physical harm or threats of harm to any person or property or the unlawful taking of property or involving the use or possession of cannabis, or involving the acquisition, possession, or consumption of alcohol by a person under the age of twenty-one years under RCW 66.44.270, or involving criminal trespass under RCW 9A.52.070 or 9A.52.080, shall have the authority to arrest the person.

(2) A police officer shall arrest and take into custody, pending release on bail, personal recognizance, or court order, a person without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe that:

(a) An order has been issued of which the person has knowledge under RCW 26.44.063, or chapter 7– (sections 1 through 19 of this act) 10.99, 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, 26.50, or 74.34 RCW restraining the person and the person has violated the terms of the order restraining the person from acts or threats of violence, or restraining the person from going onto the grounds of or entering a residence, workplace, school, or day care, or prohibiting the person from knowingly coming within, or knowingly remaining within, a specified distance of a location or, in the case of an order issued under RCW 26.44.063, imposing any other restrictions or conditions upon the person; or

(b) A temporary protection order, as defined in RCW 26.52.010, has been issued of which the person under restraint has knowledge and the person under restraint has violated a provision of the temporary protection order prohibiting the person under restraint from contacting or communicating with another person, or excluding the person under restraint from a residence, workplace, school, or day care, or prohibiting the person from knowingly coming within, or knowingly remaining within, a specified distance of a location, or a violation of any provision for which the temporary protection order specifically indicates that a violation will be a crime; or

(c) The person is sixteen years or older and within the preceding four hours has assaulted a family or household member as defined in RCW 10.99.020 and the officer believes: (i) A felonious assault has occurred; (ii) an assault has occurred which has resulted in bodily injury to the victim, whether the injury is observable by the responding officer or not; or (iii) that any physical action has occurred which was intended to cause another person reasonably to fear imminent serious bodily injury or death. Bodily injury means physical pain, illness, or an impairment of physical condition. When the officer has probable cause to believe that family or household members have assaulted each other, the officer is not required to arrest both persons. The officer shall arrest the person whom the officer believes to be the primary physical aggressor. In making this determination, the officer shall make every reasonable effort to consider: (i) The intent to protect victims of domestic violence under RCW 10.99.010; (ii) the comparative extent of injuries inflicted or serious threats creating fear of physical injury; and (iii) the history of domestic violence between the persons involved.

(3) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing a violation of any of the following traffic laws shall have the authority to arrest the person:

(a) RCW 46.52.010, relating to duty on striking an unattended car or other property;

(b) RCW 46.52.020, relating to duty in case of injury to or death of a person or damage to an attended vehicle;

(c) RCW 46.61.500 or 46.61.530, relating to reckless driving or racing of vehicles;

(d) RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, relating to persons under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;

(e) RCW 46.20.342, relating to driving a motor vehicle while operator's license is suspended or revoked;

(f) RCW 46.61.5249, relating to operating a motor vehicle in a negligent manner.

(4) A law enforcement officer investigating at the scene of a motor vehicle accident may arrest the driver of a motor vehicle involved in the accident if the officer has probable cause to believe that the driver has committed in connection with the accident a violation of any traffic law or regulation.

(5) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing a violation of RCW 79A.60.040 shall have the authority to arrest the person.

(6) Any person may act upon the request of a law enforcement officer in whose presence a traffic infraction was committed, to stop, detain, arrest, or issue a notice of traffic infraction to the driver who is believed to have committed the infraction. The request by the witnessing officer shall give an officer the authority to take appropriate action under the laws of the state of Washington.

(7) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing any act of indecent exposure, as defined in RCW 9A.88.010, may arrest the person.

(8) A police officer may arrest and take into custody, pending release on bail, personal recognizance, or court order, a person without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe that an order has been issued of which the person has knowledge under chapter 10.14 RCW and the person has violated the terms of that order.

(9) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has, within twenty-four hours of the alleged violation, committed a violation of RCW 9A.50.020 may arrest such person.

(10) A police officer having probable cause to believe that a person illegally possesses or illegally has possessed a firearm or other dangerous weapon on private or public elementary or secondary school premises shall have the authority to arrest the person.

For purposes of this subsection, the term "firearm" has the meaning defined in RCW 9.41.010 and the term "dangerous weapon" has the meaning defined in RCW 9.41.250 and 9.41.280(1) (c) through (e).

(11) Except as specifically provided in subsections (2), (3), (4), and (6) of this section, nothing in this section extends or otherwise affects the powers of arrest prescribed in Title 46 RCW.

(12) No police officer may be held criminally or civilly liable for making an arrest pursuant to RCW 10.31.100 (2) or (8) if the police officer acts in good faith and without malice.

Sec. 23. RCW 19.220.010 and 2003 c 268 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Each international matchmaking organization doing business in Washington state shall disseminate to a recruit, upon request, state background check information and personal history information relating to any Washington state resident about whom any information is provided to the recruit, in the recruit's native language. The organization shall notify all recruits that background check and personal history information is available upon request. The notice that background check and personal history information is available upon request shall be in the recruit's native language and shall be displayed in a manner that separates it from other information, is highly noticeable, and in lettering not less than one-quarter of an inch
high.

(2) If an international matchmaking organization receives a request for information from a recruit pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the organization shall notify the Washington state resident of the request. Upon receiving notification, the Washington state resident shall obtain from the state patrol and provide to the organization the complete transcript of any background check information provided pursuant to RCW 43.43.760 based on a submission of fingerprint impressions and provided pursuant to RCW 43.43.838 and shall provide to the organization his or her personal history information. The organization shall require the resident to affirm that personal history information is complete and accurate. The organization shall refrain from knowingly providing any further services to the recruit or the Washington state resident in regards to facilitating future interaction between the recruit and the Washington state resident until the organization has obtained the requested information and provided it to the recruit.

(3) This section does not apply to a traditional matchmaking organization of a religious nature that otherwise operates in compliance with the laws of the countries of the recruits of such organization and the laws of the United States nor to any organization that does not charge a fee to any party for the service provided.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "International matchmaking organization" means a corporation, partnership, business, or other legal entity, whether or not organized under the laws of the United States or any state, that does business in the United States and for profit offers to Washington state residents, including aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence and residing in Washington state, dating, matrimonial, or social referral services involving citizens of a foreign country or countries who are not residing in the United States, by: (i) An exchange of names, telephone numbers, addresses, or statistics; (ii) selection of photographs; or (iii) a social environment provided by the organization in a country other than the United States.

(b) "Personal history information" means a declaration of the person's current marital status, the number of previous marriages, annulments, and dissolutions for the person, and whether any previous marriages occurred as a result of receiving services from an international matchmaking organization; founded allegations of child abuse or neglect; and any existing orders under chapter 7.--(sections 1 through 19 of this act), 10.14, 10.99, or 26.50 RCW. Personal history information shall include information from the state of Washington and any information from other states or countries.

(c) "Recruit" means a noncitizen, nonresident person, recruited by an international matchmaking organization for the purpose of providing dating, matrimonial, or social referral services.

Sec. 24, RCW 26.50.110 and 2000 c 119 s 24 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Whenever an order is granted under this chapter, chapter 7.--(sections 1 through 19 of this act), 10.99, 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, or 74.34 RCW, or there is a valid foreign protection order as defined in RCW 26.52.020, and the respondent or person to be restrained knows of the order, a violation of the restraint provisions, or of a provision excluding the person from a residence, workplace, school, or day care, or of a provision prohibiting a person from knowingly coming within, or knowingly remaining within, a specified distance of a location, or of a provision of a foreign protection order specifically indicating that a violation will be a crime, for which an arrest is required under RCW 10.31.100(2)(a) or (b), is a gross misdemeanor except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section. Upon conviction, and in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may require that the respondent submit to electronic monitoring. The court shall specify who shall provide the electronic monitoring services, and the terms under which the monitoring shall be performed. The order also may include a requirement that the respondent pay the costs of the monitoring. The court shall consider the ability of the convicted person to pay for electronic monitoring.

(2) A peace officer shall arrest without a warrant and take into custody a person whom the peace officer has probable cause to believe has violated an order issued under this chapter, chapter 7.--(sections 1 through 19 of this act), 10.99, 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, or 74.34 RCW, or of a valid foreign protection order as defined in RCW 26.52.020, that restrains the person or excludes the person from a residence, workplace, school, or day care, or prohibits the person from knowingly coming within, or knowingly remaining within, a specified distance of a location, if the person restrained knows of the order. Presence of the order in the law enforcement computer-based criminal intelligence information system is not the only means of establishing knowledge of the order.

(3) A violation of an order issued under this chapter, chapter 7.--(sections 1 through 19 of this act), 10.99, 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, or 74.34 RCW, or of a valid foreign protection order as defined in RCW 26.52.020, shall also constitute contempt of court, and is subject to the penalties prescribed by law.

(4) Any assault that is a violation of an order issued under this chapter, chapter 7.--(sections 1 through 19 of this act), 10.99, 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, or 74.34 RCW, or of a valid foreign protection order as defined in RCW 26.52.020, and that does not amount to assault in the first or second degree under RCW 9A.36.011 or 9A.36.021 is a class C felony, and any conduct in violation of such an order that is reckless and creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person is a class C felony.

(5) A violation of a court order issued under this chapter, chapter 7.--(sections 1 through 19 of this act), 10.99, 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, or 74.34 RCW, or of a valid foreign protection order as defined in RCW 26.52.020, is a class C felony if the offender has at least two previous convictions for violating the provisions of an order issued under this chapter, chapter 7.--(sections 1 through 19 of this act), 10.99, 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, or 74.34 RCW, or of a valid foreign protection order as defined in RCW 26.52.020. The previous convictions may involve the same victim or other victims specifically protected by the orders the offender violated.

(6) Upon the filing of an affidavit by the petitioner or any peace officer alleging that the respondent has violated an order granted under this chapter, chapter 7.--(sections 1 through 19 of this act), 10.99, 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, or 74.34 RCW, or of a valid foreign protection order as defined in RCW 26.52.020, the court may issue an order to the respondent, requiring the respondent to appear and show cause within fourteen days why the respondent should not be found in contempt of court and punished accordingly. The hearing may be held in the court of any county or municipality in which the petitioner or respondent temporarily or permanently resides at the time of the alleged violation.

Sec. 25. RCW 26.50.160 and 2000 c 119 s 25 and 2000 c 51 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

To prevent the issuance of competing protection orders in different courts and to give courts needed information for issuance of orders, the judicial information system shall be available in each district, municipal, and superior court by July 1, 1997, and shall include a data base containing the following information:

(1) The names of the parties and the cause number for every order of protection issued under this title, every sexual assault
 protección order issued under chapter 7.-- RCW (sections 1 through 19 of this act), every criminal no-contact order issued under chapters 9A.46 and 10.99 RCW, every antiharassment order issued under chapter 10.14 RCW, every dissolution action under chapter 26.09 RCW, every third-party custody action under chapter 26.10 RCW, every parentage action under chapter 26.26 RCW, every restraining order issued on behalf of an abused child or adult dependent person under chapter 26.44 RCW, every foreign protection order filed under chapter 26.52 RCW, and every order for protection of a vulnerable adult under chapter 74.34 RCW. When a guardian or the department of social and health services has petitioned for relief on behalf of an abused child, adult dependent person, or vulnerable adult, the name of the person on whose behalf relief was sought shall be included in the data base as a party rather than the guardian or department;

(2) A criminal history of the parties; and

(3) Other relevant information necessary to assist courts in issuing orders under this chapter as determined by the judicial information system committee.

Sec. 26. RCW 59.18.575 and 2004 c 17 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) If a tenant notifies the landlord in writing that he or she or a household member was a victim of an act that constitutes a crime of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and either (a)(i) or (ii) of this subsection applies, then subsection (2) of this section applies:

(i) The tenant or the household member has a valid order for protection under one or more of the following: Chapter 26.50, 26.26 RCW or RCW 9A.46.040, 9A.46.050, 10.14.080, 10.99.040 (2) or (3), or 26.09.050; or

(ii) The tenant or the household member has reported the domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to a qualified third party acting in his or her official capacity and the qualified third party has provided the tenant or the household member a written record of the report signed by the qualified third party.

(b) When a copy of a valid order for protection or a written record of a report signed by a qualified third party, as required under (a) of this subsection, is made available to the landlord, the tenant may terminate the rental agreement and quit the premises without further obligation under the rental agreement or under chapter 59.12 RCW. However, the request to terminate the rental must occur within ninety days of the reported act, event, or circumstance that gave rise to the protective order or report to a qualified third party. A record of the report to a qualified third party that is provided to the tenant or household member shall consist of a document signed and dated by the qualified third party stating: (i) That the tenant or the household member notified him or her that he or she was a victim of an act or acts that constitute a crime of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; (ii) the time and date the act or acts occurred; (iii) the location where the act or acts occurred; (iv) a brief description of the act or acts of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and (v) that the tenant or household member informed him or her of the name of the alleged perpetrator of the act or acts. The record of the report provided to the tenant or household member shall not include the name of the alleged perpetrator of the act or acts of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The qualified third party shall keep a copy of the record of the report and shall note on the retained copy the name of the alleged perpetrator of the act or acts of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The record of the report to a qualified third party may be accomplished by completion of a form provided by the qualified third party, in substantially the following form:

[Name of organization, agency, clinic, professional service provider]

I and/or my . . . . (household member) am/is a victim of

. . . domestic violence as defined by RCW 26.50.010.
. . . sexual assault as defined by RCW 70.125.030.
. . . stalking as defined by RCW 9A.46.110.

Briefly describe the incident of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking:

The incident(s) that I rely on in support of this declaration occurred on the following date(s) and time(s) and at the following location(s):

The incident(s) that I rely on in support of this declaration were committed by the following person(s):

I state under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at . . . . . . (city) . ., Washington, this . . . . day of . . , 20.. .

I verify that I have provided to the person whose signature appears above the statutes cited in RCW 59.18.575 and that the individual was a victim of an act that constitutes a crime of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that the individual informed me of the name of the alleged perpetrator of the act.

Dated this . . . . day of . . . . 20...

Signature of authorized officer/employee of (Organization, agency, clinic, professional service provider)

(2) A tenant who terminates a rental agreement under this section is discharged from the payment of rent for any period following the last day of the month of the quitting date. The tenant shall remain liable for the rent for the month in which he or she terminated the rental agreement unless the termination is in accordance with RCW 59.18.200(1). Notwithstanding lease provisions that allow for forfeiture of a deposit for early termination, a tenant who terminates under this section is entitled to the return of the full deposit, subject to RCW 59.18.020 and 59.18.280. Other tenants who are parties to the rental agreement, except household members who are the victims of sexual assault, stalking, or domestic violence, are not released from their obligations under the rental agreement or other obligations under this chapter.

(3) The provision of verification of a report under subsection (1)(b) of this section does not waive the confidential or privileged nature of the communication between a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking with a qualified third party pursuant to RCW 5.60.060, 70.123.075, or 70.125.065. No record or evidence obtained from such disclosure may be used in any civil, administrative, or criminal proceeding against the victim unless a written waiver of applicable evidentiary privilege is obtained, except that the verification itself, and no other privileged information, under subsection (1)(b) of this section may be used in civil proceedings brought under this section.
NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. This act may be cited as the sexual assault protection order act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 28. Sections 1 through 19 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 7 RCW."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "victims;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 9A.46.060, 10.14.130, 10.31.100, 19.220.010, 26.50.110, and 59.18.575; reenacting and amending RCW 26.50.160; adding a new chapter to Title 7 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2576 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed THIRD SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1226, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 42.17.640 and 2005 c 445 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

1. The contribution limits in this section apply to:
   (a) Candidates for state legislative office;
   (b) Candidates for state office other than state legislative office;
   (c) Candidates for county office in a county that has over two hundred thousand registered voters;
   (d) Candidates for special purpose district office if that district is authorized to provide freight and passenger transfer and terminal facilities and that district has over two hundred thousand registered voters;
   (e) Persons holding an office in (a) through (d) of this subsection against whom recall charges have been filed or to a political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of a person holding the office;
   (f) Caucus political committees;
   (g) Bona fide political parties.

2. No person other than a bona fide political party or a caucus political committee may make contributions to a state official, a county official, or a public official in a special purpose district against whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of the state official, county official, or public official in a special purpose district during a recall campaign that in the aggregate exceed seven hundred dollars if for a state legislative office or county office or one thousand four hundred dollars if for a special purpose district office or a state office other than a state legislative office.

3. No person, other than a bona fide political party or a caucus political committee, may make contributions to a state official, a county official, or a public official in a special purpose district against whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of the state official, county official, or public official in a special purpose district during a recall campaign that in the aggregate exceed seven hundred dollars if for a state legislative office or county office or one thousand four hundred dollars if for a special purpose district office or a state office other than a state legislative office.

4. No candidate may accept contributions from a county central committee or a legislative district committee during an election cycle that when combined with contributions from other county central committees or legislative district committees would in the aggregate exceed thirty-five cents times the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

5. No person other than a bona fide political party or a caucus political committee may make contributions to a state official, a county official, or a public official in a special purpose district against whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of the state official, county official, or a public official in a special purpose district during a recall campaign that in the aggregate exceed (i) seventy cents multiplied by the number of eligible registered voters in the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected if the contributor is a caucus political committee or the governing body of a state organization, or (ii) thirty-five cents multiplied by the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected if the contributor is a county central committee or a legislative district committee.

6. For purposes of determining contribution limits under subsections (4) and (5) of this section, the number of eligible registered voters in a jurisdiction is the number at the time of
the most recent general election in the jurisdiction.

((9)) (7) Notwithstanding subsections ((6)) (2) through ((9)) (5) of this section, no person other than an individual, bona fide political party, or caucus political committee may make contributions reportable under this chapter to a caucus political committee that in the aggregate exceed seven hundred dollars in a calendar year or to a bona fide political party that in the aggregate exceed three thousand five hundred dollars in a calendar year. This subsection does not apply to loans made in the ordinary course of business.

((9)) (8) For the purposes of RCW 42.17.640 through 42.17.790, a contribution to the authorized political committee of a candidate((c)) or of ((r state)) an official specified in subsection (1) of this section against whom recall charges have been filed((r)) is considered to be a contribution to the candidate or ((r state)) official.

((9)) (9) A contribution received within the twelve-month period after a recall election concerning ((r state)) an office specified in subsection (1) of this section is considered to be a contribution during that recall campaign if the contribution is used to pay a debt or obligation incurred to influence the outcome of that recall campaign.

((10)) (10) The contributions allowed by subsection ((9)) (3) of this section are in addition to those allowed by subsection ((9)) (2) of this section, and the contributions allowed by subsection ((9)) (5) of this section are in addition to those allowed by subsection ((9)) (4) of this section.

((9)) (11) RCW 42.17.640 through 42.17.790 apply to a special election conducted to fill a vacancy in ((r state)) an office specified in subsection (1) of this section. However, the contributions made to a candidate or received by a candidate for a primary or special election conducted to fill such a vacancy shall not be counted toward any of the limitations that apply to the candidate or to contributions made to the candidate for any other primary or election.

((9)) (12) Notwithstanding the other subsections of this section, no corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington state, no labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in Washington state, and no political committee that has not received contributions of ten dollars or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in Washington state during the preceding one hundred eighty days may make contributions reportable under this chapter to a candidate, to a state official against whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of the official. This subsection does not apply to loans made in the ordinary course of business.

((9)) (13) Notwithstanding the other subsections of this section, no county central committee or legislative district committee may make contributions reportable under this chapter to a candidate((r state)) an official specified in subsection (1) of this section, or an official specified in subsection (1) of this section against whom recall charges have been filed, or political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of ((r state)) an official specified in subsection (1) of this section if the county central committee or legislative district committee is outside of the jurisdiction entitled to elect the candidate or recall the ((r state)) official.

((9)) (14) No person may accept contributions that exceed the contribution limitations provided in this section.

((9)) (15) The following contributions are exempt from the contribution limits of this section:

(a) An expenditure or contribution earmarked for voter registration, for absentee ballot information, for precinct caucuses, for get-out-the-vote campaigns, for precinct judges or inspectors, for sample ballots, or for ballot counting, all without promotion of or political advertising for individual candidates; or

(b) An expenditure by a political committee for its own internal organization or fund raising without direct association with individual candidates.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW to read as follows:

(1) No person may make contributions to a candidate for judicial office that in the aggregate exceed one thousand four hundred dollars for each election in which the candidate is on the ballot or appears as a write-in candidate. Contributions made with respect to a primary may not be made after the date of the primary. However, contributions to a candidate or a candidate's authorized committee may be made with respect to a primary until thirty days after the primary, subject to the following limitations: (a) The candidate lost the primary; (b) the candidate's authorized committee has insufficient funds to pay debts outstanding as of the date of the primary; and (c) the contributions may only be raised and spent to satisfy the outstanding debt. Contributions made with respect to a general election may not be made after the final day of the applicable election cycle.

(2) This section through RCW 42.17.790 apply to a special election conducted to fill a vacancy in an office. However, the contributions made to a candidate or received by a candidate for a primary or special election conducted to fill such a vacancy will not be counted toward any of the limitations that apply to the candidate or to contributions made to the candidate for any other primary or election.

(3) No person may accept contributions that exceed the contribution limitations provided in this section.

(4) The dollar limits in this section must be adjusted according to RCW 42.17.690.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW to read as follows:

The commission shall adopt rules to carry out the policies of this act and is not subject to the time restrictions of RCW 42.17.370(1).

Sec. 4. RCW 42.17.700 and 1993 c 2 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Contributions to candidates for state office made and received before December 3, 1992, are considered to be contributions under RCW 42.17.640 through 42.17.790. Monetary contributions that exceed the contribution limitations and that have not been spent by the recipient of the contribution by December 3, 1992, must be disposed of in accordance with RCW 42.17.095.

(2) Contributions to other candidates subject to the contribution limits of this chapter made and received before the effective date of this act are considered to be contributions under RCW 42.17.640 through 42.17.790. Contributions that exceed the contribution limitations and that have not been spent by the recipient of the contribution by the effective date of this act must be disposed of in accordance with RCW 42.17.095 except for subsections (6) and (7) of that section.

Sec. 5. RCW 42.17.710 and 2003 c 164 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) During the period beginning on the thirtieth day before the date a regular legislative session convenes and continuing thirty days
past the date of final adjournment, and during the period beginning on the date a special legislative session convenes and continuing through the date that session adjourns, no state official or a person employed by or acting on behalf of a state official or state legislator may solicit or accept contributions to a public office fund, to a candidate or authorized committee, or to retire a campaign debt. Contributions received through the mail after the thirtieth day before a regular legislative session may be accepted if the contribution is postmarked prior to the thirtieth day before the session.

(2) This section does not apply to activities authorized in RCW 43.07.370.

Sec. 6. RCW 42.17.093 and 2003 c 123 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) An out-of-state political committee organized for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or ballot propositions in another state that is not otherwise required to report under RCW 42.17.040 through 42.17.090 shall report as required in this section when it makes an expenditure supporting or opposing a Washington state candidate or political committee. The committee shall file with the commission a statement disclosing:

(a) Its name and address;
(b) The purposes of the out-of-state committee;
(c) The names, addresses, and titles of its officers or, if it has no officers, the names, addresses, and the titles of its responsible leaders;
(d) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each candidate in the state of Washington whom the out-of-state committee is supporting or opposing and, if such committee is supporting or opposing the entire ticket of any party, the name of the party;
(e) The ballot proposition supported or opposed in the state of Washington, if any, and whether such committee is in favor of or opposed to such proposition;
(f) The name and address of each person residing in the state of Washington or corporation which has a place of business in the state of Washington who has made one or more contributions in the aggregate of more than twenty-five dollars to the out-of-state committee during the current calendar year, together with the money value and date of such contributions;
(g) The name, address, and employer of each person or corporation residing outside the state of Washington who has made one or more contributions in the aggregate of more than two thousand five hundred dollars to the out-of-state committee during the current calendar year, together with the money value and date of such contributions. Annually, the commission must modify the two thousand five hundred dollar limit in this subsection based on percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United States as published by the most recent twelve-month period by the bureau of economic analysis of the federal department of commerce;

(h) The name and address of each person in the state of Washington to whom an expenditure was made by the out-of-state committee with respect to a candidate or political committee in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars, the amount, date, and purpose of such expenditure, and the total sum of such expenditures; and

(2) Each statement shall be filed no later than the ((twentieth)) tenth day of the month following any month in which a contribution or other expenditure reportable under subsection (1) of this section is made. An out-of-state committee incurring an obligation to file additional statements in a calendar year may satisfy the obligation by timely filing reports that supplement previously filed information.

((F7 A political committee required to file campaign reports with the federal election commission or its successor is exempt from reporting under this section:))

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. 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.

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "limits;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 42.17.640, 42.17.700, 42.17.710, and 42.17.093; and adding new sections to chapter 42.17 RCW."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to THIRD SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1226 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Schual-Berke and Haigh spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

Representative Nixon spoke against the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Third Substitute House Bill No. 1226 as amended by the Senate.

MOTION

On motion of Representative Rodne, Representative Cox was excused.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Third Substitute House Bill No. 1226, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 56, Nays - 40, Absent - 0, Excused - 2.

Voting yea: Representatives Appleton, Blake, Campbell, Chase, Clibborn, Cody, Conway, Darneille, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eckmeyer, Erickson, Flannigan, Fromhold, Grant, Green, Haigh, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Kilmer, Lantz, Linville, Lovick, McCoy, McDermott, McIntire, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Murray, O'Brien, Ormsby, Pettigrew, Quall, Roberts, Santos, Schual-Berke, Sells, Simpson, Sommers, Springer, Sullivan,
B., Sullivan, P., Takko, Tom, Upthegrove, Wallace, Williams, Wood and Mr. Speaker - 56.


Excused: Representatives Cox and Holmquist - 2.

THIRD SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1226, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2964, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"PART 1
DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING CREATED"

NEW SECTION. Sec. 101. (1) The legislature recognizes that:
(a) Parents are their children's first and most important teachers and decision makers;
(b) Research across disciplines now demonstrates that what happens in the earliest years makes a critical difference in children's readiness to succeed in school and life;
(c) Washington's competitiveness in the global economy requires a world-class education system that starts early and supports life-long learning;
(d) Washington state currently makes substantial investments in voluntary child care and early learning services and supports, but because services are fragmented across multiple state agencies, and early learning providers lack the supports and incentives needed to improve the quality of services they provide, many parents have difficulty accessing high quality early learning services;
(e) A more cohesive and integrated voluntary early learning system would result in greater efficiencies for the state, increased partnership between the state and the private sector, improved access to high quality early learning services, and better employment and early learning outcomes for families and all children.

(2) The legislature finds that the early years of a child's life are critical to the child's healthy brain development and that the quality of caregiving during the early years can significantly impact the child's intellectual, social, and emotional development.

(3) The purpose of this chapter is:
(a) To establish the department of early learning;
(b) To coordinate and consolidate state activities relating to child care and early learning programs;
(c) To safeguard and promote the health, safety, and well-being of children receiving child care and early learning assistance;
(d) To promote linkages and alignment between early learning programs and elementary schools and support the transition of children and families from prekindergarten environments to kindergarten;
(e) To promote the development of a sufficient number and variety of adequate child care and early learning facilities, both public and private; and
(f) To license agencies and to assure the users of such agencies, their parents, the community at large and the agencies themselves that adequate minimum standards are maintained by all child care and early learning facilities.

(4) This chapter does not expand the state's authority to license or regulate activities or programs beyond those licensed or regulated under existing law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 102. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or facility that provides child care and early learning services outside a child's own home and includes the following irrespective of whether there is compensation to the agency:
(a) "Child day care center" means an agency that regularly provides child day care and early learning services for a group of children for periods of less than twenty-four hours;
(b) "Early learning" includes but is not limited to programs and services for child care; state, federal, private, and nonprofit preschool; child care subsidies; child care resource and referral; parental education and support; and training and professional development for early learning professionals;
(c) "Family day care provider" means a child day care provider who regularly provides child day care and early learning services for not more than twelve children in the provider's home in the family living quarters;
(d) "Service provider" means the entity that operates a community facility.

(2) "Agency" does not include the following:
(a) Persons related to the child in the following ways:
(i) Any blood relative, including those of half-blood, and including first cousins, nephews or nieces, and persons of preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of grand, great, or great-great;
(ii) Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, and stepsister;
(iii) A person who legally adopts a child or the child's parent as well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such persons, and other relatives of the adoptive parents in accordance with state law;
(iv) Spouses of any persons named in (i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection (2)(a), even after the marriage is terminated;
(b) Persons who are legal guardians of the child;
(c) Persons who care for a neighbor's or friend's child or children, with or without compensation, where the person providing care for periods of less than twenty-four hours does not conduct such activity on an ongoing, regularly scheduled basis for the purpose of engaging in business, which includes, but is not limited to, advertising such care;
(d) Parents on a mutually cooperative basis exchange care of one another's children;
(e) Nursery schools or kindergartens that are engaged primarily in educational work with preschool children and in which no child is enrolled on a regular basis for more than four hours per day;
(f) Schools, including boarding schools, that are engaged primarily in education, operate on a definite school year schedule, follow a stated academic curriculum, accept only school-age children,
(g) Seasonal camps of three months' or less duration engaged primarily in recreational or educational activities;

(h) Facilities providing care to children for periods of less than twenty-four hours whose parents remain on the premises to participate in activities other than employment;

(i) Any agency having been in operation in this state ten years before June 8, 1967, and not seeking or accepting moneys or assistance from any state or federal agency, and is supported in part by an endowment or trust fund;

(j) An agency operated by any unit of local, state, or federal government or an agency, located within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian reservation, licensed by the Indian tribe;

(k) An agency located on a federal military reservation, except where the military authorities request that such agency be subject to the licensing requirements of this chapter;

(l) An agency that offers early learning and support services, such as parent education, and does not provide child care services on a regular basis.

(3) "Department" means the department of early learning.

(4) "Director" means the director of the department.

(5) "Enforcement action" means denial, suspension, revocation, modification, or nonrenewal of a license pursuant to section 311(1) of this act or assessment of civil monetary penalties pursuant to section 311(3) of this act.

(6) "Probationary license" means a license issued as a disciplinary measure to an agency that has previously been issued a full license but is out of compliance with licensing standards.

(7) "Requirement" means any rule, regulation, or standard of care to be maintained by an agency.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 103. (1) The department of early learning is created as an executive branch agency. The department is vested with all powers and duties transferred to it under this chapter and such other powers and duties as may be authorized by law.

(2) The primary duties of the department are to implement state early learning policy and to coordinate, consolidate, and integrate child care and early learning programs in order to administer programs and funding as efficiently as possible. The department's duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) To support both public and private sectors toward a comprehensive and collaborative system of early learning that serves parents, children, and providers and to encourage best practices in child care and early learning programs;

(b) To improve parent education and support;

(c) To carry out activities to improve the quality of early learning opportunities for young children including activities in cooperation with the private-public partnership;

(d) To administer child care and early learning programs;

(e) To standardize internal financial audits, oversight visits, performance benchmarks, and licensing criteria, so that programs can function in an integrated fashion;

(f) To assist in the implementation of the private-public partnership and cooperate with that partnership in pursuing its goals including providing data and support necessary for the successful work of the partnership;

(g) To work cooperatively and in coordination with the early learning council; and

(h) To collaborate with the K-12 school system at the state and local levels to ensure appropriate connections and smooth transitions between early learning and K-12 programs.

(3) The department's programs shall be designed in a way that respects and preserves the ability of parents and legal guardians to direct the education, development, and upbringing of their children. The department shall include parents and legal guardians in the development of policies and program decisions affecting their children.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 104. (1) The executive head and appointing authority of the department is the director. The director shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The governor shall solicit input from all parties involved in the private-public partnership concerning this appointment. The director shall be paid a salary to be fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040. If a vacancy occurs in the position of director while the senate is not in session, the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the senate when the governor's nomination for the office of director shall be presented.

(2) The director may employ staff members, who shall be exempt from chapter 41.06 RCW, and any additional staff members as are necessary to administer this chapter. The director may delegate any power or duty vested in him or her by this chapter, including authority to make final decisions and enter final orders in hearings conducted under chapter 34.05 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 105. It is the intent of the legislature wherever possible to place the internal affairs of the department under the control of the director in order that the director may institute therein the flexible, alert, and intelligent management of its business that changing contemporary circumstances require. Therefore, whenever the director's authority is not specifically limited by law, the director has complete and supervisory powers over the department. The director may create such administrative structures as the director considers appropriate, except as otherwise specified by law. The director may employ such assistants and personnel as necessary for the general administration of the department. This employment shall be in accordance with state civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 106. The director may appoint such advisory committees or councils as may be required by any federal legislation as a condition to the receipt of federal funds by the department. The director may also appoint statewide committees or councils on such subject matters as are or come within the department’s responsibilities. The committees or councils shall be constituted as required by federal law or as the director may determine.

Members of such state advisory committees or councils may be paid their travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 107. In furtherance of the policy of the state to cooperate with the federal government in all of the programs under the jurisdiction of the department, such rules as may become necessary to entitle the state to participate in federal funds may be adopted, unless expressly prohibited by law. Any internal reorganization carried out under the terms of this chapter shall meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to state receipt of federal funds. Any section or provision of law dealing with the department that may be susceptible to more than one construction shall be interpreted in favor of the construction most likely to comply with federal laws entitling this state to receive federal funds for the
various programs of the department.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 108. (1) In addition to other duties under this chapter, the director shall actively participate in a nongovernmental private-public partnership focused on supporting government's investments in early learning and ensuring that every child in the state is prepared to succeed in school and in life. Except for licensing as required by Washington state law and to the extent permitted by federal law, the director of the department of early learning shall grant waivers from the rules of state agencies for the operation of early learning programs requested by the nongovernmental private-public partnership to allow for flexibility to pursue market-based approaches to achieving the best outcomes for children and families.

(2) In addition to other powers granted to the director, the director may:

(a) Enter into contracts on behalf of the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

(b) Accept gifts, grants, or other funds for the purposes of this chapter; and

(c) Adopt, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, rules necessary to implement this chapter, including rules governing child day care and early learning programs under this chapter. This section does not expand the rule-making authority of the director beyond that necessary to implement and administer programs and services existing July 1, 2006, as transferred to the department of early learning under section 501 of this act. The rule-making authority does not include any authority to set mandatory curriculum or establish what must be taught in child day care centers or by family day care providers.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 109. Two years after the implementation of the department's early learning program, and every two years thereafter by July 1st, the department shall submit to the governor and the legislature a report measuring the effectiveness of its programs in improving early childhood education. The first report shall include program objectives and identified valid performance measures for evaluating progress toward achieving the objectives, as well as a plan for commissioning a longitudinal study comparing the kindergarten readiness of children participating in the department's programs with the readiness of other children, using nationally accepted testing and assessment methods. Such comparison shall include, but not be limited to, achievement as children of both groups progress through the K-12 system and identify year-to-year changes in achievement, if any, in later years of elementary, middle school, and high school education.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 110. A new section is added to chapter 41.06 RCW to read as follows:

In addition to the exceptions under RCW 41.06.070, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply in the department of early learning to the director, the director's personal secretary, and any other exempt staff members provided for in section 104(2) of this act.

**Sec. 111.** RCW 43.17.010 and 2005 c 333 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

There shall be departments of the state government which shall be known as (1) the department of social and health services, (2) the department of ecology, (3) the department of labor and industries, (4) the department of agriculture, (5) the department of fish and wildlife, (6) the department of transportation, (7) the department of licensing, (8) the department of general administration, (9) the department of community, trade, and economic development, (10) the department of veterans affairs, (11) the department of revenue, (12) the department of retirement systems, (13) the department of corrections, (14) the department of health, (15) the department of financial institutions, (16) the department of archaeology and historic preservation, and (17) the department of early learning, which shall be charged with the execution, enforcement, and administration of such laws, and invested with such powers and required to perform such duties, as the legislature may provide.

**Sec. 112.** RCW 43.17.020 and 2005 c 333 s 11 and 2005 c 319 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the director of agriculture, (5) the director of fish and wildlife, (6) the secretary of transportation, (7) the director of licensing, (8) the director of general administration, (9) the director of community, trade, and economic development, (10) the director of veterans affairs, (11) the director of revenue, (12) the director of retirement systems, (13) the secretary of corrections, (14) the secretary of health, (15) the director of financial institutions, (16) the director of the department of archaeology and historic preservation, and (17) the director of early learning.

Such officers, except the director of fish and wildlife, shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and hold office at the pleasure of the governor. The director of fish and wildlife shall be appointed by the fish and wildlife commission as prescribed by RCW 77.04.055.

**Sec. 113.** RCW 42.17.2401 and 2005 c 424 s 17 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of RCW 42.17.240, the term "executive state officer" includes:

(1) The chief administrative law judge, the director of agriculture, the administrator of the Washington basic health plan, the director of the department of services for the blind, the director of the state system of community and technical colleges, the director of community, trade, and economic development, the secretary of corrections, the director of early learning, the director of ecology, the commissioner of employment security, the chair of the energy facility site evaluation council, the secretary of the state finance committee, the director of financial management, the director of fish and wildlife, the executive secretary of the forest practices appeals board, the director of the gambling commission, the director of general administration, the secretary of health, the administrator of the Washington state health care authority, the executive secretary of the health care facilities authority, the executive secretary of the higher education facilities authority, the executive secretary of the horse racing commission, the executive secretary of the human rights commission, the executive secretary of the indeterminate sentence review board, the director of the department of information services, the director of the interagency committee for outdoor recreation, the executive director of the state investment board, the director of labor and industries, the director of licensing, the director of the lottery commission, the director of the office of minority and women's business enterprises, the director of parks and recreation, the director of personnel, the executive director of the public disclosure commission, the director of retirement systems, the director of revenue, the secretary of social and health services, the chief of the Washington state patrol, the executive secretary of the board of tax appeals, the secretary of transportation, the secretary of the utilities
and transportation commission, the director of veterans affairs, the president of each of the regional and state universities and the president of The Evergreen State College, each district and each campus president of each state community college;

(2) Each professional staff member of the office of the governor;

(3) Each professional staff member of the legislature; and

(4) Central Washington University board of trustees, board of trustees of each community college, each member of the state board for community and technical colleges, state convention and trade center board of directors, committee for deferred compensation, Eastern Washington University board of trustees, Washington economic development finance authority, The Evergreen State College board of trustees, executive ethics board, forest practices appeals board, forest practices board, gambling commission, life sciences discovery fund authority board of trustees, Washington health care facilities authority, each member of the Washington health services commission, higher education coordinating board, higher education facilities authority, horse racing commission, state housing finance commission, human rights commission, indeterminate sentence review board, board of industrial insurance appeals, information services board, interagency committee for outdoor recreation, state investment board, commission on judicial conduct, legislative ethics board, liquor control board, lottery commission, marine oversight board, Pacific Northwest electric power and conservation planning council, parks and recreation commission, personnel appeals board, board of pilotage commissioners, pollution control hearings board, public disclosure commission, public pension commission, shorelines hearing board, public employees' benefits board, salmon recovery funding board, board of tax appeals, transportation commission, University of Washington board of regents, utilities and transportation commission, Washington state maritime commission, Washington personnel resources board, Washington public power supply system executive board, Washington State University board of regents, Western Washington University board of trustees, and fish and wildlife commission.

PART 2
POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TRANSFERRED

Sec. 201. RCW 41.04.385 and 2005 c 490 s 9 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature finds that (1) demographic, economic, and social trends underlie a critical and increasing demand for child care in the state of Washington; (2) working parents and their children benefit when the employees' child care needs have been resolved; (3) the state of Washington should serve as a model employer by creating a supportive atmosphere, to the extent feasible, in which its employees may meet their child care needs; and (4) the state of Washington should encourage the development of partnerships between state agencies, state employees, state employee labor organizations, and private employers to expand the availability of affordable quality child care. The legislature finds further that resolving employee child care concerns not only benefits the employees and their children, but may benefit the employer by reducing absenteeism, increasing employee productivity, improving morale, and enhancing the employer's position in recruiting and retaining employees. Therefore, the legislature declares that it is the policy of the state of Washington to assist state employees by creating a supportive atmosphere in which they may meet their child care needs. Policies and procedures for state agencies to address employee child care needs will be the responsibility of the director of personnel in consultation with the director of the department of early learning and state employee representatives.

Sec. 202. RCW 74.13.085 and 1989 c 381 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be the policy of the state of Washington to:

(1) Recognize the family as the most important social and economic unit of society and support the central role parents play in child rearing. All parents are encouraged to care for and nurture their children through the traditional methods of parental care at home. (However, there has been a dramatic increase in participation of women in the workforce which has made) The availability of quality, affordable child care is a concern for (the state and its citizens. There are not enough child care services and facilities to meet the needs of) working parents, the costs of care are often beyond the resources of working parents, and child care facilities are not located conveniently to work places and neighborhoods. Parents are encouraged to participate fully in the effort to improve the quality of child care services.

(2) Promote a variety of culturally and developmentally appropriate child care settings and services of the highest possible quality in accordance with the basic principle of continuity of care. These settings shall include, but not be limited to, family day care homes, mini-centers, centers and schools.

(3) Promote the growth, development and safety of children by working with community groups including providers and parents to establish standards for quality service, training of child care providers, fair and equitable monitoring, and salary levels commensurate with provider responsibilities and support services.

(4) Promote equal access to quality, affordable, socio-economically integrated child care for all children and families.

(5) Facilitate broad community and private sector involvement in the provision of quality child care services to foster economic development and assist industry through the department of early learning.

Sec. 203. RCW 74.13.0902 and 1989 c 381 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

An employer liaison position is established in the department of ((social and health services to be colocated at the business assistance center established under RCW 42.31.083)) early learning to be colocated with the department of community, trade, and economic development. The employer liaison shall, within appropriated funds:

(1) Staff and assist the child care partnership in the implementation of its duties ((under RCW 74.13.0901));

(2) Provide technical assistance to employers regarding child care services, working with and through local resource and referral organizations whenever possible. Such technical assistance shall include at a minimum:

(a) Assessing the child care needs of employees and prospective employees;

(b) Reviewing options available to employers interested in increasing access to child care for their employees;

(c) Developing techniques to permit small businesses to increase access to child care for their employees;

(d) Reviewing methods of evaluating the impact of child care activities on employers; and

(e) Preparing, collecting, and distributing current information for employers on options for increasing involvement in child care; and

(3) Provide assistance to local child care resource and referral organizations to increase their capacity to provide quality technical assistance to employers in their community.
Sec. 204. RCW 74.13.0903 and 2005 c 490 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

The ((office of child care policy is established to operate under the authority of the department of social and health services. The duties and responsibilities of the office include, but are not limited to: the following, within appropriated funds)) department of early learning shall:

1. Work in conjunction with the statewide child care resource and referral network as well as local governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and community child care advocates to create local child care resource and referral organizations. These organizations may carry out needs assessments, resource development, provider training, technical assistance, and parent information and training;

2. Actively seek public and private money for distribution as grants to the statewide child care resource and referral network and to existing or potential local child care resource and referral organizations;

3. Adopt rules regarding the application for and distribution of grants to local child care resource and referral organizations. The rules shall, at a minimum, require an applicant to submit a plan for achieving the following objectives:
   a. Provide parents with information about child care resources, including location of services and subsidies;
   b. Carry out child care provider recruitment and training programs, including training under RCW 74.25.040;
   c. Offer support services, such as parent and provider seminars, toy-lending libraries, and substitute banks;
   d. Provide information for businesses regarding child care supply and demand;
   e. Advocate for increased public and private sector resources devoted to child care;
   f. Provide technical assistance to employers regarding employee child care services; and
   g. Serve recipients of temporary assistance for needy families and working parents with incomes at or below household incomes of one hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty line;

4. Provide staff support and technical assistance to the statewide child care resource and referral network and local child care resource and referral organizations;

5. Maintain a statewide child care licensing data bank and work with department ((of social and health services)) licensors to provide information to local child care resource and referral organizations about licensed child care providers in the state;

6. Through the statewide child care resource and referral network and local resource and referral organizations, compile data about local child care needs and availability for future planning and development;

7. Coordinate with the statewide child care resource and referral network and local child care resource and referral organizations for the provision of training and technical assistance to child care providers; and

8. Collect and assemble information regarding the availability of insurance and of federal and other child care funding to assist state and local agencies, businesses, and other child care providers in offering child care services.

Sec. 205. RCW 74.13.098 and 2005 c 507 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

1. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this specific purpose, the ((division of child care and early learning in the)) department ((of social and health services)) shall establish a child care career and wage ladder in licensed child care centers that meet the following criteria: (a) At least ten percent of child care slots are dedicated to children whose care is subsidized by the state or any political subdivision thereof or any local government; (b) the center agrees to adopt the child care career and wage ladder, which, at a minimum, shall be at the same pay schedule as existed in the previous child care career and wage ladder pilot project; and (c) the center meets further program standards as established by rule pursuant to section 4 ((of this act)), chapter 507, Laws of 2005.

The child care career and wage ladder shall include wage increments for levels of education, years of relevant experience, levels of work responsibility, relevant early childhood education credits, and relevant requirements in the state training and registry system.

2. The ((division)) department shall establish procedures for the allocation of funds to implement the child care career and wage ladder among child care centers meeting the criteria identified in subsection (1) of this section. In developing these procedures, the ((division)) department shall:
   a. Review past efforts or administration of the child care career and wage ladder pilot project in order to take advantage of any findings, recommendations, or administrative practices that contributed to that pilot project's success;
   b. Consult with stakeholders, including organizations representing child care teachers and providers, in developing an allocation formula that incorporates consideration of geographic and demographic distribution of child care centers adopting the child care career and wage ladder; and
   c. Develop a system for prioritizing child care centers interested in adopting the child care career and wage ladder that is based on the criteria identified in subsection (1) of this section.

3. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, child care centers meeting the criteria in subsection (1) of this section located in urban areas of the department of social and health services region one shall receive a minimum of fifteen percent of the funds allocated through the child care career and wage ladder, and of these centers, child care centers meeting the criteria in subsection (1) of this section participating in the (department of social and health services) Spokane tiered reimbursement pilot project shall have first priority for child care career and wage ladder funding.

Sec. 206. RCW 74.13.099 and 2005 c 507 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

Child care centers adopting the child care career and wage ladder established pursuant to RCW 74.13.098 (as recodified by this act) shall increase wages for child care workers who have earned a high school diploma or GED certificate, gain additional years of experience, or accept increasing levels of responsibility in providing child care, in accordance with the child care career and wage ladder. The adoption of a child care career and wage ladder shall not prohibit the provision of wage increases based upon merit. The department ((of social and health services)) shall pay wage increments for child care workers employed by child care centers adopting the child care career and wage ladder established pursuant to RCW 74.13.098 (as recodified by this act) who earn early childhood education credits or meet relevant requirements in the state training and registry system, in accordance with the child care career and wage ladder.

Sec. 207. RCW 74.15.350 and 2005 c 490 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

1. Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
specific purpose, the department ((of social and health services)) shall implement the tiered-reimbursement system developed pursuant to section 6, chapter 490, Laws of 2005. Implementation of the tiered-reimbursement system shall initially consist of two pilot sites in different geographic regions of the state with demonstrated public-private partnerships, with statewide implementation to follow.

(2) In implementing the tiered-reimbursement system, consideration shall be given to child care providers who provide staff wage progression.

(3) The department shall begin implementation of the two pilot sites by March 30, 2006.

Sec. 208. RCW 74.12.340 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 s 111 are each amended to read as follows:
(1) (The department is authorized to ((promulgate)) adopt rules ((and regulations)) governing the provision of day care as a part of child welfare services when the secretary determines that a need exists for such day care and that it is in the best interests of the child, the parents, or the custodial parent and in determining the need for such day care priority shall be given to geographical areas having the greatest need for such care and to members of low income groups in the population: PROVIDED, That where the family is financially able to pay part or all of the costs of such care, fees shall be imposed and paid according to the financial ability of the family.

(2) This section does not affect the authority of the department of early learning to adopt rules governing child day care and early learning programs.

Sec. 209. RCW 74.08A.340 and 1997 c 58 s 321 are each amended to read as follows:
The department of social and health services shall operate the Washington WorkFirst program authorized under RCW 74.08A.200 through 74.08A.330, 43.330.145, 74.13.0903 and 74.25.040, and chapter 74.12 RCW within the following constraints:
(1) The full amount of the temporary assistance for needy families block grant, plus qualifying state expenditures as appropriated in the biennial operating budget, shall be appropriated to the department each year in the biennial appropriations act to carry out the provisions of the program authorized in RCW 74.08A.200 through 74.08A.330, 43.330.145, 74.13.0903 and 74.25.040, and chapter 74.12 RCW.

(2) (a) The department may expend funds defined in subsection (1) of this section in any manner that will effectively accomplish the outcome measures identified in RCW 74.08A.410 with the following exceptions: Beginning with the 2007-2009 biennium, funds that constitute the working connections child care program, child care quality programs, and child care licensing functions.
(b) Beginning in the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium, the legislature shall appropriate and the department of early learning shall expend funds defined in subsection (1) of this section that constitute the working connections child care program, child care quality programs, and child care licensing functions in a manner that is consistent with the outcome measures identified in RCW 74.08A.410.
(c) No more than fifteen percent of the amount provided in subsection (1) of this section may be spent for administrative purposes. For the purpose of this subsection, "administrative purposes" does not include expenditures for information technology and computerization needed for tracking and monitoring required by P.L. 104-193. The department shall not increase grant levels to recipients of the program authorized in RCW 74.08A.200 through 74.08A.330 and 43.330.145 and chapter 74.12 RCW.

(3) The department shall implement strategies that accomplish the outcome measures identified in RCW 74.08A.410 that are within the funding constraints in this section. Specifically, the department shall implement strategies that will cause the number of cases in the program authorized in RCW 74.08A.200 through 74.08A.330 and 43.330.145 and chapter 74.12 RCW to decrease by at least fifteen percent during the 1997-99 biennium and by at least five percent in the subsequent biennium. The department may transfer appropriation authority between funding categories within the economic services program in order to carry out the requirements of this subsection.

(4) The department shall monitor expenditures against the appropriation levels provided for in subsection (1) of this section. The department shall quarterly make a determination as to whether expenditure levels will exceed available funding and communicate its finding to the legislature. If the determination indicates that expenditures will exceed funding at the end of the fiscal year, the department shall take all necessary actions to ensure that all services provided under this chapter shall be made available only to the extent of the availability and level of appropriation made by the legislature.

Sec. 210. RCW 28A.215.110 and 1999 c 350 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 and 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908 (as recodified by this act).

(1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee under RCW 28A.215.140 (as recodified by this act).

(2) "Department" means the department of ((community, trade, and economic development)) early learning.

(3) "Eligible child" means a child not eligible for kindergarten whose family income is at or below one hundred ten percent of the federal poverty level, as published annually by the federal department of health and human services, and includes a child whose family is eligible for public assistance, and who is not a participant in a federal or state program providing comprehensive services and may include children who are eligible under rules adopted by the department if the number of such children equals not more than ten percent of the total enrollment in the early childhood program. Priority for enrollment shall be given to children from families with the lowest income, children in foster care, or to eligible children from families with multiple needs.

(4) "Approved programs" means those state-supported education and special assistance programs which are recognized by the department ((of community, trade, and economic development)) as meeting the minimum program rules adopted by the department to qualify under RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 and 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908 (as recodified by this act) and are designated as eligible for funding by the department under RCW 28A.215.160 and 28A.215.180 (as recodified by this act).

(5) "Comprehensive" means an assistance program that focuses on the needs of the child and includes education, health, and family support services.

(6) "Family support services" means providing opportunities for parents to:
(a) Actively participate in their child's early childhood program;
(b) Increase their knowledge of child development and parenting skills;
(c) Further their education and training;
(d) Increase their ability to use needed services in the community;
(e) Increase their self-reliance.
Sec. 211. RCW 28A.215.120 and 1994 c 166 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

The department ((of community, trade, and economic development)) shall administer a state-supported early childhood education and assistance program to assist eligible children with educational, social, health, nutritional, and cultural development to enhance their opportunity for success in the common school system. Eligible children shall be admitted to approved early childhood programs to the extent that the legislature provides funds, and additional eligible children may be admitted to the extent that grants and contributions from community sources provide sufficient funds for a program equivalent to that supported by state funds.

Sec. 212. RCW 43.63A.066 and 1993 c 280 s 58 are each amended to read as follows:

The department of ((community, trade, and economic development)) early learning shall have primary responsibility for providing child abuse and neglect prevention training to preschool age children participating in the federal head start program or the early childhood education and assistance program established under RCW 28A.215.010 through 28A.215.050, 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200, and 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908 (as recodified by this act).

PART 3
DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING LICENSING

NEW SECTION. Sec. 301. It shall be the director's duty with regard to licensing:

(1) In consultation and with the advice and assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to designate categories of child care facilities for which separate or different requirements shall be developed as may be appropriate whether because of variations in the ages and other characteristics of the children served, variations in the purposes and services offered or size or structure of the agencies to be licensed, or because of any other factor relevant thereto;

(2) In consultation and with the advice and assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to adopt and publish minimum requirements for licensing applicable to each of the various categories of agencies to be licensed under this chapter.

The minimum requirements shall be limited to:

(a) The size and suitability of a facility and the plan of operation for carrying out the purpose for which an applicant seeks a license;

(b) The character, suitability, and competence of an agency and other persons associated with an agency directly responsible for the care of children. In consultation with law enforcement personnel, the director shall investigate the conviction record or pending charges and dependency record information under chapter 43.43 RCW of each agency and its staff seeking licensure or relicensure. No unfounded allegation of child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020 may be disclosed to a provider licensed under this chapter. In order to determine the suitability of applicants for an agency license, licensees, their employees, and other persons who have unsupervised access to children in care, and who have not resided in the state of Washington during the three-year period before being authorized to care for children shall be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Washington state patrol and federal bureau of investigation for a criminal history records check. The fingerprint criminal history records checks will be at the expense of the licensee. The licensee may not pass this cost on to the employee or prospective employee, unless the employee is determined to be unsuitable due to his or her criminal history record. The director shall use the information solely for the purpose of determining eligibility for a license and for determining the character, suitability, and competence of those persons or agencies, excluding parents, not required to be licensed who are authorized to care for children. Criminal justice agencies shall provide the director such information as they may have and that the director may require for such purpose;

(c) The number of qualified persons required to render the type of care for which an agency seeks a license;

(d) The health, safety, cleanliness, and general adequacy of the premises to provide for the comfort, care, and well-being of children;

(e) The provision of necessary care and early learning, including food, supervision, and discipline; physical, mental, and social well-being; and educational and recreational opportunities for those served;

(f) The financial ability of an agency to comply with minimum requirements established under this chapter; and

(g) The maintenance of records pertaining to the care of children;

(3) To issue, revoke, or deny licenses to agencies pursuant to this chapter. Licenses shall specify the category of care that an agency is authorized to render and the ages and number of children to be served;

(4) To prescribe the procedures and the form and contents of reports necessary for the administration of this chapter and to require regular reports from each licensee;

(5) To inspect agencies periodically to determine whether or not there is compliance with this chapter and the requirements adopted under this chapter;

(6) To review requirements adopted under this chapter at least every two years and to adopt appropriate changes after consultation with affected groups for child day care requirements; and

(7) To consult with public and private agencies in order to help them improve their methods and facilities for the care and early learning of children.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 302. The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, shall have the power and it shall be his or her duty:

(1) In consultation with the director and with the advice and assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to adopt recognized minimum standard requirements pertaining to each category of agency established pursuant to this chapter necessary to protect all persons residing therein from fire hazards;

(2) To make or cause to be made such inspections and investigations of agencies as he or she deems necessary;

(3) To make a periodic review of requirements under section 301(5) of this act and to adopt necessary changes after consultation as required in subsection (1) of this section;

(4) To issue to applicants for licenses under this chapter who comply with the requirements, a certificate of compliance, a copy of which shall be presented to the department before a license shall be issued, except that an initial license may be issued as provided in section 309 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 303. Licensed child day care centers shall provide notice of pesticide use to parents or guardians of students and employees pursuant to chapter 17.21 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 304. A copy of the articles of
incorporation of any agency or amendments to the articles of existing corporation agencies shall be sent by the secretary of state to the department at the time such articles or amendments are filed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 305. All agencies subject to this chapter shall accord the department, the chief of the Washington state patrol, and the director of fire protection, or their designees, the right of entrance and the privilege of access to and inspection of records for the purpose of determining whether or not there is compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the requirements adopted under it.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 306. (1) It is unlawful for any agency to care for children unless the agency is licensed as provided in this chapter.

(2) A license issued under chapter 74.15 RCW before July 1, 2006, for an agency subject to this chapter after July 1, 2006, is valid until its next renewal, unless otherwise suspended or revoked by the department.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 307. Each agency shall make application for a license or renewal of license to the department on forms prescribed by the department. Upon receipt of such application, the department shall either grant or deny a license within ninety days. A license shall be granted if the agency meets the minimum requirements set forth in this chapter and the departmental requirements consistent with the chapter, except that an initial license may be issued as provided in section 309 of this act. Licenses provided for in this chapter shall be issued for a period of three years. The licensee, however, shall advise the director of any material change in circumstances which might constitute grounds for reclassification of license as to category. The license issued under this chapter is not transferable and applies only to the licensee and the location stated in the application. For licensed family day care homes having an acceptable history of child care, the license may remain in effect for two weeks after a move.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 308. If a licensee desires to apply for a renewal of its license, a request for a renewal shall be filed ninety days before the expiration date of the license. If the department has failed to act at the time of the expiration date of the license, the license shall remain in effect until such time as the department acts.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 309. The director may, at his or her discretion, issue an initial license instead of a full license, to an agency or facility for a period not to exceed six months, renewable for a period not to exceed two years, to allow such agency or facility reasonable time to become eligible for full license.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 310. (1) The department may issue a probationary license to a licensee who has had a license but is temporarily unable to comply with a rule or has been the subject of multiple complaints or concerns about noncompliance if:

(a) The noncompliance does not present an immediate threat to the health and well-being of the children but would be likely to do so if allowed to continue; and

(b) The licensee has a plan approved by the department to correct the area of noncompliance within the probationary period.

(2) A probationary license may be issued for up to six months, and at the discretion of the department it may be extended for an additional six months. The department shall immediately terminate the probationary license, if at any time the noncompliance for which the probationary license was issued presents an immediate threat to the health or well-being of the children.

(3) The department may, at any time, issue a probationary license for due cause that states the conditions of probation.

(4) An existing license is invalidated when a probationary license is issued.

(5) At the expiration of the probationary license, the department shall reinstate the original license for the remainder of its term, issue a new license, or revoke the original license.

(6) A right to an adjudicative proceeding shall not accrue to the licensee whose license has been placed on probationary status unless the licensee does not agree with the placement on probationary status and the department then suspends, revokes, or modifies the license.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 311. (1) An agency may be denied a license, or any license issued pursuant to this chapter, may be suspended, revoked, modified, or not renewed by the director upon proof (a) that the agency has failed or refused to comply with the provisions of this chapter or the requirements adopted pursuant to this chapter; or (b) that the conditions required for the issuance of a license under this chapter have ceased to exist with respect to such licenses. RCW 43.20A.205 governs notice of a license denial, revocation, suspension, or modification and provides the right to an adjudicative proceeding.

(2) In any adjudicative proceeding regarding the denial, modification, suspension, or revocation of any license under this chapter, the department's decision shall be upheld if it is supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

(3) The department may assess civil monetary penalties upon proof that an agency has failed or refused to comply with the rules adopted under this chapter or that an agency subject to licensing under this chapter is operating without a license except that civil monetary penalties shall not be levied against a licensed foster home. Monetary penalties levied against unlicensed agencies that submit an application for licensure within thirty days of notification and subsequently become licensed will be forgiven. These penalties may be assessed in addition to or in lieu of other disciplinary actions. Civil monetary penalties, if imposed, may be assessed and collected, with interest, for each day an agency is or was out of compliance. Civil monetary penalties shall not exceed seventy-five dollars per violation for a family day care home and two hundred fifty dollars per violation for child day care centers. Each day upon which the same or substantially similar action occurs is a separate violation subject to the assessment of a separate penalty. The department shall provide a notification period before a monetary penalty is effective and may forgive the penalty levied if the agency comes into compliance during this period. The department may suspend, revoke, or not renew a license for failure to pay a civil monetary penalty it has assessed pursuant to this chapter within ten days after such assessment becomes final. Chapter 43.20A RCW governs notice of a civil monetary penalty and provides the right of an adjudicative proceeding. The preponderance of evidence standard shall apply in adjudicative proceedings related to assessment of civil monetary penalties.

(4)(a) In addition to or in lieu of an enforcement action being taken, the department may place a child day care center or family day care provider on nonreferral status if the center or provider has failed or refused to comply with this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter or an enforcement action has been taken. The nonreferral status may continue until the department determines that: (i) No enforcement action is appropriate; or (ii) a corrective action plan has been successfully concluded.

(b) Whenever a child day care center or family day care provider...
(5) The department shall notify appropriate public and private child care resource and referral agencies of the department's decision to: (a) Take an enforcement action against a child day care center or family day care provider; or (b) place or remove a child day care center or family day care provider on nonreferral status.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 312. (1) The office of administrative hearings shall not assign nor allow an administrative law judge to preside over an adjudicative hearing regarding denial, modification, suspension, or revocation of any license to provide child care under this chapter, unless such judge has received training related to state and federal laws and department policies and procedures regarding:
(a) Child abuse, neglect, and maltreatment;
(b) Child protective services investigations and standards;
(c) Licensing activities and standards;
(d) Child development; and
(e) Parenting skills.

(2) The office of administrative hearings shall develop and implement a training program that carries out the requirements of this section. The office of administrative hearings shall consult and coordinate with the department in developing the training program. The department may assist the office of administrative hearings in developing and providing training to administrative law judges.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 313. The director shall immediately suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 314. Notwithstanding the existence or pursuit of any other remedy, the director may, in the manner provided by law, upon the advice of the attorney general, who shall represent the department in the proceeding, maintain an action in the name of the state for injunction or such other relief as he or she may deem advisable against any agency subject to licensing under the provisions of this chapter or against any such agency not having a license as heretofore provided in this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 315. Any agency operating without a license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. This section shall not be enforceable against an agency until sixty days after the effective date of new rules, applicable to such agency, have been adopted under this chapter.

PART 4
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES LICENSING REVISIONS

Sec. 401. RCW 74.15.020 and 2001 c 230 s 1, 2001 c 144 s 1, and 2001 c 137 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031, and unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context thereof, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or facility which receives children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities for control, care, or maintenance outside their own homes, or which places, arranges the placement of, or assists in the placement of children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities for foster care or placement of children for adoption, and shall include the following irrespective of whether there is compensation to the agency or to the children, expectant mothers or persons with developmental disabilities for services rendered:

(a) (("Child day care center") means an agency which regularly provides care for a group of children for periods of less than twenty-four hours;

(b) "Child-placing agency" means an agency which places a child or children for temporary care, continued care, or for adoption;

(("Community facility") (b) "Community facility" means a group care facility operated for the care of juveniles committed to the department under RCW 13.40.185. A county detention facility that houses juveniles committed to the department under RCW 13.40.185 pursuant to a contract with the department is not a community facility;

(("Emergency respite center") (d) "Emergency respite center" is an agency that may be commonly known as a crisis nursery, that provides emergency and crisis care for up to seventy-two hours to children who have been admitted by their parents or guardians to prevent abuse or neglect.

Emergency respite centers may provide care for children ages birth through seventy-two hours a day, and for up to seven days a week. Emergency respite centers may provide care for children ages birth through seventeen, and for persons eighteen through twenty with developmental disabilities who are admitted with a sibling or siblings through age seventeen.

Emergency respite centers may not substitute for crisis residential centers or HOPE centers, or any other services defined under this section, and may not substitute for services which are required under chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW;

(("Family day-care provider") (f) "Family day-care provider" means a child day-care provider who regularly provides child day care for not more than twelve children in the provider's home in the family living quarters;

(("Foster-family home") (g) "Foster-family home" means an agency which regularly provides care on a twenty-four hour basis to one or more children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities in the family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care and supervision the child, expectant mother, or person with a developmental disability is placed;

(("Group-care facility") (h) "Group-care facility" means an agency, other than a foster-family home, which is maintained and operated for the care of a group of children on a twenty-four hour basis;

(("HOPE center") (i) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the secretary to provide temporary residential placement and other services to street youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for thirty days while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated. No street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by the department and any additional days approved by the department must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option. A street youth whose parent wants him or her returned to home may remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center up to thirty days;

(("Maternity service") (j) "Maternity service" means an agency which provides
or arranges for care or services to expectant mothers, before or during confinement, or which provides care as needed to mothers and their infants after confinement;

(((H))) ((l)) "Responsible living skills program" means an agency licensed by the secretary that provides residential and transitional living services to persons ages sixteen to eighteen who are dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW and who have been unable to live in his or her legally authorized residence and, as a result, the minor lived outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by the minor. Dependent minors ages fourteen and fifteen may be eligible if no other placement alternative is available and the department approves the placement;

(((H))) ((j)) "Service provider" means the entity that operates a community facility.

(2) "Agency" shall not include the following:

(a) Persons related to the child, expectant mother, or person with developmental disability in the following ways:

(i) Any blood relative, including those of half-blood, and including first cousins, nephews or nieces, and persons of preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of grand, great, or great-great;

(ii) Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, and stepsister;

(iii) A person who legally adopts a child or the child's parent as well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such persons, and other relatives of the adoptive parents in accordance with state law;

(iv) Spouses of any persons named in (i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection (2)(a), even after the marriage is terminated;

(v) Extended family members, as defined by the law or custom of the Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of such law or custom, a person who has reached the age of eighteen and who is the Indian child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, niece or nephew, first or second cousin, or stepparent who provides care in the family abode on a twenty-four-hour basis to an Indian child as defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903(4);

(b) Persons who are legal guardians of the child, expectant mother, or persons with developmental disabilities;

(c) Persons who care for a neighbor's or friend's child or children, with or without compensation, where:

(1) The person providing care for periods of less than twenty-four hours does not conduct such activity on an ongoing, regularly scheduled basis for the purpose of engaging in business, which includes, but is not limited to, advertising such care; or

(2) The person providing care on a twenty-four-hour basis has agreed to the placement in writing and the state is not providing any payment for the care;

(d) Persons on a mutually cooperative basis, exchange care of one another's children;

((e)) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that provides placement or similar services to exchange students or international student exchange visitors or persons who have the care of an exchange student in their home;

(((H))) ((e)) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that provides placement or similar services to international children who have entered the country by obtaining visas that meet the criteria for medical care as established by the United States immigration and naturalization service, or persons who have the care of such an international child in their home;

(((H))) ((f)) Nursery schools or kindergartens which are engaged primarily in educational work with preschool children and in which no child is enrolled on a regular basis for more than four hours per day;

(((H))) ((g)) Schools, including boarding schools, which are engaged primarily in education, operate on a definite school year schedule, follow a stated academic curriculum, accept only school-age children and do not accept custody of children;

(((H))) ((h)) Seasonal camps of three months' or less duration engaged primarily in recreational or educational activities;

(((H))) ((j)) Hospitals licensed pursuant to chapter 70.41 RCW when performing functions defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW and boarding homes licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW;

(((H))) ((l)) Licensed physicians or lawyers;

(((H))) ((m)) Facilities providing care to children for periods of less than twenty-four hours whose parents remain on the premises to participate in activities other than employment;

(((H))) ((n)) Facilities approved and certified under chapter 71A.22 RCW;

(((H))) ((p)) Any agency having been in operation in this state ten years prior to June 8, 1967, and not seeking or accepting moneys or assistance from any state or federal agency, and is supported in part by an endowment or trust fund;

(((H))) ((q)) Persons who have a child in their home for purposes of adoption, if the child was placed in such home by a licensed child-placing agency, an authorized public or tribal agency or court or if a replacement report has been filed under chapter 26.33 RCW and the placement has been approved by the court;

(((H))) ((r)) An agency operated by any unit of local, state, or federal government or an agency, located within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian reservation, licensed by the Indian tribe;

(((H))) ((s)) A maximum or medium security program for juvenile offenders operated by or under contract with the department;

(((H))) ((t)) An agency located on a federal military reservation, except Where the military authorities request that such agency be subject to the licensing requirements of this chapter.

(3) "Department" means the state department of social and health services.

(4) "Juvenile" means a person under the age of twenty-one who has been sentenced to a term of confinement under the supervision of the department under RCW 13.40.185.

(5) "Probationary license" means a license issued as a disciplinary measure to an agency that has previously been issued a full license but is out of compliance with licensing standards.

(6) "Requirement" means any rule, regulation, or standard of care to be maintained by an agency.

(7) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health services.

(8) "Street youth" means a person under the age of eighteen who lives outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by the minor and who is not residing with his or her parent or at his or her legally authorized residence.

(9) "Transitional living services" means at a minimum, to the extent funds are available, the following:

(a) Educational services, including basic literacy and computational skills training, either in local alternative or public high schools or in a high school equivalency program that leads to obtaining a high school equivalency degree;

(b) Assistance and counseling related to obtaining vocational training or higher education, job readiness, job search assistance, and placement programs;

(c) Counseling and instruction in life skills such as money management, home management, consumer skills, parenting, health care, access to community resources, and transportation and housing options;

(d) Individual and group counseling; and

(e) Establishing networks with federal agencies and state and local organizations such as the United States department of labor,
employment and training administration programs including the job training partnership act which administers private industry councils and the job corps; vocational rehabilitation; and volunteer programs.

Sec. 402. RCW 74.15.030 and 2005 c 490 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary shall have the power and it shall be the secretary's duty:

(1) In consultation with the children's services advisory committee, and with the advice and assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to designate categories of facilities for which separate or different requirements shall be developed as may be appropriate whether because of variations in the ages, sex and other characteristics of persons served, variations in the purposes and services offered or size or structure of the agencies to be licensed hereunder, or because of any other factor relevant thereto;

(2) In consultation with the children's services advisory committee, and with the advice and assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to adopt and publish minimum requirements for licensing applicable to each of the various categories of agencies to be licensed.

The minimum requirements shall be limited to:

(a) The size and suitability of a facility and the plan of operation for carrying out the purpose for which an applicant seeks a license;

(b) The character, suitability and competence of an agency and other persons associated with an agency directly responsible for the care and treatment of children, expectant mothers or developmentally disabled persons. In consultation with law enforcement personnel, the secretary shall investigate the conviction record or pending charges and dependency record information under chapter 43.43 RCW of each agency and its staff seeking licensure or re licensure.

No unfounded allegation of child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020 may be disclosed to a child-placing agency, private adoption agency, or any other provider licensed under this chapter. In order to determine the suitability of applicants for an agency license, licensees, their employees, and other persons who have unsupervised access to children in care, and who have not resided in the state of Washington during the three-year period before being authorized to care for children shall be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Washington state patrol and federal bureau of investigation for a criminal history records check. The fingerprint criminal history records checks will be at the expense of the licensee except that in the case of a foster family home, if this expense would work a hardship on the licensee, the department shall pay the expense. The licensee may not pass this cost on to the employee or prospective employee, unless the employee is determined to be unsuitable due to his or her criminal history record.

The secretary shall use the information solely for the purpose of determining eligibility for a license and for determining the character, suitability, and competence of those persons or agencies, excluding parent, not required to be licensed who are authorized to care for children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled persons. Criminal justice agencies shall provide the secretary such information as they may have and that the secretary may require for such purpose;

(c) The number of qualified persons required to render the type of care and treatment for which an agency seeks a license;

(d) The safety, cleanliness, and general adequacy of the premises to provide for the comfort, care and well-being of children, expectant mothers or developmentally disabled persons;

(e) The provisions of necessary care, including food, clothing, supervision and discipline; physical, mental and social well-being; and educational, recreational and spiritual opportunities for those served;

(f) The financial ability of an agency to comply with minimum requirements established pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031; and

(g) The maintenance of records pertaining to the admission, progress, health and discharge of persons served;

(3) To investigate any person, including relatives by blood or marriage except for parents, for character, suitability, and competence in the care and treatment of children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled persons prior to authorizing that person to care for children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled persons. However, if a child is placed with a relative under RCW 13.34.065 or 13.34.130, and if such relative appears otherwise suitable and competent to provide care and treatment the criminal history background check required by this section need not be completed before placement, but shall be completed as soon as possible after placement;

(4) On reports of alleged child abuse and neglect, to investigate agencies in accordance with chapter 26.44 RCW, including child day-care centers and family day-care homes, to determine whether the alleged abuse or neglect has occurred, and whether child protective services or referral to a law enforcement agency is appropriate;

(5) To issue, revoke, or deny licenses to agencies pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031. Licenses shall specify the category of care which an agency is authorized to render and the ages, sex and number of persons to be served;

(6) To prescribe the procedures and the form and contents of reports necessary for the administration of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and to require regular reports from each licensee;

(7) To inspect agencies periodically to determine whether or not there is compliance with chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and the requirements adopted hereunder;

(8) To review requirements adopted hereunder at least every two years and to adopt appropriate changes after consultation with the children's services advisory committee for requirements for other agencies; and

(9) To consult with public and private agencies in order to help them improve their methods and facilities for the care of children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled persons.

Sec. 403. RCW 74.15.100 and 1995 c 302 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

Each agency shall make application for a license or renewal of license to the department of social and health services on forms prescribed by the department. A licensed agency having foster-family homes under its supervision may make application for a license on behalf of any such foster-family home. Such a foster home license shall cease to be valid when the home is no longer under the supervision of that agency. Upon receipt of such application, the department shall either grant or deny a license within ninety days unless the application is for licensure as a foster-family home, in which case RCW 74.15.040 shall govern. A license shall be granted if the agency meets the minimum requirements set forth in chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and the departmental requirements consistent herewith, except that an initial license may be issued as provided in RCW 74.15.120. Licenses provided for in chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 shall be issued for a period of three years. The licensee, however, shall advise the secretary of any material change in circumstances which might constitute grounds for reclassification of license as to category. The license issued under
this chapter is not transferable and applies only to the licensee and the location stated in the application. For licensed foster-family (and family day-care) homes having an acceptable history of child care, the license may remain in effect for two weeks after a move, except that (for the foster-family home) this will apply only if the family remains intact.

Sec. 404. RCW 74.15.130 and 2005 c 473 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) An agency may be denied a license, or any license issued pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 may be suspended, revoked, modified, or not renewed by the secretary upon proof (a) that the agency has failed or refused to comply with the provisions of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 or the requirements promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031; or (b) that the conditions required for the issuance of a license under chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 have ceased to exist with respect to such licenses. RCW 43.20A.205 governs notice of a license denial, revocation, suspension, or modification and provides the right to an adjudicative proceeding.

(2) In any adjudicative proceeding regarding the denial, modification, suspension, or revocation of a foster family home license, the department's decision shall be upheld if there is reasonable cause to believe that:

(a) The applicant or licensee lacks the character, suitability, or competence to care for children placed in out-of-home care, however, no unfounded report of child abuse or neglect may be used to deny employment or a license;

(b) The applicant or licensee has failed or refused to comply with any provision of chapter 74.15 RCW, RCW 74.13.031, or the requirements adopted pursuant to such provisions; or

(c) The conditions required for issuance of a license under chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 have ceased to exist with respect to such licenses.

(3) In any adjudicative proceeding regarding the denial, modification, suspension, or revocation of any license under this chapter, other than a foster family home license, the department's decision shall be upheld if it is supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

(4) The department may assess civil monetary penalties upon proof that an agency has failed or refused to comply with the rules adopted under the provisions of this chapter and RCW 74.13.031 or that an agency subject to licensing under this chapter and RCW 74.13.031 is operating without a license except that civil monetary penalties shall not be levied against a licensed foster home. Monetary penalties levied against unlicensed agencies that submit an application for licensure within thirty days of notification and subsequently become licensed will be forgiven. These penalties may be assessed in addition to or in lieu of other disciplinary actions. Civil monetary penalties, if imposed, may be assessed and collected, with interest, for each day an agency is or was out of compliance. Civil monetary penalties shall not exceed (seventy-five dollars per violation for a family day-care home and) two hundred fifty dollars per violation for group homes ((child day-care centers)) and child-placing agencies. Each day upon which the same or substantially similar action occurs is a separate violation subject to the assessment of a separate penalty. The department shall provide a notification period before a monetary penalty is effective and may forgive the penalty levied if the agency comes into compliance during this period. The department may suspend, revoke, or not renew a license for failure to pay a civil monetary penalty it has assessed pursuant to this chapter within ten days after such assessment becomes final. Chapter 43.20A RCW governs notice of a civil monetary penalty and provides the right of an adjudicative proceeding. The preponderance of evidence standard shall apply in adjudicative proceedings related to assessment of civil monetary penalties.

((5)(a) In addition to or in lieu of an enforcement action being taken, the department may place a child day-care center or family day-care provider on nonreferral status if the center or provider has failed or refused to comply with this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter or an enforcement action has been taken. The nonreferral status may continue until the department determines that: (1) No enforcement action is appropriate, or (ii) a corrective action plan has been successfully concluded.

(b) Whenever a child day-care center or family day-care provider is placed on nonreferral status, the department shall provide written notification to the child day-care center or family day-care provider.

(c) The department shall notify appropriate public and private child care resource and referral agencies of the department's decision to: (1) Take an enforcement action against a child day-care center or family day-care provider, or (b) place or remove a child day-care center or family day-care provider on nonreferral status.))

PART 5
TRANSFER OF POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS

NEW SECTION. Sec. 501. (1) All powers, duties, and functions of the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the department of community, trade, and economic development pertaining to the early childhood education and assistance (ECEAP) program and the early reading initiative are transferred to the department of early learning. All references to the director or the department of community, trade, and economic development in the Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the director or the department of early learning when referring to the functions transferred in this section.

(2) All powers, duties, and functions of the division of child care and early learning in the department of social and health services pertaining to the working connections child care program, child care licensing, child care quality activities, and the head start collaboration office are transferred to the department of early learning. However, eligibility staffing and eligibility payment functions for the working connections child care program shall not be transferred to the department of early learning. All references to the secretary or the department of social and health services in the Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the director or the department of early learning when referring to the functions transferred in this section.

(3) Child day care services provided through the children's administration within the department of social and health services are not transferred to the department of early learning.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 502. All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files, papers, or written material in the possession of the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of social and health services, and the department of community, trade, and economic development pertaining to the powers, functions, and duties transferred in section 501 of this act shall be delivered to the custody of the department of early learning. All cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of social and health services, and the department of community, trade, and economic development in
carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall be made available to the department of early learning. All funds, credits, or other assets held in connection with the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall be assigned to the department of early learning.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 503. (1) Any appropriations made to the office of the superintendent of public instruction or the department of community, trade, and economic development for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred in section 501 of this act shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred and credited to the department of early learning:

(2) Any appropriations made to the department of social and health services for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred to the department of early learning through an interagency agreement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 504. (1) All employees of the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of social and health services, and the department of community, trade, and economic development engaged in performing the powers, functions, and duties transferred in section 501 of this act are transferred to the jurisdiction of the department of early learning. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are assigned to the department of early learning to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing state civil service.

(2) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the public employment relations commission as provided by law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 505. (1) All rules and all pending business before the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of social and health services, and the department of community, trade, and economic development pertaining to the powers, functions, and duties transferred in section 501 of this act shall be continued and acted upon by the department of early learning. All existing contracts and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be performed by the department of early learning.

(2) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of social and health services, and the department of community, trade, and economic development shall not affect the validity of any act performed before the effective date of this section.

(3) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel, funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of financial management shall make a determination as to the proper allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

(4) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the transfers directed by this section and sections 501 through 504 of this act, the director of financial management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected, the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 506. By November 15, 2006, the department of early learning, in collaboration with the early learning council, shall prepare a report and make recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature detailing:

(1) Coordination and collaboration between the department and the K-12 system at the state and local levels to ensure appropriate connections and smooth transitions between early learning and K-12;

(2) Ongoing coordination and collaboration between the department and other programs not included in the department;

(3) Ways the department will support local communities in encouraging public-private partnerships, innovative solutions to local issues, coordination of early learning services, and improved transitions from early learning to kindergarten;

(4) The relationship between the department and the private-public partnership;

(5) Internal governance of the department, to be implemented July 1, 2007, upon termination of the early learning council; and

(6) Transition of any additional early learning programs and responsibilities, including administration of federal child care funds and subsidy eligibility and payment functions.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 507. By July 1, 2010, the joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct an evaluation of the implementation and operation of the department of early learning to assess the extent to which:

(1) Services and programs that previously were administered separately have been effectively integrated;

(2) Reporting and monitoring activities have been consolidated and made more efficient;

(3) Consolidation has resulted in administrative efficiencies within the department;

(4) Child care and early learning services are improved;

(5) Subsidized child care is available;

(6) Subsidized child care is affordable;

(7) The department has been an effective partner in the private-public partnership;

(8) Procedures have been put in place to respect parents and legal guardians and provide them the opportunity to participate in the development of policies and program decisions affecting their children; and

(9) The degree and methods by which the agency conducts parent outreach and education.

PART 6
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

NEW SECTION. Sec. 601. The following sections are each recodified as new sections in the new chapter created in section 603 of this act:

RCW 74.13.097
RCW 74.13.098
RCW 74.13.099
RCW 74.15.063
RCW 74.15.310
RCW 74.15.320
RCW 74.15.330
RCW 74.15.340
RCW 74.15.350
RCW 28A.215.100
RCW 28A.215.110
RCW 28A.215.120
RCW 28A.215.130
The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Second Substitute House Bill No. 2964, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 81, Nays - 15, Absent - 0, Excused - 2.


Excused: Representatives Cox and Holmquist - 2.

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2964, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2964, as amended by House Bill No. 2829, with the following amendment:

"Sec. 1. RCW 19.28.041 and 2002 c 249 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity to advertise, offer to do work, submit a bid, engage in, conduct, or carry on the business of installing or maintaining wires or equipment to convey electric current, or installing or maintaining equipment to be operated by electric current as it pertains to the electrical industry, without having an unrevoked, unsuspended, and unexpired electrical contractor license, issued by the department in accordance with this chapter. All electrical contractor licenses expire twenty-four calendar months following the day of their issue. The department may issue an electrical contractors license for a period of less than twenty-four months only for the purpose of equalizing the number of electrical contractor licenses that expire each month. Application for an electrical contractor license shall be made in writing to the department, accompanied by the required fee. The application shall state:

(a) The name and address of the applicant; in case of firms or partnerships, the names of the individuals composing the firm or partnership; in case of corporations, the names of the managing
officials thereof;
   (b) The location of the place of business of the applicant and the
       name under which the business is conducted;
   (c) Employer social security number;
   (d) Evidence of workers' compensation coverage for the
       applicant's employees working in Washington, as follows:
       (i) The applicant's industrial insurance account number issued
           by the department;
       (ii) The applicant's self-insurer number issued by the
            department; or
       (iii) For applicants domiciled in a state or province of Canada
            subject to an agreement entered into under RCW 51.12.120(7), as
            permitted by the agreement, filing a certificate of coverage issued by
            the agency that administers the workers' compensation law in the
            applicant's state or province of domicile certifying that the applicant
            has secured the payment of compensation under the other state's or
            province's workers' compensation law;
   (e) Employment security department number;
   (f) State excise tax registration number;
   (g) Unified business identifier (UBI) account number may be
       substituted for the information required by (d) of this subsection if
       the applicant will not employ employees in Washington, and by (e)
       and (f) of this subsection; and
   (h) Whether a general or specialty electrical contractor license
       is sought and, if the latter, the type of specialty. Electrical contractor
       specialties include, but are not limited to: Residential, pump and
       irrigation, limited energy system, signs, nonresidential maintenance,
       restricted nonresidential maintenance, appliance repair, and a
       combination specialty. A general electrical contractor license shall
       grant to the holder the right to engage in, conduct, or carry on the
       business of installing or maintaining wires or equipment to carry
       electric current, and installing or maintaining equipment; or installing
       or maintaining material to fasten or insulate such wires or equipment
       to be operated by electric current, in the state of Washington. A
       specialty electrical contractor license shall grant to the holder a
       limited right to engage in, conduct, or carry on the business of
       installing or maintaining wires or equipment to carry electric
       current, and installing or maintaining equipment; or installing
       or maintaining material to fasten or insulate such wires or equipment
       to be operated by electric current in the state of Washington as expressly
       allowed by the license.

(2) The department may verify the workers' compensation
       coverage information provided by the applicant under subsection
       (1)(d) of this section, including but not limited to information
       regarding the coverage of an individual employee of the applicant.
       If coverage is provided under the laws of another state, the
       department may notify the other state that the applicant is employing
       employees in Washington.

(3) The application for an electrical contractor license shall be
       accompanied by a bond in the sum of four thousand dollars with
       the state of Washington named as obligee in the bond, with good and
       sufficient surety, to be approved by the department. The bond shall
       at all times be kept in full force and effect, and any cancellation or
       revocation thereof, or withdrawal of the surety therefrom, suspends
       the license issued to the principal until a new bond has been filed and
       approved as provided in this section. Upon approval of a bond, the
       department shall on the next business day deposit the fee
       accompanying the application in the electrical license fund and shall
       file the bond in the office. The department shall upon request furnish
       to any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity a
       certified copy of the bond upon the payment of a fee that the
       department shall set by rule. The fee shall cover but not exceed the
       cost of furnishing the certified copy. The bond shall be conditioned
       that in any installation or maintenance of wires or equipment to
       convey electrical current, and equipment to be operated by electrical
       current, the principal will comply with the provisions of this chapter
       and with any electrical ordinance, building code, or regulation of a
       city or town adopted pursuant to RCW 19.28.010(3) that is in effect
       at the time of entering into a contract. The bond shall be conditioned
       further that the principal will pay for all labor, including employee
       benefits, and material furnished or used upon the work, taxes and
       contributions to the state of Washington, and all damages that may be
       sustained by any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other
       entity due to a failure of the principal to make the installation or
       maintenance in accordance with this chapter or any applicable
       ordinance, building code, or regulation of a city or town adopted
       pursuant to RCW 19.28.010(3). In lieu of the surety bond required
       by this section the license applicant may file with the department a
       cash deposit or other negotiable security acceptable to the
       department. If the license applicant has filed a cash deposit, the
       department shall deposit the funds in a special trust savings account
       in a commercial bank, mutual savings bank, or savings and loan
       association and shall pay annually to the depositor the interest
       derived from the account.

(4) The department shall issue general or specialty electrical
       contractor licenses to applicants meeting all of the requirements of
       this chapter. The provisions of this chapter relating to the licensing
       of any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity including
       the requirement of a bond with the state of Washington named as
       obligee therein and the collection of a fee therefor, are exclusive, and
       no political subdivision of the state of Washington may require or
       issue any licenses or bonds or charge any fee for the same or a similar
       purpose. No person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity
       holding more than one specialty contractor license under this chapter
       may be required to pay an annual fee for more than one such license
       or to post more than one four thousand dollar bond, equivalent cash
       deposit, or other negotiable security.

(5) To obtain a general or specialty electrical contractor license
       the applicant must designate an individual who currently possesses
       a valid master journeyman electrician's certificate of competency,
       master specialty electrician's certificate of competency in the
       specialty for which application has been made, or administrator's
       certificate as a general electrical contractor administrator or as a
       specialty electrical contractor administrator in the specialty for which
       application has been made.

(6) Administrator certificate specialties include but are not
       limited to: Residential, pump and irrigation, limited energy system,
       signs, nonresidential maintenance, restricted nonresidential
       maintenance, appliance repair, and combination specialty. To obtain
       an administrator's certificate an individual must pass an examination
       as set forth in RCW 19.28.051 unless the applicant was a licensed
       electrical contractor at any time during 1974. Applicants who were
       electrical contractors licensed by the state of Washington at any time
       during 1974 are entitled to receive a general electrical contractor
       administrator's certificate without examination if the applicants apply
       prior to January 1, 1984. The board of electrical examiners shall
       certify to the department the names of all persons who are entitled to
       either a general or specialty electrical contractor administrator's
       certificate.

Sec. 2. RCW 19.28.161 and 2002 c 249 s 4 are each amended
       to read as follows:

(1) No person may engage in the electrical construction trade
       without having a valid master journeyman electrician certificate of
competency, journeyman electrician certificate of competency, master specialty electrician certificate of competency, or specialty electrician certificate of competency issued by the department in accordance with this chapter. Electrician certificate of competency specialties include, but are not limited to: Residential, pump and irrigation, limited energy system, signs, nonresidential maintenance, restricted nonresidential maintenance, and appliance repair.

(2) A person who is indentured in an apprenticeship program approved under chapter 49.04 RCW for the electrical construction trade or who is learning the electrical construction trade may work in the electrical construction trade if supervised by a certified master journeyman electrician, journeyman electrician, master specialty electrician in that electrician's specialty, or specialty electrician in that electrician's specialty. All apprentices and individuals learning the electrical construction trade shall obtain an electrical training certificate from the department. The certificate shall authorize the holder to learn the electrical construction trade while under the direct supervision of a master journeyman electrician, journeyman electrician, master specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty, or specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty. The holder of the electrical training certificate shall renew the certificate biennially. At the time of renewal, the holder shall provide the department with an accurate list of the holder's employers in the electrical construction industry for the previous biennial period and the number of hours worked for each employer, and proof of sixteen hours of approved classroom electrical continuing education courses covering this chapter, the national electrical code, or electrical theory, or the equivalent electrical training courses taken as part of an approved apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW or an approved electrical training program under RCW 19.28.191(1)(h). This education requirement is effective July 1, 2006. A biennial fee shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of the certificate. The department shall set the fee by rule. The fee shall cover but not exceed the cost of administering and enforcing the trainee certification and supervision requirements of this chapter. Apprentices and individuals learning the electrical construction trade shall have their electrical training certificates in their possession at all times that they are performing electrical work. They shall show their certificates to an authorized representative of the department at the representative's request.

(3) Any person who has been issued an electrical training certificate under this chapter may work if that person is under supervision. Supervision shall consist of a person being on the same job site and under the control of either a certified master journeyman electrician, journeyman electrician, master specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty, or specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty. Either a certified master journeyman electrician, journeyman electrician, master specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty, or specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty shall be on the same job site as the noncertified individual for a minimum of seventy-five percent of each working day unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(4) The ratio of noncertified individuals to certified master journeymen electricians, journeymen electricians, master specialty electricians, or specialty electricians on any one job site is as follows:

(a) When working as a specialty electrician, not more than two noncertified individuals for every certified master specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty, specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty, master journeyman electrician, or journeyman electrician, except that the ratio requirements are one certified master specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty, specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty, master journeyman electrician, or journeyman electrician working as a specialty electrician to no more than four students enrolled in and working as part of an electrical construction program at public community or technical colleges, or not-for-profit nationally accredited trade or technical schools licensed by the work force training and education coordinating board under chapter 28C.10 RCW. In meeting the ratio requirements for students enrolled in an electrical construction program at a trade school, a trade school may receive input and advice from the electrical board; and

(b) When working as a journeyman electrician, not more than one noncertified individual for every certified master journeyman electrician or journeyman electrician, except that the ratio requirements shall be one certified master journeyman electrician or journeyman electrician to no more than four students enrolled in and working as part of an electrical construction program at public community or technical colleges, or not-for-profit nationally accredited trade or technical schools licensed by the work force training and education coordinating board under chapter 28C.10 RCW. In meeting the ratio requirements for students enrolled in an electrical construction program at a trade school, a trade school may receive input and advice from the electrical board.

An individual who has a current training certificate and who has successfully completed or is currently enrolled in an approved apprenticeship program or in an electrical construction program at public community or technical colleges, or not-for-profit nationally accredited technical or trade schools licensed by the work force training and education coordinating board under chapter 28C.10 RCW, may work without direct-on-site supervision during the last six months of meeting the practical experience requirements of this chapter.

(5) For the residential (as specified in WAC 296-46A-930(2)(a)), pump and irrigation (as specified in 296-46A-930(2)(b)(i)), sign (as specified in WAC 296-46A-930(2)(c)), limited energy (as specified in WAC 296-46A-930(2)(e)(i)), nonresidential maintenance (as specified in WAC 296-46A-930(2)(f)(i)), restricted nonresidential maintenance as determined by the department in rule, or other new nonresidential specialties, not including appliance repair, as determined by the department in rule, either a master journeyman electrician, journeyman electrician, master specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty, or specialty electrician working in that electrician's specialty must be on the same job site as the noncertified individual for a minimum of seventy-five percent of each working day. Other specialties must meet the requirements specified in RCW 19.28.191(1)(((f)(iii))) (e)(ii). When the ratio of certified electricians to noncertified individuals on a job site is one certified electrician to three or four noncertified individuals, the certified electrician must:

(a) Directly supervise and instruct the noncertified individuals and the certified electrician may not directly make or engage in an electrical installation; and

(b) Be on the same job site as the noncertified individual for a minimum of one hundred percent of each working day.

(6) The electrical contractor shall accurately verify and attest to the electrical trainee hours worked by electrical trainees on behalf of the electrical contractor.

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "trainees" strike the remainder of the title and insert "and contractor licenses; and amending RCW 19.28.041 and 19.28.161." and the same is herewith transmitted.
SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1841 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2685, with the following amendment:

On page 2, line 36, after "incarcerated" insert "or probationary"

On page 2, line 36, after "officer" insert ", probation officer"

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2685 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3098, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. In 2005, the legislature reconstituted the state board of education to refocus its purpose; abolished the academic achievement and accountability commission; and assigned policy and rule-making authority for educator preparation and certification to the professional educator standards board. The purpose of this act is to address the remaining statutory responsibilities of the state board of education held before 2005. The legislature finds that some duties should be retained with the reconstituted board; many duties should be transferred to other agencies or organizations, primarily but not exclusively to the superintendent of public instruction; and some duties should be repealed. This act also corrects statutes to implement fully the transfer of responsibilities authorized in 2005.

PART 1

NEW STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

NEW SECTION. Sec. 101. The legislature encourages the members of the new state board of education to review the transfer of duties from the state board to other entities made in this act and if any of the duties that were transferred away from the state board are necessary for the board to accomplish the purpose set out in this act then the state board shall come back to the legislature to request those necessary duties to be returned to the state board of education. The state board of education is encouraged to make such a request by January 15, 2007.

Sec. 102. RCW 28A.305.130 and 2005 c 497 s 104 are each amended to read as follows:

The purpose of the state board of education is to ((adopt statewide policies that promote achievement of the goals of RCW 28A.150.210; implement a standards-based accountability system; and provide leadership in the creation of an education system that respects the diverse cultures, abilities, and learning styles of all students)) provide advocacy and strategic oversight of public education; implement a standards-based accountability system to improve student academic achievement; provide leadership in the creation of a system that personalizes education for each student and respects diverse cultures, abilities, and learning styles; and promote achievement of the goals of RCW 28A.150.210. In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the state board of education shall:

(1)((Until January 1, 2006, approve or disapprove the program of courses leading to teacher, school administrator, and school specialized personnel certification offered by all institutions of higher education within the state which may be accredited and whose graduates may become entitled to receive such certification.))

(2) Until January 1, 2006, conduct every five years a review of the program approval standards, including the minimum standards for teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates, to reflect research findings and assure continued improvement of preparation programs for teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates.

(3) Until January 1, 2006, investigate the character of the work required to be performed as a condition of entrance to and graduation from any institution of higher education in this state relative to such certification as provided for in subsection (1) of this section, and prepare a list of accredited institutions of higher education of this and other states whose graduates may be awarded such certificates.

(4) Until January 1, 2006:

(a) Adopt rules to allow a teacher certification candidate to fulfill, in part, teacher preparation program requirements through work experience as a classified teacher's aide in a public school or private school meeting the requirements of RCW 28A.195.010. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, limitations based upon the recency of the teacher preparation candidate's teacher aide work experience, and limitations based on the amount of work experience that may apply toward teacher preparation program requirements under this chapter; and

(b) Require that at the time of the individual's enrollment in a teacher preparation program, the supervising teacher and the building principal shall jointly provide to the teacher preparation program of the higher education institution at which the teacher candidate is enrolled, a written assessment of the performance of the teacher candidate. The assessment shall contain such information as determined by the state board of education and shall include: Evidence that at least fifty percent of the candidate's work as a classified teacher's aide was involved in instructional activities with children under the supervision of a certified teacher and that the candidate worked a minimum of six hundred thirty hours for one school year; the type of work performed by the candidate; and a
recommendation of whether the candidate’s work experience as a
classified teacher’s aide should be substituted for teacher preparation
program requirements. In compliance with such rules as may be
established by the state board of education under this section, the
teacher preparation programs of the higher education institution
where the candidate is enrolled shall make the final determination as
to what teacher preparation program requirements may be fulfilled by
teacher aide work experience.

(5) Until January 1, 2006, supervise the issuance of such
certificates as provided for in subsection (1) of this section and
specify the types and kinds of certificates necessary for the several
departments of the common schools by rule or regulation in
accordance with RCW 28A.410.010:

(6) Hold regularly scheduled meetings at such time and place
within the state as the board shall determine and may hold such
special meetings as may be deemed necessary for the transaction of
public business:

(a) Adopt and revise performance improvement goals in reading,
writing, science, and mathematics, by subject and grade level, once
assessments in these subjects are required statewide; academic and
technical skills, as appropriate, in secondary career and technical
education programs; and student attendance, as the board deems
appropriate to improve student learning. The goals shall be
consistent with student privacy protection provisions of RCW
28A.655.090(7) and shall not conflict with requirements contained
in Title I of the federal elementary and secondary education act of
1965, or the requirements of the Carl D. Perkins vocational education
act of 1998, as each amended. The goals may be established for all
students, economically disadvantaged students, limited English
proficient students, students with disabilities, and students from
disproportionately academically underachieving racial and ethnic
backgrounds. The board may establish school and school district
goals addressing high school graduation rates and dropout reduction
goals for students in grades seven through twelve. The board shall
adopt the goals by rule. However, before each goal is implemented,
the board shall present the goal to the education committees of the
house of representatives and the senate for the committees’ review
and comment in a time frame that will permit the legislature to take
statutory action on the goal if such action is deemed warranted by the
legislature;

(b) Identify the scores students must achieve in order to meet the
standard on the Washington assessment of student learning and, for
high school students, to obtain a certificate of academic achievement.
The board shall also determine student scores that identify levels of
student performance below and beyond the standard. The board shall
consider the incorporation of the standard error of measurement into
the decision regarding the award of the certificates. The board shall
set such performance standards and levels in consultation with the
superintendent of public instruction and after consideration of any
recommendations that may be developed by any advisory committees
that may be established for this purpose. The initial performance
standards and any changes recommended by the board in the
performance standards for the tenth grade assessment shall be
presented to the education committees of the house of representatives
and the senate by November 30th of the school year in which the
changes will take place to permit the legislature to take statutory
action before the changes are implemented if such action is deemed
warranted by the legislature. The legislature shall be advised of the
initial performance standards and any changes made to the
elementary level performance standards and the middle school level
performance standards;

(c) Adopt objective, systematic criteria to identify successful
schools and school districts and recommend to the superintendent
of public instruction schools and districts to be recognized for two types
of accomplishments, student achievement and improvements in
student achievement. Recognition for improvements in student
achievement shall include consideration of one or more of the
following accomplishments:

(i) An increase in the percent of students meeting standards.
The level of achievement required for recognition may be based on
the achievement goals established by the legislature and by the board
under (a) of this subsection;

(ii) Positive progress on an improvement index that measures
improvement in all levels of the assessment; and

(iii) Improvements despite challenges such as high levels of
mobility, poverty, English as a second language learners, and large
numbers of students in special populations as measured by either the
percent of students meeting the standard, or the improvement index.
When determining the baseline year or years for recognizing
individual schools, the board may use the assessment results from the
initial years the assessments were administered, if doing so with
individual schools would be appropriate;

(d) Adopt objective, systematic criteria to identify schools and
school districts in need of assistance and those in which significant
numbers of students persistently fail to meet state standards. In its
deliberations, the board shall consider the use of all statewide
mandated criterion-referenced and norm-referenced standardized
tests;

(e) Identify schools and school districts in which state
intervention measures will be needed and a range of appropriate
intervention strategies after the legislature has authorized a set of
intervention strategies. After the legislature has authorized a set of
intervention strategies, at the request of the board, the superintendent
shall intervene in the school or school district and take corrective
actions. This chapter does not provide additional authority for the
board or the superintendent of public instruction to intervene in a
school or school district;

(f) Identify performance incentive systems that have improved
or have the potential to improve student achievement;

(g) Annually review the assessment reporting system to ensure
fairness, accuracy, timeliness, and equity of opportunity, especially
with regard to schools with special circumstances and unique
populations of students, and a recommendation to the superintendent
of public instruction of any improvements needed to the system; and

(h) Include in the biennial report required under RCW
28A.305.035, information on the progress that has been made in
achieving goals adopted by the board:

(10) Accredit, subject to such accreditation standards and
procedures as may be established by the state board of education, all
private schools that apply for accreditation, and approve, subject to
the provisions of RCW 28A.195.010, private schools carrying out a
program for any or all of the grades kindergarten through twelve;
PROVIDED, That no private school may be approved that operates a
kindergarten program only: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no
private school shall be placed upon the list of accredited schools so long as
secret societies are knowingly allowed to exist among its students by school officials;
classifications of the public schools to conduct and participate in such preaccreditation examination and evaluation processes as may now or hereafter be established by the board:

(11) Make rules and regulations governing the establishment in any existing nonhigh school district of any secondary program or any new grades in grades nine through twelve. Before any such program or any new grades are established the district must obtain prior approval of the state board.

(12) Prepare such outline of study for the common schools as the board shall deem necessary, and in conformance with legislative requirements, and prescribe such rules for the general government of the common schools, as shall seek to secure regularity of attendance; prevent truancy, secure efficiency, and promote the true interest of the common schools:

(13) Continuously reevaluate courses and other requirements and adopt and enforce regulations within the common schools so as to meet the educational needs of students;

(14) Evaluate course of study requirements and;

(6) Articulate with the institutions of higher education, work force representatives, and early learning policymakers and providers to coordinate and unify the work of the public school system;

(15) Carry out board powers and duties relating to the organization and reorganization of school districts:

(16) Hear and decide appeals as otherwise provided by law;

(17) Promulgate information and rules dealing with the prevention of child abuse for purposes of curriculum use in the common schools:

(18)) (2) Hire an executive director and an administrative assistant to reside in the office of the superintendent of public instruction for administrative purposes. Any other personnel of the board shall be appointed as provided by RCW 28A.300.020. The executive director, administrative assistant, and all but one of the other personnel of the board are exempt from civil service, together with other staff as now or hereafter designated as exempt in accordance with chapter 41.06 RCW;

(8) Adopt a seal that shall be kept in the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

Sec. 103. RCW 28A.305.035 and 2005 c 497 s 103 are each amended to read as follows:

Sec. 104. RCW 28A.300.040 and 2005 c 360 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction shall be:

(1) To have supervision over all matters pertaining to the public schools of the state;

(2) To report to the governor and the legislature such information and data as may be required for the management and improvement of the schools;

(3) To prepare and have printed such forms, registers, courses of study, rules for the government of the common schools, and such other material and books as may be necessary for the discharge of the duties of teachers and officials charged with the administration of the laws relating to the common schools, and to distribute the same to educational service district superintendents;

(4) To travel, without neglecting his or her other official duties as superintendent of public instruction, for the purpose of attending educational meetings or conventions, of visiting schools, and of consulting educational service district superintendents or other school officials;

(5) To prepare and from time to time to revise a manual of the Washington state common school code, copies of which shall be provided in such numbers as determined by the superintendent of public instruction at no cost to those public agencies within the common school system and which shall be sold at approximate actual cost of publication and distribution per volume to all other public and nonpublic agencies or individuals, said manual to contain Titles 28A and 28C RCW, rules related to the common schools, and such other matter as the state superintendent or the state board of education shall determine. Proceeds of the sale of such code shall be transmitted to the public printer who shall credit the state superintendent's account within the state printing plant revolving fund by a like amount;

(6) To act as ex officio member and the chief executive officer of the state board of education;

(7) To file all papers, reports and public documents transmitted to the superintendent by the school officials of the several counties or districts of the state, each year separately. Copies of all papers filed in the superintendent's office, and the superintendent's official acts, may, or upon request, shall be certified by the superintendent and attested by the superintendent's official seal, and when so certified shall be evidence of the papers or acts so certified to;

(8) To require annually, on or before the 15th day of August, of the president, manager, or principal of every educational institution in this state, a report as required by the superintendent of public instruction; and it is the duty of every president, manager, or principal, to complete and return such forms within such time as the superintendent of public instruction shall direct;

(9) To keep in the superintendent's office a record of all teachers receiving certificates to teach in the common schools of this state;

(10) To issue certificates as provided by law;

(11) With the assistance of the office of the attorney general, to decide all points of law which may be submitted to the superintendent in writing by any educational service district superintendent, or that may be submitted to the superintendent by any other person, upon appeal from the decision of any educational service district superintendent; and the superintendent shall publish his or her rulings and decisions from time to time for the information of school officials and teachers; and the superintendent's decision shall be final unless set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(12) To administer oaths and affirmations in the discharge of the superintendent's official duties;

(13) To deliver to his or her successor, at the expiration of the superintendent's term of office, all records, books, maps, documents and papers of whatever kind belonging to the superintendent's office or which may have been received by the
superintendent's for the use of the superintendent's office;
(((((6)))) (14)) To administer family services and programs to
promote the state's policy as provided in RCW 74.14A.025;
(((((8)))) (15)) To promote the adoption of school-based curricula
and policies that provide quality, daily physical education for all
students, and to encourage policies that provide all students with
opportunities for physical activity outside of formal physical
education classes;
(((((10)))) (16)) To perform such other duties as may be required by
law.

Sec. 105. RCW 28A.305.011 and 2005 c 497 s 101 are each
amended to read as follows:
(1) The membership of the state board of education shall be
composed of sixteen members who are residents of the state of
Washington:
(a) Seven shall be members representing the educational system,
as follows:
(i) Five members elected by school district directors. Three of
the members elected by school district directors shall be residents of
western Washington and two members shall be residents of eastern
Washington;
(ii) One member elected at-large by the members of the boards
of directors of all private schools in the state meeting the
requirements of RCW 28A.195.010; and
(iii) The superintendent of public instruction;
(b) Seven members appointed by the governor; and
(c) Two students selected in a manner determined by the state
board of education.
(2) Initial appointments shall be for terms from one to four years
in length, with the terms expiring on the second Monday of January
of the applicable year. As the terms of the first appointees expire or
vacancies on the board occur, the governor shall appoint or reappoint
members of the board to complete the initial terms or to four-year
terms, as appropriate:
(a) Appointees of the governor must be individuals who have
demonstrated interest in public schools and are supportive of
educational improvement, have a positive record of service, and who
will devote sufficient time to the responsibilities of the governor.
(b) In appointing board members, the governor shall consider
the diversity of the population of the state.
(c) All appointees must be confirmed by the Senate.
(d) No person may serve as a member of the board, except the
superintendent of public instruction, for more than two consecutive
full four-year terms.
(3) The governor may remove an appointed member of the board for
neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance, or misfeasance in
office, or for incompetent or unprofessional conduct as defined in
chapter 18.130 RCW. In such a case, the governor shall file with the
secretary of state a statement of the causes for and the order of
removal from office, and the secretary of state shall send a certified
copy of the statement of causes and order of removal to the last
known post office address of the member.
(4)(a) The chair of the board shall be elected by a majority vote
of the members of the board. The chair of the board shall serve a
term of two years, and may be reelected to an additional term. A
member of the board may not serve as chair for more than two
consecutive terms.
(b) Eight voting members of the board constitute a quorum for
the transaction of business.
(c) All members except the student members are voting
members.
(5) Members of the board appointed by the governor who are
not public employees shall be compensated in accordance with RCW
(42.03.240) 43.03.250 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
incurred in carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with
RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

PART 2
BASIC EDUCATION ACT RESPONSIBILITIES

Sec. 201. RCW 28A.150.230 and 1994 c 245 s 9 are each
amended to read as follows:
(1) It is the intent and purpose of this section to guarantee that
each common school district board of directors, whether or not acting
through its respective administrative staff, be held accountable for the
proper operation of their district to the local community and its
electorate. In accordance with the provisions of Title 28A RCW, as
now or hereafter amended, each common school district board of
directors shall be vested with the final responsibility for the setting
of policies ensuring quality in the content and extent of its
educational program and that such program provide students with the
opportunity to achieve those skills which are generally recognized as
requisite to learning.
(2) In conformance with the provisions of Title 28A RCW, as
now or hereafter amended, it shall be the responsibility of each
common school district board of directors to adopt policies to:
(a) Establish performance criteria and an evaluation process for
its certificated personnel, including administrative staff, and for all
programs constituting a part of such district's curriculum;
(b) Determine the final assignment of staff, certificated or
classified, according to board enumerated classroom and program
needs;
(c) Determine the amount of instructional hours necessary for
any student to acquire a quality education in such district, in not less
than an amount otherwise required in RCW 28A.150.220, or rules
((and regulations)) of the state board of education;
(d) Determine the allocation of staff time, whether certificated or
classified;
(e) Establish final curriculum standards consistent with law and
rules ((and regulations of the state board of education)) of the
superintendent of public instruction, relevant to the particular needs
of district students or the unusual characteristics of the district, and
ensuring a quality education for each student in the district; and
(f) Evaluate teaching materials, including text books, teaching
aids, handouts, or other printed material, in public hearing upon
complaint by parents, guardians or custodians of students who
consider dissemination of such material to students objectionable.

Sec. 202. RCW 28A.505.140 and 1990 c 33 s 422 are each
amended to read as follows:
(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
superintendent of public instruction ((is hereby directed to
promulgate)) shall adopt such rules ((and regulations)) as will
((must)) ensure proper budgetary procedures and practices,
including monthly financial statements consistent with the provisions
of RCW 43.09.200, and this chapter.
(2) If the superintendent of public instruction determines upon
a review of the budget of any district that said budget does not
comply with the budget procedures established by this chapter or by
rules ((and regulations promulgated)) adopted by the superintendent
of public instruction, or the provisions of RCW 43.09.200, the
superintendent shall give written notice of this determination to the
board of directors of the local school district.

(3) The local school district, notwithstanding any other provision of law, shall, within thirty days from the date the superintendent of public instruction issues a notice pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, submit a revised budget which meets the requirements of RCW 43.09.200, this chapter, and the rules (and regulations) of the superintendent of public instruction(Provided, That if the district fails or refuses to submit a revised budget which in the determination of the superintendent of public instruction meets the requirements of RCW 43.09.200, this chapter, and the rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction, the matter shall be submitted to the state board of education, which board shall meet and adopt a financial plan which shall be in effect until a budget can be adopted and submitted by the district in compliance with this section).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 203. (1) As the governor's steering committee for the comprehensive education study created under chapter 496, Laws of 2005 continues the study of the state funding of public education in Washington and makes final recommendations, the legislature strongly encourages the steering committee to carefully examine whether the use of inputs, such as the number of instructional hours, the number of instructional days, and student/teacher ratios, is the most efficient and effective funding system that is oriented toward student achievement and whether any changes to the current method of allocating funds can be created to implement the intent of education reform that all children can learn.

(2) This section expires July 1, 2007.

PART 3
SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ORGANIZATION

Sec. 301. RCW 28A.525.020 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.47.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel, shall have the power and ((it shall be their)) duty (1) to prescribe rules (and regulations) governing the administration, control, terms, conditions, and disbursements of allotments to school districts to assist them in providing school plant facilities; (2) to approve allotments to districts that apply for state assistance whenever ((the board deems)) such action is advisable (and in so doing to give due consideration to the findings, reports, and recommendations of the superintendent of public instruction pertaining thereto); (3) to authorize the payment of approved allotments by warrant of the state treasurer, and (4) in the event that the amount of state assistance applied for exceeds the funds available for such assistance during any biennium, to make allotments on the basis of the urgency of need for school facilities in the districts that apply for assistance and/or to prorate allotments among such districts in conformity with applicable procedures and (regulations applicable thereto which shall be established by the state board) rules.

Sec. 302. RCW 28A.525.030 and 1995 c 77 s 23 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever funds are appropriated for modernization of existing school facilities, the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction is authorized to approve the use of such funds for modernization of existing facilities, modernization being limited to major structural changes in such facilities and, as necessary to bring such facilities into compliance with the barrier free access requirements of section 504 of the federal rehabilitation act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 706) and rules implementing the act, both major and minor structural changes, and may include as incidental thereto the replacement of fixtures, fittings, furnishings and service systems of a building in order to bring it up to a contemporary state consistent with the needs of changing educational programs. The allocation of such funds shall be made upon the same basis as funds used for the financing of a new school plant project utilized for a similar purpose.

Sec. 303. RCW 28A.525.050 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.47.080 are each amended to read as follows:

All applications by school districts for state assistance in providing school plant facilities shall be made to the superintendent of public instruction ((in conformity with rules and regulations which shall be prescribed by the state board of education)). Studies and surveys shall be conducted by the ((aforesaid officer)) superintendent for the purpose of securing information relating to (1) the kind and extent of the school plant facilities required and the urgency of need for such facilities in districts that seek state assistance, (2) the ability of such districts to provide capital outlay funds by local effort, (3) the need for improvement of school administrative units and school attendance areas among or within such districts, and (4) any other pertinent matters. Recommendations respecting action on the ((aforesaid)) applications shall be submitted to the (state board of education by the) superintendent of public instruction ((together with such reports of the findings, studies, and surveys made by said officer as may be required by the state board)).

Sec. 304. RCW 28A.525.055 and 1994 c 219 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

The ((state board of education)) rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction for ((purposes of)) determining eligibility for state assistance for new construction((shall (adopt rules excluding))) exclude from the inventory of available educational space those spaces that have been constructed for educational and community activities from grants received from other public or private entities.

Sec. 305. RCW 28A.525.070 and 1985 c 136 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction shall furnish (((the))) to school districts seeking state assistance consultatory and advisory service in connection with the development of school building programs and the planning of school plant facilities for such district((and (2) to the state board of education such service as may be required by the board in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties vested in it and required to be performed by the board))).

Sec. 306. RCW 28A.525.080 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.47.120 are each amended to read as follows:

Insofar as is permissible under acts of congress, funds made available by the federal government for the purpose of assisting school districts in providing school plant facilities shall be made available to such districts in conformity with rules ((and regulations which)) that the ((state board of education)) superintendent, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel, shall establish.

Sec. 307. RCW 28A.525.090 and 1999 c 313 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school
facilities citizen advisory panel, shall adopt rules for appropriate use of the following construction management techniques: Value engineering, constructibility review, building commissioning, and construction management. Rules adopted under this section shall:

(a) Define each technique as it applies to school buildings;
(b) Describe the scope of work for each technique;
(c) Define the timing for implementing each technique in the construction process;
(d) Determine the appropriate size of projects for the use of each technique; and
(e) Determine standards for qualification and performance for each technique.

(2) Except as provided in rules adopted under subsection (1)(d) of this section, in allocating state moneys provided under this chapter, the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction shall include in funding for each project, at the state matching percentage, the cost of each of the construction management techniques listed in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) When assigning priority and allocating state funds for construction of common school facilities, the (state board of education) superintendent shall consider the adequacy of the construction management techniques used by a district and the compliance with the rules adopted under subsection (1) of this section.

(4) Except as provided in rules adopted under subsection (1)(d) of this section, the construction management techniques in subsection (1) of this section shall be used on each project submitted for approval by the (state board of education) superintendent.

(5)(a) School districts applying for state assistance for school facilities shall:
(i) Cause value engineering, constructibility review, and building commissioning to be performed by contract with a professional firm specializing in those construction management techniques; and
(ii) Contract or employ personnel to perform professional construction management.

(b) All recommendations from the value engineering and constructibility review construction techniques for a school project shall be presented to the school district's board of directors for acceptance or rejection. If the board of directors rejects a recommendation it shall provide a statement explaining the reasons for rejecting the recommendation and include the statement in the application for state assistance to the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction.

(6) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide:
(a) An information and training program for school districts on the use of the construction management techniques; and
(b) Consulting services to districts on the benefits and best uses of these construction management techniques.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 308. A new section is added to chapter 28A.525 RCW to read as follows:

(1) To maintain citizen oversight on issues pertaining to school facilities and funding for school construction, a school facilities citizen advisory panel shall be created by the state board of education. The panel shall advise and make recommendations to the superintendent of public instruction regarding school facilities, funding for school construction, joint planning and financing of educational facilities, facility plans and programs for nonhigh school districts, and determinations of remote and necessary schools.

(2) The membership of the school facilities citizen advisory panel shall be as follows:
(a) One member of the state board of education;
(b) Two school district directors representing school districts of various sizes and geographic locations, who are appointed by the state board of education and selected from a list of five names submitted to the board by the Washington state school directors' association. The directors shall have some experience or knowledge in school plant facility issues. One of the directors shall represent a nonhigh school district; and
(c) Four additional citizen members appointed by the state board of education.

(3) Members of the panel shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

(4) In addition to the school facilities citizen advisory panel, the superintendent of public instruction may convene a technical advisory group including representatives from school business officers, building and construction contracting and trade organizations, architecture and engineering organizations, and other organizations with expertise in school facilities.

Sec. 309. RCW 28A.525.162 and 1995 c 77 s 24 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Funds appropriated to the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction from the common school construction fund shall be allotted by the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction in accordance with student enrollment and the provisions of RCW 28A.525.200.

(2) No allotment shall be made to a school district until such district has provided matching funds equal to or greater than the difference between the total approved project cost and the amount of state assistance to the district for financing the project computed pursuant to RCW 28A.525.166, with the following exceptions:
(a) The (state board) superintendent of public instruction may waive the matching requirement for districts which have provided funds for school building construction purposes through the authorization of bonds or through the authorization of excess tax levies or both in an amount equivalent to two and one-half percent of the value of its taxable property, as defined in RCW 39.36.015.
(b) No such matching funds shall be required as a condition to the allotment of funds for the purpose of making major or minor structural changes to existing school facilities in order to bring such facilities into compliance with the barrier free access requirements of section 504 of the federal rehabilitation act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 706) and rules implementing the act.

(3) For the purpose of computing the state matching percentage under RCW 28A.525.166 when a school district is granted authority to enter into contracts, adjusted valuation per pupil shall be calculated using headcount student enrollments from the most recent October enrollment reports submitted by districts to the superintendent of public instruction, adjusted as follows:
(a) In the case of projects for which local bonds were approved after May 11, 1989:
(i) For districts which have been designated as serving high school districts under RCW 28A.540.110, students residing in the nonhigh district so designating shall be excluded from the enrollment count if the student is enrolled in any grade level not offered by the nonhigh district;
(ii) The enrollment of nonhigh school districts shall be increased by the number of students residing within the district who are enrolled in a serving high school district so designated by the nonhigh school district under RCW 28A.540.110, including only students who are enrolled in grade levels not offered by the nonhigh.
school district; and

(iii) The number of preschool students with disabilities included in the enrollment count shall be multiplied by one-half;

(b) In the case of construction or modernization of high school facilities in districts serving students from nonhigh school districts, the adjusted valuation per pupil shall be computed using the combined adjusted valuations and enrollments of each district, each weighted by the percentage of the district's resident high school students served by the high school district; and

(c) The number of kindergarten students included in the enrollment count shall be multiplied by one-half.

(4) The (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel, shall prescribe (and make effective) such rules as are necessary to equate insofar as possible the efforts made by school districts to provide capital funds by the means aforesaid.

(5) For the purposes of this section, "preschool students with disabilities" means developmentally disabled children of preschool age who are entitled to services under RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100 and are not included in the kindergarten enrollment count of the district.

Sec. 310. RCW 28A.525.164 and 1990 c 33 s 456 are each amended to read as follows:

In allotting the state funds provided by RCW (28A.525.160 through 28A.525.180) 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180, the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction shall:

(1) Prescribe rules (and regulations) not inconsistent with RCW (28A.525.160 through 28A.525.180) 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180 governing the administration, control, terms, conditions, and disbursement of allotments to school districts to assist them in providing school plant facilities;

(2) Approve (whenever the board deems such action advisable) allotments to districts that apply for state assistance;

(3) Authorize the payment of approved allotments by warrant of the state treasurer; and

(4) In the event that the amount of state assistance applied for pursuant to the provisions hereof exceeds the funds available for such assistance during any biennium, make allotments on the basis of the urgency of need for school facilities in the districts that apply for assistance or prorate allotments among such districts in conformity with (procedures and regulations) applicable (thereto which shall be established by the board) rules.

Sec. 311. RCW 28A.525.166 and 1997 c 369 s 9 are each amended to read as follows:

Allocations to school districts of state funds provided by RCW (28A.525.160 through 28A.525.180) 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180 shall be made by the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction and the amount of state assistance to a school district in financing a school plant project shall be determined in the following manner:

(1) The boards of directors of the districts shall determine the total cost of the proposed project, which cost may include the cost of acquiring and preparing the site, the cost of constructing the building or of acquiring a building and preparing the same for school use, the cost of necessary equipment, taxes chargeable to the project, necessary architects' fees, and a reasonable amount for contingencies and for other necessary incidental expenses: PROVIDED, That the total cost of the project shall be subject to review and approval by the (state board of education) superintendent.

(2) The state matching percentage for a school district shall be computed by the following formula:

The ratio of the school district's adjusted valuation per pupil divided by the ratio of the total adjusted valuation per pupil shall be subtracted from three, and then the result of the foregoing shall be divided by three plus (the ratio of the school district's adjusted valuation per pupil divided by the ratio of the total adjusted valuation per pupil).

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PROVIDED, That in the event the percentage of state assistance to any school district based on the above formula is less than twenty percent and such school district is otherwise eligible for state assistance under RCW (28A.525.160 through 28A.525.180) 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180, the (state board of education) superintendent may establish for such district a percentage of state assistance not in excess of twenty percent of the approved cost of the project, if the (state board) superintendent finds that such additional assistance is necessary to provide minimum facilities for housing the pupils of the district.

(3) In addition to the computed percent of state assistance developed in subsection (2) (above) of this section, a school district shall be entitled to additional percentage points determined by the average percentage of growth for the past three years. One percent shall be added to the computed percent of state assistance for each percent of growth, with a maximum of twenty percent.

(4) The approved cost of the project determined in the manner (herein) prescribed (times) in this section multiplied by the percentage of state assistance derived as provided for (herein) in this section shall be the amount of state assistance to the district for the financing of the project: PROVIDED, That need therefor has been established to the satisfaction of the (state board of education) superintendent: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That additional state assistance may be allowed if it is found by the (state board of education) superintendent, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel that such assistance is necessary in order to meet (a) a school housing emergency resulting from the destruction of a school building by fire, the condemnation of a school building by properly constituted authorities, a sudden excessive and clearly foreseeable future increase in school population, or other conditions similarly emergent in nature; or (b) a special school housing burden resulting from industrial projects of statewide significance or imposed by virtue of the admission of nonresident students into educational programs established, maintained and operated in conformity with the requirements of law; or (c) a deficiency in the capital funds of the district resulting from financing, subsequent to April 1, 1969, and without benefit of the state assistance provided by prior state assistance programs, the construction of a needed school building project or projects approved in conformity with the requirements of such programs, after having first applied for and been denied state assistance because of the inadequacy of state funds available for the
purpose, or (d) a condition created by the fact that an excessive number of students live in state owned housing, or (e) a need for the construction of a school building to provide for improved school district organization or racial balance, or (f) conditions similar to those defined under (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) ((hereinafter)) of this subsection, creating a like emergency.

Sec. 312. RCW 28A.525.168 and 1990 c 33 s 458 are each amended to read as follows:
Whenever the voters of a school district authorize the issuance of bonds and/or the levying of excess taxes in an amount sufficient to meet the requirements of RCW 28A.525.162 respecting eligibility for state assistance in providing school facilities, the taxable valuation of the district and the percentage of state assistance in providing school facilities prevailing at the time of such authorization shall be the valuation and the percentage used for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the district for an allotment of state funds and the amount or amounts of such allotments, respectively, for all projects for which the voters authorize capital funds as aforesaid, unless a higher percentage of state assistance prevails on the date that state funds for assistance in financing a project are allotted by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction in which case the percentage prevailing on the date of allotment by the ((state board)) superintendent of funds for each project shall govern:
PROVIDED, That if the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel, determines at any time that there has been undue or unwarranted delay on the part of school district authorities in advancing a project to the point of readiness for an allotment of state funds, the taxable valuation of the school district and the percentage of state assistance prevailing on the date that the allotment is made shall be used for the purposes aforesaid:
PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the date ((herein)) specified in this section as applicable in determining the eligibility of an individual school district for state assistance and in determining the amount of such assistance shall be applicable also to cases where it is necessary in administering chapter 28A.540 RCW to determine eligibility for and the amount of state assistance for a group of school districts considered as a single school administrative unit.

Sec. 313. RCW 28A.525.170 and 1990 c 33 s 459 are each amended to read as follows:
If a school district which has qualified for an allotment of state funds under the provisions of RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180 for school building construction is found by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel, to have a school housing emergency requiring an allotment of state funds in excess of the amount allocable under RCW 28A.525.166, an additional allotment may be made to such district: PROVIDED, That the total amount allotted shall not exceed ninety percent of the total cost of the approved project which may include the cost of the site and equipment. At any time thereafter when the ((state board of education)) superintendent finds that the financial position of such school district has improved through an increase in its taxable valuation or through retirement of bonded indebtedness or through a reduction in school housing requirements, or for any combination of these reasons, the amount of such additional allotment, or any part of such amount as the ((state board of education)) superintendent determines, shall be deducted, under terms and conditions prescribed by the ((board)) superintendent, from any state school building construction funds which might otherwise be provided to such district.

Sec. 314. RCW 28A.525.172 and 1969 ex.s. c 244 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:
All applications by school districts for state assistance in providing school plant facilities shall be made to the superintendent of public instruction in conformity with rules ((and regulations which shall be prescribed)) adopted by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel. Studies and surveys shall be conducted by the ((state board)) superintendent for the purpose of securing information relating to (a) the kind and extent of the school plant facilities required and the urgency of need for such facilities in districts that seek state assistance, (b) the ability of such districts to provide capital funds by local effort, (c) the need for improvement of school administrative units and school attendance areas among or within such districts, and (d) any other pertinent matters.

Sec. 315. RCW 28A.525.174 and 1990 c 33 s 460 are each amended to read as follows:
It shall be the duty of the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the Washington state department of ((social and health)) ((services)), to prepare a manual and/or to specify other materials for the information and guidance of local school district authorities and others responsible for and concerned with the designing, planning, maintenance and operation of school plant facilities for the public schools. In so doing due consideration shall be given to the presentation of information regarding (((the))) (1) the need for cooperative state-local district action in planning school plant facilities arising out of the cooperative plan for financing said facilities provided for in RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182: (b)) 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180; (2) procedures in inaugurating and conducting a school plant planning program for a school district; (((this))) (3) standards for use in determining the selection and development of school sites and in designing, planning, and constructing school buildings to the end that the health, safety, and educational well-being and development of school children will be served; (((this))) (4) the planning of readily expandable and flexible school buildings to meet the requirements of an increasing school population and a constantly changing educational program; (((this))) (5) an acceptable school building maintenance program and the necessity therefor; (((this))) (6) the relationship of an efficient school building operations service to the health and educational progress of pupils; and (((this))) (7) any other matters regarded by the ((state board)) superintendent as pertinent or related to the purposes and requirements of RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180.

Sec. 316. RCW 28A.525.176 and 1990 c 33 s 461 are each amended to read as follows:
The ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction shall furnish to school districts seeking state assistance under the provisions of RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180 consultatory and advisory service in connection with the development of school building programs and the planning of school plant facilities.

Sec. 317. RCW 28A.525.178 and 1990 c 33 s 462 are each amended to read as follows:
(Whenever in the judgment of the state board of education) When economies may be (effected) without impairing the usefulness and adequacy of school buildings, (and board) the superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel, may prescribe rules ((and regulations)) and establish procedures governing the preparation and use of modifiable basic or standard plans for school building construction projects for which state assistance funds provided by RCW ((28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182)) 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.180 are allotted.

Sec. 318. RCW 28A.525.180 and 1990 c 33 s 463 are each amended to read as follows:

The total amount of funds appropriated under the provisions of RCW ((28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182)) 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180 shall be reduced by the amount of federal funds made available during each biennium for school construction purposes under any applicable federal law. The funds appropriated by RCW ((28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182)) 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180 and available for allotment by the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction shall be reduced by the amount of such federal funds made available. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the total amount of funds appropriated by RCW ((28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182)) 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180 shall not be reduced by reason of any grants to any school district of federal money paid under Public Law No. 815 or any other federal act authorizing school building construction assistance to federally affected areas.

Sec. 319. RCW 28A.525.190 and 1975 1st ex.s.s. c 98 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel shall prioritize the construction of common school facilities only from funds appropriated and available in the common school construction fund.

Sec. 320. RCW 28A.525.200 and 1990 c 33 s 465 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of RCW 28A.525.010 through 28A.525.222, the allocation and distribution of funds by the (state board of education which are now or may hereafter be appropriated) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel, for the purposes of providing assistance in the construction of school plant facilities shall be governed by ((28A.525.010 through 28A.525.080 and 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.178)) this chapter.

Sec. 321. RCW 28A.525.216 and 1990 c 33 s 467 are each amended to read as follows:

The proceeds from the sale of the bonds deposited under RCW 28A.525.214 in the common school construction fund shall be administered by the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction.

Sec. 322. RCW 28A.150.260 and 1997 c 13 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The basic education allocation for each annual average full time equivalent student shall be determined in accordance with the following procedures:

1. The governor shall and the superintendent of public instruction may recommend to the legislature a formula based on a ratio of students to staff for the distribution of a basic education allocation for each annual average full time equivalent student enrolled in a common school. The distribution formula shall have the primary objective of equalizing educational opportunities and shall provide appropriate recognition of the following costs among the various districts within the state:

   a. Certificated instructional staff and their related costs;
   b. Certificated administrative staff and their related costs;
   c. Classified staff and their related costs;
   d. Nonsalary costs;
   e. Extraordinary costs, including school facilities, of remote and necessary schools as judged by the superintendent of public instruction, with recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel under section 308 of this act, and small high schools, including costs of additional certificated and classified staff; and

   f. The attendance of students pursuant to RCW 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 who do not reside within the servicing school district.

2. (a) This formula for distribution of basic education funds shall be reviewed biennially by the superintendent and governor. The recommended formula shall be subject to approval, amendment or rejection by the legislature. The formula shall be for allocation purposes only. While the legislature intends that the allocations for additional instructional staff be increased to equalize the ratio of such staff to students, nothing in this section shall require districts to reduce the number of administrative staff below existing levels.

   (b) The formula adopted by the legislature shall reflect the following ratios at a minimum: (i) Forty-nine certificated instructional staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; (ii) forty-six certificated instructional staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students in grades four through twelve; (iii) four certificated administrative staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students in grades kindergarten through twelve; and (iv) sixteen and sixty-seven one-hundredths classified personnel to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve.

3. (c) In the event the legislature rejects the distribution formula recommended by the governor, without adopting a new distribution formula, the distribution formula for the previous school year shall remain in effect: PROVIDED, That the distribution formula developed pursuant to this section shall be for state apportionment and equalization purposes only and shall not be construed as mandating specific operational functions of local school districts other than those program requirements identified in RCW 28A.150.220 and 28A.150.100. The enrollment of any district shall be the annual average number of full time equivalent students and part time students as provided in RCW 28A.150.350, enrolled on the first school day of each month and shall exclude full time equivalent students with disabilities recognized for the purposes of allocation of state funds for programs under RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100. The definition of full time equivalent student shall be determined by rules of the superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED, That the definition shall be included as part of the superintendent’s biennial budget request: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That any revision of the present definition shall not take effect until approved by the house appropriations committee and the senate ways and means committee: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the office of financial management shall make a monthly review of the superintendent’s reported full time equivalent students in the common schools in conjunction with RCW 43.62.050.
(3)(a) Certificated instructional staff shall include those persons employed by a school district who are nonsupervisory employees within the meaning of RCW 41.59.020(8): PROVIDED, That in exceptional cases, people of unusual competence but without certification may teach students so long as a certificated person exercises general supervision: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the hiring of such classified people shall not occur during a labor dispute and such classified people shall not be hired to replace certificated employees during a labor dispute.

(b) Certificated administrative staff shall include all those persons who are chief executive officers, chief administrative officers, confidential employees, supervisors, principals, or assistant principals within the meaning of RCW 41.59.020(4).

Sec. 323. RCW 28A.335.160 and 1995 c 335 s 604 are each amended to read as follows:

Any school district may cooperate with one or more school districts in the joint financing, planning, construction, equipping and operating of any educational facility otherwise authorized by law: PROVIDED, That any cooperative financing plan involving the construction of school plant facilities must be approved by the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel under section 308 of this act, pursuant to such rules (as may now or hereafter be promulgated) adopted relating to state approval of school construction.

Sec. 324. RCW 28A.540.050 and 1990 c 33 s 485 are each amended to read as follows:

Subsequent to the holding of a hearing or hearings as provided in RCW 28A.540.040, the regional committee on school district organization shall determine the nonhigh school districts to be included in the plan and the amount of capital funds to be provided by every school district included therein, and shall submit the proposed plan to the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction together with such maps and other materials pertaining thereto as the (state board) superintendent may require. The (state board) superintendent, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel under section 308 of this act, shall review such plan, shall approve any plan which in (his) her judgment makes adequate and satisfactory provision for participation by the nonhigh school districts in providing capital funds to be used for the purpose above stated, and shall notify the regional committee of such action. Upon receipt by the regional committee of such notification, the educational service district superintendent, or his or her designee, shall notify the board of directors of each school district included in the plan, supplying each board with complete details of the plan and shall state the total amount of funds to be provided and the amount to be provided by each district.

If any such plan submitted by a regional committee is not approved by the (state board) superintendent of public instruction, the regional committee shall be so notified, which notification shall contain a statement of reasons therefor and suggestions for revision. Within sixty days thereafter the regional committee shall submit to the (state board) superintendent a revised plan which revision shall be subject to approval or disapproval by the (state board) superintendent, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel, and the procedural requirements and provisions of law applicable to an original plan submitted to (state board) the superintendent.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 325. A new section is added to chapter 28A.545 RCW to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction, with recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel under section 308 of this act, shall adopt rules governing the establishment in any existing nonhigh school district of any secondary program or any new grades in grades nine through twelve. Before any such program or any new grades are established, the district must obtain prior approval of the superintendent of public instruction.

Sec. 326. RCW 28A.150.530 and 2005 c 12 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) In adopting implementation rules, (the state board of education, in consultation with) the superintendent of public instruction (and), in consultation with the department of education, shall review and modify the current requirement for an energy conservation report review by the department of general administration as provided in WAC 180-27-075.

(2) In adopting implementation rules, (the state board of education, in consultation with) the superintendent of public instruction shall:

(a) Review and modify the current requirements for value engineering, (constructability) constructibility review, and building commissioning as provided in WAC 180-27-080;

(b) Review private and public utility providers' capacity and financial/technical assistance programs for affected public school districts to monitor and report utility consumption for purposes of reporting to the superintendent of public instruction as provided in RCW 39.35D.040;

(c) Coordinate with the department of general administration, the state board of health, the department of ecology, federal agencies, and other affected agencies as appropriate in their consideration of rules to implement this section.

Sec. 327. RCW 28A.335.210 and 2005 c 36 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The (state board of education and) superintendent of public instruction shall allocate, as a nondeductible item, out of any moneys appropriated for state assistance to school districts for the original construction of any school plant facility the amount of one-half of one percent of the appropriation to be expended by the Washington state arts commission for the acquisition of works of art. The works of art may be placed in accordance with Article IX, sections 2 and 3 of the state Constitution on public lands, integral to or attached to a public building or structure, detached within or outside a public building or structure, part of a portable exhibition or collection, part of a temporary exhibition, or loaned or exhibited in other public facilities. The Washington state arts commission shall, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, determine the amount to be made available for the purchase of works of art under this section, and payments therefor shall be made in accordance with law. The designation of projects and sites, selection, contracting, purchase, commissioning, reviewing of design, execution and placement, acceptance, maintenance, and sale, exchange, or disposition of works of art shall be the responsibility of the Washington state arts commission in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction and representatives of school district boards of directors. The superintendent of public instruction and the school district board of directors of the districts where the sites are selected shall have the right to:

(1) Waive its use of the one-half of one percent of the appropriation for the acquisition of works of art before the selection
process by the Washington state arts commission;

(2) Appoint a representative to the body established by the Washington state arts commission to be part of the selection process with full voting rights;

(3) Reject the results of the selection process;

(4) Reject the placement of a completed work or works of art on school district premises if such works are portable.

Rejection at any point before or after the selection process shall not cause the loss of or otherwise endanger state construction funds available to the local school district. Any works of art rejected under this section shall be applied for the provision of works of art under this chapter, at the discretion of the Washington state arts commission, notwithstanding any contract or agreement between the affected school district and the artist involved. In addition to the cost of the works of art the one-half of one percent of the appropriated as provided ((herein)) in this section shall be used for the administration, including conservation of the state art collection, by the Washington state arts commission and all costs for installation of the work of art. For the purpose of this section building shall not include sheds, warehouses, or other buildings of a temporary nature.

The executive director of the arts commission, the superintendent of public instruction, and the Washington state school directors association shall appoint a study group to review the operations of the one-half of one percent for works of art under this section.

Sec. 328. RCW 28A.335.230 and 1987 c 112 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

School districts shall be required to lease for a reasonable fee vacant school plant facilities from a contiguous school district wherever possible.

No school district with unhoused students may be eligible for the state matching funds for the construction of school plant facilities if:

(1) The school district contiguous to the school district applying for the state matching percentage has vacant school plant facilities;

(2) The superintendent of public instruction ((and the state board of education have)) has determined the vacant school plant facilities available in the contiguous district will fulfill the needs of the applicant district in housing unhoused students. In determining whether the contiguous school district plant facilities meet the needs of the applicant district, consideration shall be given, but not limited to the geographic location of the vacant facilities as they relate to the applicant district; and

(3) A lease of the vacant school plant facilities can be negotiated.

Sec. 329. RCW 28A.540.070 and 1990 c 33 s 486 are each amended to read as follows:

In the event that a proposal or proposals for providing capital funds as provided in RCW 28A.540.060 is not approved by the voters of a nonhigh school district a second election thereon shall be held within sixty days thereafter. If the vote of the electors of the nonhigh school district is again in the negative, the high school students residing therein shall not be entitled to admission to the high school under the provisions of RCW 28A.225.210, following the close of the school year during which the second election is held: PROVIDED, That in any such case the regional committee on school district organization shall determine within thirty days after the date of the aforesaid election the advisability of initiating a proposal for annexation of such nonhigh school district to the school district in which the proposed facilities are to be located or to some other district where its students can attend high school without undue inconvenience: PROVIDED FURTHER, That pending such determination by the regional committee and action thereon as required by law the board of directors of the high school district shall continue to admit high school students residing in the nonhigh school district. Any proposal for annexation of a nonhigh school district initiated by a regional committee shall be subject to the procedural requirements of this chapter respecting a public hearing and submission to and approval by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction, considering policy recommendations from the school facilities citizen advisory panel under section 308 of this act. Upon approval by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction of any such proposal, the educational service district superintendent shall make an order, establishing the annexation.

Sec. 330. RCW 39.35D.020 and 2005 c 12 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Department" means the department of general administration.

(2) "High-performance public buildings" means high-performance public buildings designed, constructed, and certified to a standard as identified in this chapter.

(3) "Institutions of higher education" means the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, the community colleges, and the technical colleges.

(4) "LEED silver standard" means the United States green building council leadership in energy and environmental design green building rating standard, referred to as silver standard.

(5) (a) "Major facility project" means: (i) A construction project larger than five thousand gross square feet of occupied or conditioned space as defined in the Washington state energy code; or (ii) a building renovation project when the cost is greater than fifty percent of the assessed value and the project is larger than five thousand gross square feet of occupied or conditioned space as defined in the Washington state energy code.

(b) "Major facility project" does not include: (i) Projects for which the department, public school district, or other applicable agency and the design team determine the LEED silver standard or the Washington sustainable school design protocol to be not practicable; or (ii) transmitter buildings, pumping stations, hospitals, research facilities primarily used for sponsored laboratory experimentation, laboratory research, or laboratory training in research methods, or other similar building types as determined by the department. When the LEED silver standard is determined to be not practicable for a project, then it must be determined if any LEED standard is practicable for the project. If LEED standards or the Washington sustainable school design protocol are not followed for the project, the public school district or public agency shall report these reasons to the department.

(6) "Public agency" means every state office, officer, board, commission, committee, bureau, department, and public higher education institution.

(7) "Public school district" means a school district eligible to receive state basic education moneys pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260.

(8) "Washington sustainable school design protocol" means the school design protocol and related information developed by the ((state board of education and the)) office of the superintendent of public instruction, in conjunction with school districts and the school
facilities advisory board.

Sec. 331. RCW 39.35D.040 and 2005 c 12 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) All major facility projects of public school districts receiving any funding in a state capital budget must be designed and constructed to at least the LEED silver standard or the Washington sustainable school design protocol. To the extent appropriate LEED silver or Washington sustainable school design protocol standards exist for the type of building or facility, this subsection applies to major facility projects that have not received project approval from the superintendent of public instruction prior to: (a) July 1, 2006, for volunteering school districts; (b) July 1, 2007, for class one school districts; and (c) July 1, 2008, for class two school districts.

(2) Public school districts under this section shall: (a) Monitor and document appropriate operating benefits and savings resulting from major facility projects designed and constructed as required under this section for a minimum of five years following local board acceptance of a project receiving state funding; and (b) report annually to the superintendent of public instruction. The form and content of each report must be mutually developed by the office of the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with school districts.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall consolidate the reports required in subsection (2) of this section into one report and report to the governor and legislature by September 1st of each even-numbered year beginning in 2006 and ending in 2016.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction shall also report on the implementation of this chapter, including reasons why the LEED standard or Washington sustainable school design protocol was not used as required by RCW 39.35D.020(5)(b). The superintendent of public instruction shall make recommendations regarding the ongoing implementation of this chapter, including a discussion of incentives and disincentives related to implementing this chapter.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction shall utilize the school facilities advisory board as a high-performance buildings advisory committee comprised of affected public schools, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department, and others at the superintendent of public instruction's discretion to provide advice on implementing this chapter. Among other duties, the advisory committee shall make recommendations regarding an education and training process and an ongoing evaluation of feedback process to help the department implement this chapter.

Sec. 332. RCW 39.35D.060 and 2005 c 12 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) (a) The department, in consultation with affected public agencies, shall develop and issue guidelines for administering this chapter for public agencies. The purpose of the guidelines is to define a procedure and method for employing and verifying activities necessary for certification to at least the LEED silver standard for major facility projects.

(b) The department and the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall amend their fee schedules for architectural and engineering services to accommodate the requirements in the design of major facility projects under this chapter.

(c) The department and the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall procure architecture and engineering services consistent with chapter 39.80 RCW.

(d) Major facility projects designed to meet standards identified in this chapter must include building commissioning as a critical cost-saving part of the construction process. This process includes input from the project design and construction teams and the project ownership representatives.

(e) As provided in the request for proposals for construction services, the operating agency shall hold a preproposal conference for prospective bidders to discuss compliance with and achievement of standards identified in this chapter for prospective respondents.

(2) The department shall create a high-performance buildings advisory committee comprised of representatives from the design and construction industry involved in public works contracting personnel from the affected public agencies responsible for overseeing public works projects, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, and others at the department's discretion to provide advice on implementing this chapter. Among other duties, the advisory committee shall make recommendations regarding an education and training process and an ongoing evaluation of feedback process to help the department implement this chapter.

Sec. 333. RCW 79.17.100 and 2003 c 334 s 322 are each amended to read as follows:

Except as otherwise provided in RCW 79.17.110, the application of a school district or any institution of higher education for the purchase or lease of lands granted to the state by the United States, the department may offer such land for sale or lease to such school district or institution of higher education in such acreage as it may determine, consideration being given upon application of a school district to school site criteria established by the superintendent of public instruction. However, in the event the department thereafter proposes to offer such land for sale or lease at public auction, such school district or institution of higher education shall have a preference right for six months from notice of such proposal to purchase or lease such land at the appraised value determined by the board.

Sec. 334. RCW 79.17.120 and 2003 c 334 s 438 are each amended to read as follows:

The purchases authorized under RCW 79.17.110 shall be classified as for the construction of common school plant facilities under RCW 28A.525.010 through 28A.525.222 and shall be payable out of the common school construction fund as otherwise provided for in RCW 28A.515.320 if the school district involved was under emergency school construction classification as established by the superintendent of public instruction at any time during the period of its lease of state lands.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 335. The following sections are each decodified:

RCW 28A.525.120
RCW 28A.525.122
RCW 28A.525.124
RCW 28A.525.126
PART 4
COURSES OF STUDY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Sec. 401. RCW 28A.305.220 and 2004 c 19 s 108 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The [(state board of education)] superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the higher education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, and the work force training and education coordinating board, shall develop for use by all public school districts a standardized high school transcript. The [(state board of education)] superintendent shall establish clear definitions for the terms "credits" and "hours" so that school programs operating on the quarter, semester, or trimester system can be compared.

(2) The standardized high school transcript shall include the following information:

(a) The highest scale score and level achieved in each content area on the high school Washington assessment of student learning or other high school measures successfully completed by the student as provided by RCW 28A.655.061 and 28A.155.045;

(b) All scholar designations as provided by RCW 28A.655.061;

(c) A notation of whether the student has earned a certificate of individual achievement or a certificate of academic achievement by means of the Washington assessment of student learning or by an alternative assessment.

(3) Transcripts are important documents to students who will apply for admission to postsecondary institutions of higher education. Transcripts are also important to students who will seek employment upon or prior to graduation from high school. It is recognized that student transcripts may be the only record available to employers in their decision-making processes regarding prospective employees. The superintendent of public instruction shall require school districts to inform annually all high school students that prospective employers may request to see transcripts and that the prospective employee's decision to release transcripts can be an important part of the process of applying for employment.

Sec. 402. RCW 28A.230.100 and 1991 c 116 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

The [(state board of education)] superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the higher education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, and the work force training and education coordinating board, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, to implement the course requirements set forth in RCW 28A.230.090. The rules shall include, as the [(state board)] superintendent deems necessary, granting equivalencies for and temporary exemptions from the course requirements in RCW 28A.230.090 and special alterations of the course requirements in RCW 28A.230.090. In developing such rules the [(state board)] superintendent shall recognize the relevance of vocational and applied courses and allow such courses to fulfill in whole or in part the courses required for graduation in RCW 28A.230.090. The rules may include provisions for competency testing in lieu of such courses required for graduation in RCW 28A.230.090 or demonstration of specific skill proficiency or understanding of concepts through work or experience.

Sec. 403. RCW 28A.230.170 and 1985 c 341 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The study of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Washington shall be a condition prerequisite to graduation from the public and private high schools of this state. The [(state board of education acting upon the advice of the)] superintendent of public instruction shall provide by rule [(or regulation)] for the implementation of this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 404. The state board of education, in consultation with the state board for community and technical colleges, shall examine the statutory authority, rules, and jurisdiction between the K-12 and postsecondary education systems regarding the general educational development test and adult education. The board shall make recommendations for change or clarification to the education committees of the legislature by January 15, 2007.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 405. (1) The state board of education shall develop and propose a revised definition of the purpose and expectations for high school diplomas issued by public schools in Washington state. The revised definition shall address whether attainment of a high school diploma is intended to signify that a student is ready for success in college, ready for successful and gainful employment in the workplace, or some combination of these and other objectives. The revised definition shall focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities that students are expected to demonstrate to receive a high school diploma, as well as the various methods to be used to measure student performance, rather than focusing on courses, credits, seat time, and test scores.

(2) In developing the revised definition of the high school diploma, the state board of education shall consult with educators, parents, institutions of higher education, employers, and community leaders. The board shall also work with the state board for community and technical colleges, the higher education coordinating board, and the work force training and education coordinating board.

(3) The state board of education shall submit the proposed revised definition of the high school diploma, along with any necessary revisions to state statutes and rules, to the education committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007.

Sec. 406. RCW 28A.305.170 and 2002 c 291 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the [(state board of education)] superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the military department, shall adopt rules governing and authorizing the acceptance of national guard high school career training and the national guard youth challenge program in lieu of either required high school credits or elective high school credits.

(2) With the exception of students enrolled in the national guard
youth challenge program, students enrolled in such national guard programs shall be considered enrolled in the common school last attended preceding enrollment in such national guard program.

(3) The ((board)) superintendent shall adopt rules to ensure that students who successfully complete the national guard youth challenge program are granted an appropriate number of high school credits, based on the students' levels of academic proficiency as measured by the program.

Sec. 407. RCW 28A.230.130 and 2003 c 49 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) All public high schools of the state shall provide a program, directly or in cooperation with a community college or another school district, for students whose educational plans include application for entrance to a baccalaureate-granting institution after being granted a high school diploma. The program shall help these students to meet at least the minimum entrance requirements under RCW 28B.10.050.

(2) All public high schools of the state shall provide a program, directly or in cooperation with a community or technical college, a skills center, an apprenticeship committee, or another school district, for students who plan to pursue career or work opportunities other than entrance to a baccalaureate-granting institution after being granted a high school diploma. These programs may:

(a) Help students demonstrate the application of essential academic learning requirements to the world of work, occupation-specific skills, knowledge of more than one career in a chosen pathway, and employability and leadership skills; and

(b) Help students demonstrate the knowledge and skill needed to prepare for industry certification, and/or have the opportunity to articulate to postsecondary education and training programs.

(3) The state board of education, upon request from local school districts, may grant waivers from the requirements to provide the program described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section for reasons relating to school district size and the availability of staff authorized to teach subjects which must be provided. In considering waiver requests related to programs in subsection (2) of this section, the state board of education shall consider the extent to which the school district has offered such programs before the 2001-02 school year.

Sec. 408. RCW 28A.205.010 and 2005 c 497 s 214 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this chapter, unless the context thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary:

"Education center" means any private school operated on a profit or nonprofit basis which does the following:

(a) Is devoted to the teaching of basic academic skills, including specific attention to improvement of student motivation for achieving and employment orientation.

(b) Operates on a clinical, client centered basis. This shall include, but not be limited to: performing diagnosis of individual educational abilities, determination and setting of individual goals, prescribing and providing individual courses of instruction therefor, and evaluation of each individual client's progress in his or her educational program.

(c) Conducts courses of instruction by professionally trained personnel certified by the Washington professional educator standards board according to rules adopted for the purposes of this chapter and providing, for certification purposes, that a year's teaching experience in an education center shall be deemed equal to a year's teaching experience in a common or private school.

(2) For purposes of this chapter, basic academic skills shall include the study of mathematics, speech, language, reading and composition, science, history, literature and political science or civics; it shall not include courses of a vocational training nature and shall not include courses deemed nonessential to the accrediting ((of the common schools)) or the approval of private schools under RCW 28A.305.130.

(3) The ((board)) superintendent of public instruction shall certify an education center, only upon application and a determination that such school complies within the definition thereof as set forth in subsection (1) of this section and (b) demonstration on the basis of actual educational performance of such applicants' students which shows after consideration of their students' backgrounds, educational gains that are a direct result of the applicants' educational program. Such certification may be withdrawn if the ((board)) superintendent finds that a center fails to provide adequate instruction in basic academic skills. No education center certified by the ((board)) superintendent of public instruction pursuant to this section shall be deemed a common school under RCW 28A.150.020 or a private school for the purposes of RCW 28A.195.010 through 28A.195.050.

Sec. 409. RCW 28A.205.070 and 1993 c 211 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

In allocating funds appropriated for education centers, the superintendent of public instruction shall:

(1) Place priority upon stability and adequacy of funding for education centers that have demonstrated superior performance as defined in RCW 28A.205.040(2).

(2) Initiate and maintain a competitive review process to select new or expanded center programs in unserved or underserved areas. The criteria for review of competitive proposals for new or expanded education center services shall include but not be limited to:

(a) The proposing organization shall have obtained certification from the ((board)) superintendent of public instruction as provided in RCW 28A.205.010;

(b) The cost-effectiveness of the proposal; and

(c) The availability of committed nonstate funds to support, enrich, or otherwise enhance the basic program.

(3) In selecting areas for new or expanded education center programs, the superintendent of public instruction shall consider factors including but not limited to:

(a) The proportion and total number of dropouts unserved by existing center programs, if any;

(b) The availability within the geographic area of programs other than education centers which address the basic educational needs of dropouts; and

(c) Waiting lists or other evidence of demand for expanded education center programs.

(4) In the event of any curtailment of services resulting from lowered legislative appropriations, the superintendent of public instruction shall issue pro rata reductions to all centers funded at the time of the lowered appropriation. Individual centers may be exempted from such pro rata reductions if the superintendent finds that such reductions would impair the center's ability to operate at minimally acceptable levels of service. In the event of such exceptions, the superintendent shall determine an appropriate rate for reduction to permit the center to continue operation.

(5) In the event that an additional center or centers become certified and apply to the superintendent for funds to be allocated from a legislative appropriation which does not increase from the immediately preceding biennium, or does not increase sufficiently to allow such additional center or centers to operate at minimally
acceptable levels of service without reducing the funds available to previously funded centers, the superintendent shall not provide funding for such additional center or centers from such appropriation.

Sec. 410. RCW 28A.215.010 and 1995 c 335 s 104 are each amended to read as follows:

The board of directors of any school district shall have the power to establish and maintain preschools and to provide before- and-after-school and vacation care in connection with the common schools of said district located at such points as the board shall deem most suitable for the convenience of the public, for the care and instruction of infants and children residing in said district. The board shall establish such courses, activities, rules, and regulations governing preschools and before-and-after-school care as it may deem best; PROVIDED, That these courses and activities shall meet the minimum standard for such preschools as established by the United States department of health, education and welfare, or its successor agency, and the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction. Except as otherwise provided by state or federal law, the board of directors may fix a reasonable charge for the care and instruction of children attending such schools. The board may, if necessary, supplement such funds as are received for the superintendent of public instruction or any agency of the federal government, by an appropriation from the general school fund of the district.

Sec. 411. RCW 28A.215.020 and 1995 c 335 s 308 are each amended to read as follows:

Expenditures under federal funds and/or state appropriations made to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.215.010 through 28A.215.050 shall be made by warrants issued by the state treasurer upon order of the superintendent of public instruction. The ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction shall make necessary rules ((and regulations)) to carry out the purpose of RCW 28A.215.010. After being notified by the office of the governor that there is an agency or department responsible for early learning, the superintendent shall consult with that agency when establishing relevant rules.

Sec. 412. RCW 28A.205.040 and 1999 c 348 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

1(a) From funds appropriated for that purpose, the superintendent of public instruction shall pay fees to a certified center on a monthly basis for each student enrolled in compliance with RCW 28A.205.020. The superintendent shall set fees by rule.

(b) Revisions in such fees proposed by an education center shall become effective after thirty days notice unless the superintendent finds such a revision is unreasonable in which case the revision shall not take effect. (An education center may, within fifteen days after such a finding by the superintendent, file notification of appeal with the state board of education which shall, no later than its second regularly scheduled meeting following notification of such appeal, either grant or deny the proposed revision.) The administration of any general education development test shall not be a part of such initial diagnostic procedure.

(c) Reimbursements shall not be made for students who are absent.

(d) No center shall make any charge to any student, or the student's parent, guardian or custodian, for whom a fee is being received under the provisions of this section.

2 Payments shall be made from available funds first to those centers that have in the judgment of the superintendent demonstrated superior performance based upon consideration of students' educational gains taking into account such students' backgrounds, and upon consideration of cost effectiveness. In considering the cost effectiveness of nonprofit centers the superintendent shall take into account not only payments made under this section but also factors such as tax exemptions, direct and indirect subsidies or any other cost to taxpayers at any level of government which result from such nonprofit status.

3 To be eligible for such payment, every such center, without prior notice, shall permit a review of its accounting records by personnel of the state auditor during normal business hours.

4 If total funds for this purpose approach depletion, the superintendent shall notify the centers of the date after which further funds for reimbursement of the centers' services will be exhausted.

Sec. 413. RCW 28A.215.140 and 1988 c 174 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

The department shall establish an advisory committee composed of interested parents and representatives from ((the state board of education)) the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the division of children and family services within the department of social and health services, early childhood education and development staff preparation programs, the head start programs, school districts, and such other community and business organizations as deemed necessary by the department to assist with the establishment of the preschool program and advise the department on matters regarding the on-going promotion and operation of the program.

Sec. 414. RCW 28A.230.020 and 1991 c 116 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

All common schools shall give instruction in reading, penmanship, orthography, written and mental arithmetic, geography, the history of the United States, English grammar, physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on the human system, science with special reference to the environment, and such other studies as may be prescribed by rule ((or regulation)) of the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction. All teachers shall stress the importance of the cultivation of manners, the fundamental principles of honesty, honor, industry and economy, the minimum requisites for good health including the beneficial effect of physical exercise and methods to prevent exposure to and transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, and the worth of kindness to all living creatures and the land. The prevention of child abuse may be offered as part of the curriculum in the common schools.

Sec. 415. RCW 28A.230.040 and 1984 c 52 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

Every pupil attending grades one through eight of the public schools shall receive instruction in physical education as prescribed by rule ((or regulation)) of the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED, That individual pupils or students may be excused on account of physical disability, religious belief, or participation in directed athletics.

Sec. 416. RCW 28A.230.050 and 1985 c 384 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

All high schools of the state shall emphasize the work of physical education, and carry into effect all physical education requirements established by rule ((or regulation)) of the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED,
That individual students may be excused from participating in physical education otherwise required under this section on account of physical disability, employment, or religious belief, or because of participation in directed athletics or military science and tactics or for other good cause.

Sec. 417. RCW 28A.330.100 and 1995 c 335 s 503 and 1995 c 77 s 22 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

Every board of directors of a school district of the first class, in addition to the general powers for directors enumerated in this title, shall have the power:

1. To employ for a term not exceeding three years a superintendent of schools of the district, and for cause to dismiss him or her(s), and to fix his or her duties and compensation(s);
2. To employ, and for cause dismiss one or more assistant superintendents and to define their duties and fix their compensation(s);
3. To employ a business manager, attorneys, architects, inspectors of construction, superintendents of buildings and a superintendent of supplies, all of whom shall serve at the board's pleasure, and to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation(s); and
4. To employ, and for cause dismiss, supervisors of instruction and to define their duties and fix their compensation(s);
5. To prescribe a course of study and a program of exercises which shall be consistent with the course of study prepared by the superintendent of instruction for the use of the common schools of this state(s);
6. To, in addition to the minimum requirements imposed by this title establish and maintain such grades and departments, including night, high, kindergarten, vocational training and, except as otherwise provided by law, industrial schools, and schools and departments for the education and training of any class or classes of youth with disabilities, as in the judgment of the board, best shall promote the interests of education in the district(s);
7. To determine the length of time over and above one hundred eighty days that school shall be maintained: PROVIDED, That for purposes of apportionment no district shall be credited with more than one hundred and eighty-three days' attendance in any school year; and to fix the time for annual opening and closing of schools and for the daily dismissal of pupils before the regular time for closing schools(s);
8. To maintain a shop and repair department, and to employ, and for cause dismiss, a foreman and the necessary help for the maintenance and conduct thereof;
9. To provide free textbooks and supplies for all children attending schools;
10. To require of the officers or employees of the district to give a bond for the honest performance of their duties in such penal sum as may be fixed by the board with good and sufficient surety, and to cause the premium for all bonds required of all such officers or employees to be paid by the district: PROVIDED, That the board may, by written policy, allow that such bonds may include a deductible proviso not to exceed two percent of the officer's or employee's annual salary(s);
11. To prohibit all secret fraternities and sororities among the students in any of the schools of the said district(s); and
12. To appoint a practicing physician, resident of the school district, who shall be known as the school district medical inspector, and whose duty it shall be to decide for the board of directors all questions of sanitation and health affecting the safety and welfare of the public schools of the district who shall serve at the board's pleasure: PROVIDED, That children shall not be required to submit to vaccination against the will of their parents or guardian.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 418. RCW 28A.305.220 is recodified as a new section in chapter 28A.230 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 419. RCW 28A.305.170 is recodified as a new section in chapter 28A.300 RCW.

PART 5

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Sec. 501. RCW 28A.315.175 and 1999 c 315 s 302 are each amended to read as follows:

1. The powers and duties of the state board with respect to this chapter shall be:
   1. ((If)) Aid regional committees in the performance of their duties by furnishing them with plans of procedure, standards, data, maps, forms, and other necessary materials and services essential to a study and understanding of the problems of school district organization in their respective educational service districts((s)); and
   2. ((To hear appeals as provided in RCW 28A.315.205)) Carry out powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction relating to the organization and reorganization of school districts.

Sec. 502. RCW 28A.315.195 and 2003 c 413 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

1. A proposed change in school district organization by transfer of territory from one school district to another may be initiated by a petition in writing presented to the educational service district superintendent:
   a. Signed by at least fifty percent plus one of the active registered voters residing in the territory proposed to be transferred; or
   b. Signed by a majority of the members of the board of directors of one of the districts affected by a proposed transfer of territory.
2. The petition shall state the name and number of each district affected, describe the boundaries of the territory proposed to be transferred, and state the reasons for desiring the change and the number of children of school age, if any, residing in the territory.
3. The educational service district superintendent shall not complete any transfer of territory under this section that involves ten percent or more of the common school student population of the entire district from which the transfer is proposed, unless the educational service district superintendent has first called and held a special election of the voters of the entire school district from which the transfer of territory is proposed. The purpose of the election is to afford those voters an opportunity to approve or reject the proposed transfer. A simple majority shall determine approval or rejection.
4. The superintendent of public instruction may establish rules limiting the frequency of petitions that may be filed pertaining to territory included in whole or in part in a previous petition.
5. Upon receipt of the petition, the educational service district superintendent shall notify in writing the affected districts that:
   a. Each school district board of directors, whether or not initiating a proposed transfer of territory, is required to enter into negotiations with the affected district or districts;
   b. In the case of a citizen-initiated petition, the affected districts must negotiate on the entire proposed transfer of territory;
   c. The districts have ninety calendar days in which to agree to the proposed transfer of territory;
(d) The districts may request and shall be granted by the educational service district superintendent one thirty-day extension to try to reach agreement; and

(e) Any district involved in the negotiations may at any time during the ninety-day period notify the educational service district superintendent in writing that agreement will not be possible.

(6) If the negotiating school boards cannot come to agreement about the proposed transfer of territory, the educational service district superintendent, if requested by the affected districts, shall appoint a mediator. The mediator has thirty days to work with the affected school districts to see if an agreement can be reached on the proposed transfer of territory.

(7) If the affected school districts cannot come to agreement about the proposed transfer of territory, and the districts do not request the services of a mediator or the mediator was unable to bring the districts to agreement, either district may file with the educational service district superintendent a written request for a hearing by the regional committee.

(8) If the affected school districts cannot come to agreement about the proposed transfer of territory initiated by citizen petition, and the districts do not request the services of a mediator or the mediator was unable to bring the districts to agreement, the district in which the citizens who filed the petition reside shall file with the educational service district superintendent a written request for a hearing by the regional committee, unless a majority of the citizen petitioners request otherwise.

(9) Upon receipt of a notice under subsection (7) or (8) of this section, the educational service district superintendent shall notify the chair of the regional committee in writing within ten days.

(10) Costs incurred by school districts under this section shall be reimbursed by the state from such funds as are appropriated for this purpose.

Sec. 503. (1) The chair of the regional committee shall schedule a hearing on the proposed transfer of territory at a location in the educational service district within sixty calendar days of being notified under RCW 28A.315.195(7) or (8).

(2) Within thirty calendar days of the hearing under subsection (1) of this section, or final hearing if more than one is held by the committee, the committee shall issue its written findings and decision to approve or disapprove the proposed transfer of territory. The educational service district superintendent shall transmit a copy of the committee's decision to the superintendents of the affected school districts within ten calendar days.

(3) In carrying out the purposes of RCW 28A.315.015 and in making decisions as authorized under RCW 28A.315.095(1), the regional committee shall base its judgment upon whether and to the extent the proposed change in school district organization complies with RCW 28A.315.015(2) and rules adopted by the (state board) superintendent of public instruction under chapter 34.05 RCW.

(4) (State Board) The rules under subsection (3) of this section shall provide for giving consideration to all of the following:

(a) Student educational opportunities as measured by the percentage of students performing at each level of the statewide mandated assessments and data regarding student attendance, graduation, and dropout rates;

(b) The safety and welfare of pupils. For the purposes of this subsection, “safety” means freedom or protection from danger, injury, or damage and “welfare” means a positive condition or influence regarding health, character, and well-being;

(c) The history and relationship of the property affected to the students and communities affected, including, for example, inclusion within a single school district, for school attendance and corresponding tax support purposes, of entire master planned communities that were or are to be developed pursuant to an integrated commercial and residential development plan with over one thousand dwelling units;

(d) Whether or not geographic accessibility warrants a favorable consideration of a recommended change in school district organization, including remoteness or isolation of places of residence and time required to travel to and from school; and

(e) All funding sources of the affected districts, equalization among school districts of the tax burden for general fund and capital purposes through a reduction in disparities in per pupil valuation when all funding sources are considered, improvement in the economies in the administration and operation of schools, and the extent the proposed change would potentially reduce or increase the individual and aggregate transportation costs of the affected school districts.

(5)(a)(i) A petitioner or school district may appeal a decision by the regional committee to the (state board) superintendent of public instruction based on the claim that the regional committee failed to follow the applicable statutory and regulatory procedures or acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner. Any such appeal shall be based on the record and the appeal must be filed within thirty days of the final decision of the regional committee. The appeal shall be heard and determined by an administrative law judge in the office of administrative hearings, based on the standards in (a)(ii) of this subsection.

(ii) If the (state board) administrative law judge finds that all applicable procedures were not followed or that the regional committee acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner, (the board) the administrative law judge shall refer the matter back to the regional committee with an explanation of (the board's) his or her findings. The regional committee shall re hear the proposal.

(iii) If the (state board) administrative law judge finds that all applicable procedures were followed or that the regional committee did not act in an arbitrary and capricious manner, depending on the appeal, the educational service district shall be notified and directed to implement the changes.

(b) Any school district or citizen petitioner affected by a final decision of the regional committee may seek judicial review of the committee's decision in accordance with RCW 34.05.570.

Sec. 504. (1) It is the purpose of this chapter to:

(a) Incorporate into a single, comprehensive, school district organization law all essential provisions governing:

(i) The formation and establishment of new school districts;

(ii) The alteration of the boundaries of existing districts; and

(iii) The adjustment of the assets and liabilities of school districts when changes are made under this chapter; and

(b) Establish methods and procedures whereby changes in the school district system may be brought about by the people concerned and affected.

(2) It is the state's policy that decisions on proposed changes in school district organization should be made, whenever possible, by negotiated agreement between the affected school districts. If the districts cannot agree, the decision shall be made by the regional committees on school district organization, based on the committees' best judgment, taking into consideration the following factors and
factors under RCW 28A.315.205:

(a) A balance of local petition requests and the needs of the statewide community at large in a manner that advances the best interest of public education in the affected school districts and communities, the educational service district, and the state;

(b) Responsibly serving all of the affected citizens and students by contributing to logical service boundaries and recognizing a changing economic pattern within the educational service districts of the state;

(c) Enhancing the educational opportunities of pupils in the territory by reducing existing disparities among the affected school districts' ability to provide operating and capital funds through an equitable adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the affected districts;

(d) Promoting a wiser use of public funds through improvement in the school district system of the educational service districts and the state; and

(e) Other criteria or considerations as may be established in rule by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction.

(3) It is neither the intent nor purpose of this chapter to apply to organizational changes and the procedure therefor relating to capital fund aid by nonhigh school districts as provided for in chapter 28A.540 RCW.

Sec. 505. RCW 28A.315.025 and 1990 c 33 s 293 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Change in the organization and extent of school districts" means the formation and establishment of new school districts, the dissolution of existing school districts, the alteration of the boundaries of existing school districts, or all of them.

(2) "Regional committee" means the regional committee on school district organization created by this chapter.

(3) (("State board" means the state board of education.

(4)) (4) "School district" means the territory under the jurisdiction of a single governing board designated and referred to as the board of directors.

((§§)) (4) "Educational service district superintendent" means the educational service district superintendent as provided for in RCW 28A.310.170 or his or her designee.

Sec. 506. RCW 28A.315.055 and 1999 c 315 s 203 are each amended to read as follows:

In case the boundaries of any of the school districts are conflicting or incorrectly described, the educational service district board of directors, after due notice and a public hearing, shall change, harmonize, and describe them and shall so certify, with a complete transcript of boundaries of all districts affected, such action to the ((state board)) superintendent of public instruction for ((its)) approval or revision. Upon receipt of notification of ((state board)) action by the superintendent of public instruction, the educational service district superintendent shall transmit to the county legislative authority of the county or counties in which the affected districts are located a complete transcript of the boundaries of all districts affected.

Sec. 507. RCW 28A.315.085 and 2005 c 497 s 405 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The superintendent of public instruction shall furnish ((to the state board and)) to regional committees the services of employed personnel and the materials and supplies necessary to enable them to perform the duties imposed upon them by this chapter ((and)), Members shall be reimbursed ((the members thereof)) for expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties((and such reimbursement for regional committee members to be)) in accordance with RCW 28A.315.155((and such reimbursement for state board members to be in accordance with RCW 28A.305.011)).

(2) Costs that may be incurred by an educational service district in association with school district negotiations under RCW 28A.315.195 and supporting the regional committee under RCW 28A.315.205 shall be reimbursed by the state from such funds as are appropriated for these purposes.

Sec. 508. RCW 28A.315.125 and 1993 c 416 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The members of each regional committee shall be elected in the following manner:

(1) On or before the 25th day of September, 1994, and not later than the 25th day of September of every subsequent even-numbered year, each superintendent of an educational service district shall call an election to be held in each educational service district within which resides a member of a regional committee whose term of office expires on the second Monday of January next following, and shall give written notice thereof to each member of the board of directors of each school district in the educational service district. Such notice shall include instructions, and the rules ((and regulations)) established by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction for the conduct of the election. The ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction is (hereby) empowered to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW which establish standards and procedures which the ((state board)) superintendent deems necessary to conduct elections pursuant to this section; to conduct run-off elections in the event an election for a position is indecisive; and to decide run-off elections which result in tie votes, in a fair and orderly manner.

(2) Candidates for membership on a regional committee shall file a declaration of candidacy with the superintendent of the educational service district wherein they reside. Declarations of candidacy may be filed by person or by mail not earlier than the 1st day of October, and not later than the 15th day of October of each even-numbered year. The superintendent may not accept any declaration of candidacy that is not on file in his or her office or not postmarked before the 16th day of October, or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the 20th day of October of each even-numbered year.

(3) Each member of the regional committee shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for the position by the members of the boards of directors of school districts in the educational service district. All votes shall be cast by mail ballot addressed to the superintendent of the educational service district wherein the school director resides. No votes shall be accepted for counting if postmarked after the 16th day of November or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the 21st day of November of each even-numbered year. An election board comprised of three persons appointed by the board of the educational service district shall count and tally the votes not later than the 25th day of November or the next business day if the 25th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday of each even-numbered year. Each vote cast by a school director shall be recorded as one vote. Within ten days following the count of votes, the educational service district superintendent shall certify to the superintendent of public instruction the name or names of the person(s) elected to be members of the regional committee.
(4) In the event of a change in the number of educational service districts or in the number of educational service district board members pursuant to chapter 28A.310 RCW a new regional committee shall be elected for each affected educational service district at the next election conducted pursuant to this section. Those persons who were serving on a regional committee within an educational service district affected by a change in the number of districts or board members shall continue to constitute the regional committee for the educational service district within which they are registered to vote until the majority of a new board has been elected and certified.

(5) No member of a regional committee shall continue to serve thereon if he or she ceases to be a registered voter of the educational service district board member district or if he or she is absent from three consecutive meetings of the committee without an excuse acceptable to the committee.

Sec. 509. RCW 28A.315.185 and 1999 c 315 s 303 are each amended to read as follows:

To the extent funds are appropriated, the superintendent of public instruction, in cooperation with the educational service districts and the Washington state school directors’ association, shall conduct an annual training meeting for the regional committees, (state board members) educational service district superintendents, and local school district superintendents and boards of directors. Training may also be provided upon request.

PART 6
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICTS

Sec. 601. RCW 28A.305.210 and 2005 c 518 s 913 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) (The state board of education, by rule or regulation, may require the assistance of educational service district boards and/or superintendents in the performance of any duty, authority, or power imposed upon or granted to the state board of education by law, upon such terms and conditions as the state board of education shall establish. Such authority to assist the state board of education shall be limited to the service function of information collection and dissemination and the attestation to the accuracy and completeness of submitted information.

(2) During the 2005-2007 biennium until the effective date of this act, educational service districts may, at the request of the state board of education, receive and screen applications for school accreditation, conduct school accreditation site visits pursuant to state board of education rules, and submit to the state board of education postsite visit recommendations for school accreditation. The educational service districts may assess a cooperative service fee to recover actual plus reasonable indirect costs for the purposes of this subsection.

(3) This section expires July 1, 2007.

Sec. 602. RCW 28A.310.080 and 1977 ex.s. c 283 s 15 are each amended to read as follows:

(On or before the twenty-fifth day of August, 1978, and) Not later than the twenty-fifth day of August of every (subsection) even-numbered year, the (secretary to the state board of education) superintendent of public instruction shall call an election to be held in each educational service district within which resides a member of the board of the educational service district whose term of office expires on the second Monday of January next following, and shall give written notice thereof to each member of the board of directors of each school district in such educational service district. Such notice shall include instructions((f)) and rules((g and regulations)) established by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction for the conduct of the election.

Sec. 603. RCW 28A.310.030 and 1990 c 33 s 271 are each amended to read as follows:

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, in each educational service district there shall be an educational service district board consisting of seven members elected by the school directors of the educational service district, one from each of seven educational service district board-member districts. Board-member districts in districts reorganized under RCW 28A.310.020, or as provided for in RCW 28A.310.120 and under this section, shall be initially determined by the state board of education. If a reorganization pursuant to RCW 28A.310.020 places the residence of a board member into another or newly created educational service district, such member shall serve on the board of the educational service district of residence and at the next election called by the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction pursuant to RCW 28A.310.080 a new seven member board shall be elected. If the redrawing of board-member district boundaries pursuant to this chapter shall cause the resident board-member district of two or more board members to coincide, such board members shall continue to serve on the board and at the next election called by the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction a new board shall be elected. The board-member districts shall be arranged so as practicable on a basis of equal population, with consideration being given existing board members of existing educational service district boards. Each educational service district board member shall be elected by the school directors of each school district within the educational service district. Beginning in 1971 and every ten years thereafter, educational service district boards shall review and, if necessary, shall change the boundaries of board-member districts so as to provide so far as practicable equal representation according to population of such board-member districts and to conform to school district boundary changes: PROVIDED, That all board-member district boundaries, to the extent necessary to conform with this chapter, shall be immediately redrawn for the purposes of the next election called by the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction following any reorganization pursuant to this chapter. Such district board, if failing to make the necessary changes prior to June 1st of the appropriate year, shall refer for settlement questions on board-member district boundaries to the ((secretary to the state board of education)) office of the superintendent of public instruction, which, after a public hearing, shall decide such questions.

Sec. 604. RCW 28A.310.050 and 1977 ex.s. c 283 s 19 are each amended to read as follows:

Any educational service district board may elect by resolution of the board to increase the board member size to nine board members. In such case positions number eight and nine shall be filled at the next election called by the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction, position numbered eight to be for a term of two years, position numbered nine to be for a term of four years. Thereafter the terms for such positions shall be for four years.

Sec. 605. RCW 28A.310.060 and 1977 ex.s. c 283 s 20 are each amended to read as follows:

The term of every educational service district board member
shall begin on the second Monday in January next following the election at which he or she was elected: PROVIDED, That a person elected to less than a full term pursuant to this section shall take office as soon as the election returns have been certified and he or she has qualified. In the event of a vacancy in the board from any cause, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a person from the same board-member district by the educational service district board. In the event that there are more than three vacancies in a seven-member board or four vacancies in a nine-member board, the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction shall fill by appointment sufficient vacancies so that there shall be a quorum of the board serving. Each appointed board member shall serve until his or her successor has been elected at the next election called by the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction and has qualified.

Sec. 606. RCW 28A.310.090 and 1977 ex.s. c 283 s 16 are each amended to read as follows:

Candidates for membership on an educational service district board shall file declarations of candidacy with the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction on forms prepared by the ((secretary)) superintendent. Declarations of candidacy may be filed by person or by mail not earlier than the first day of September, nor later than the sixteenth day of September. The ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent may not accept any declaration of candidacy that is not on file in his or her office or is not postmarked before the seventeenth day of September.

Sec. 607. RCW 28A.310.100 and 1980 c 179 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

Each member of an educational service district board shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at the election for all candidates for the position. All votes shall be cast by mail addressed to the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction and no votes shall be accepted for counting if postmarked after the sixteenth day of October or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the twenty-first day of October following the call of the election. The ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction and an election board comprised of three persons appointed by the ((state board of education)) superintendent shall count and tally the votes not later than the twenty-fifth day of October in the following manner: Each vote cast by a school director shall be accorded as one vote. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, then, not later than the first day of November, the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction shall call a second election to be conducted in the same manner and at which the candidates shall be the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast. No vote cast at such second election shall be received for counting if postmarked after the sixteenth day of November or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the twenty-first day of November and the votes shall be counted as hereinabove provided on the twenty-fifth day of November. The candidate receiving a majority of votes at any such second election shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie in such second election, the candidate elected shall be determined by a chance drawing of a nature established by the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction. Within ten days following the count of votes in an election at which a member of an educational service district board is elected, the ((secretary to the state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction shall certify to the county auditor of the headquarters county of the educational service district the name or names of the persons elected to be members of the educational service district board.

Sec. 608. RCW 28A.310.140 and 1990 c 33 s 274 are each amended to read as follows:

Every school district must be included entirely within a single educational service district. If the boundaries of any school district within an educational service district are changed in any manner so as to extend the school district beyond the boundaries of that educational service district, the ((state board)) superintendent of public instruction shall change the boundaries of the educational service districts so affected in a manner consistent with the purposes of RCW 28A.310.010 and this section.

Sec. 609. RCW 28A.310.150 and 1990 c 33 s 275 are each amended to read as follows:

Every candidate for membership on an educational service district board shall be a registered voter and a resident of the board-member district for which such candidate files. On or before the date for taking office, every member shall make an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States and the state of Washington and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office according to the best of such member’s ability. The members of the board shall not be required to give bond unless so directed by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction. At the first meeting of newly elected members and after the qualification for office of the newly elected members, each educational service district board shall reorganize by electing a chair and a vice chair. A majority of all of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 610. RCW 28A.310.200 and 2001 c 143 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, every educational service district board shall:

1. Approve the budgets of the educational service district in accordance with the procedures provided for in this chapter;
2. Meet regularly according to the schedule adopted at the organization meeting and in special session upon the call of the chair or a majority of the board;
3. Approve the selection of educational service district personnel and clerical staff as provided in RCW 28A.310.230;
4. Fix the amount of and approve the bonds for those educational service district employees designated by the board as being in need of bonding;
5. Keep in the educational service district office a full and correct transcript of the boundaries of each school district within the educational service district;
6. Acquire by borrowing funds or by purchase, lease, devise, bequest, and gift and otherwise contract for real and personal property necessary for the operation of the educational service district and to the execution of the duties of the board and superintendent thereof and sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of that property not necessary for district purposes. No real property shall be acquired or alienated without the prior approval of the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction and the acquisition or alienation of all such property shall be subject to such provisions as the ((board)) superintendent may establish. When borrowing funds for the purpose of acquiring property, the educational service district board shall pledge as collateral the property to be acquired. Borrowing shall be evidenced by a note or other instrument between the district and the lender;
7. Under RCW 28A.310.010, upon the written request of the
board of directors of a local school district or districts served by the educational service district, the educational service district board of directors may provide cooperative and informational services not in conflict with other law that provide for the development and implementation of programs, activities, services, or practices that support the education of preschool through twelfth grade students in the public schools or that support the effective, efficient, or safe management and operation of the school district or districts served by the educational service district:

(8) Adopt such bylaws and rules for its own operation as it deems necessary or appropriate;

(9) Enter into contracts, including contracts with common and educational service districts and the school for the deaf and the school for the blind for the joint financing of cooperative service programs conducted pursuant to RCW 28A.310.180(3), and employ consultants and legal counsel relating to any of the duties, functions, and powers of the educational service districts.

Sec. 611. RCW 28A.310.310 and 1990 c 33 s 284 are each amended to read as follows:

The educational service district board shall designate the headquarters office of the educational service district. Educational service districts shall provide for their own office space, heating, contents insurance, electricity, and custodial services, which may be obtained through contracting with any board of county commissioners. Official records of the educational service district board and superintendent, including each of the county superintendents abolished by chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., shall be kept by the educational service district superintendent. Whenever the boundaries of any of the educational service districts are reorganized pursuant to RCW 28A.310.020, the superintendent of public instruction shall supervise the transfer of such records so that each educational service district superintendent shall receive those records relating to school districts within the appropriate educational service district.

Sec. 612. RCW 28A.323.020 and 1985 c 385 s 25 are each amended to read as follows:

The duties in this chapter imposed upon and required to be performed by a regional committee and by an educational service district superintendent in connection with a change in the organization and extent of school districts and/or with the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of school districts and with all matters related to such change or adjustment whenever territory lying in a single educational service district is involved shall be performed jointly by the regional committees and by the superintendents of the several educational service districts as required whenever territory lying in more than one educational service district is involved in a proposed change in the organization and extent of school districts: PROVIDED, That a regional committee may designate three of its members, or two of its members and the educational service district superintendent, as a subcommittee to serve in lieu of the whole committee, but action by a subcommittee shall not be binding unless approved by a majority of the regional committee. Proposals for changes in the organization and extent of school districts and proposed terms of adjustment of assets and liabilities thus prepared and approved shall be submitted to the superintendent of public instruction by the regional committee of the educational service district in which is located the part of the proposed or enlarged district having the largest number of common school pupils residing therein.

Sec. 613. RCW 28A.323.040 and 1973 c 47 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

For all purposes essential to the maintenance, operation, and administration of the schools of a district, including the apportionment of current state and county school funds, the county in which a joint school district shall be considered as belonging shall be as designated by the superintendent of public instruction. Prior to making such designation, the superintendent of public instruction shall hold at least one public hearing on the matter, at which time the recommendation of the joint school district shall be presented and, in addition to such recommendation, the superintendent shall consider the following prior to its designation:

1. Service needs of such district;
2. Availability of services;
3. Geographic location of district and servicing agencies; and
4. Relationship to contiguous school districts.

Sec. 614. RCW 29A.24.070 and 2005 c 221 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

Declarations of candidacy shall be filed with the following filing officers:

1. The secretary of state for declarations of candidacy for statewide offices, United States senate, and United States house of representatives;
2. The secretary of state for declarations of candidacy for the state legislature, the court of appeals, and the superior court when the candidate is seeking office in a district comprised of voters from two or more counties. The secretary of state and the county auditor may accept declarations of candidacy for candidates for the state legislature, the court of appeals, and the superior court when the candidate is seeking office in a district comprised of voters from one county;
3. The county auditor for all other offices. For any nonpartisan office, other than judicial offices and school director in joint districts, where voters from a district comprising more than one county vote upon the candidates, a declaration of candidacy shall be filed with the county auditor of the county in which a majority of the registered voters of the district reside. For school directors in joint school districts, the declaration of candidacy shall be filed with the county auditor of the county designated by the superintendent of public instruction as the county to which the joint school district is considered as belonging under RCW 28A.323.040;
4. For all other purposes of this title, a declaration of candidacy for the state legislature, the court of appeals, and the superior court filed with the secretary of state shall be deemed to have been filed with the county auditor when the candidate is seeking office in a district composed of voters from one county.

Each official with whom declarations of candidacy are filed under this section, within one business day following the closing of the applicable filing period, shall transmit to the public disclosure commission the information required in RCW 29A.24.031(1) through (4) for each declaration of candidacy filed in his or her office during such filing period or a list containing the name of each candidate who files such a declaration in his or her office during such filing period together with a precise identification of the position sought by each such candidate and the date on which such declaration was filed. Such official, within three days following his or her receipt of any letter withdrawing a person’s name as a candidate, shall also forward a copy of such withdrawal letter to the public disclosure commission.
Sec. 615. RCW 84.09.037 and 1990 c 33 s 597 are each amended to read as follows:

Each school district affected by a transfer of territory from one school district to another school district under chapter 28A.315 RCW shall retain its preexisting boundaries for the purpose of the collection of excess tax levies authorized under RCW 84.52.053 before the effective date of the transfer, for such tax collection years and for such excess tax levies as the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction may approve and order that the transferred territory shall either be subject to or relieved of such excess levies, as the case may be. For the purpose of all other excess tax levies previously authorized under chapter 84.52 RCW and all excess tax levies authorized under RCW 84.52.053 subsequent to the effective date of a transfer of territory, the boundaries of the affected school districts shall be modified to recognize the transfer of territory subject to RCW 84.09.030.

PART 7
STUDENTS

Sec. 701. RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction shall adopt and distribute to all school districts lawful and reasonable rules prescribing the substantive and procedural due process guarantees of pupils in the common schools. Such rules shall authorize a school district to use informal due process procedures in connection with the short-term suspension of students to the extent constitutionally permissible: PROVIDED, That the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction deems the interest of students to be adequately protected. When a student suspension or expulsion is appealed, the rules shall authorize a school district to impose the suspension or expulsion temporarily after an initial hearing for no more than ten consecutive school days or until the appeal is decided, whichever is earlier. Any days that the student is temporarily suspended or expelled before the appeal is decided shall be applied to the term of the student suspension or expulsion and shall not limit or extend the term of the student suspension or expulsion.

(2) Short-term suspension procedures may be used for suspensions of students up to and including, ten consecutive school days.

Sec. 702. RCW 28A.150.300 and 1993 c 68 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The use of corporal punishment in the common schools is prohibited. The (state board of education, in consultation with the) superintendent of public instruction(s) shall develop and adopt a policy prohibiting the use of corporal punishment in the common schools. The policy shall be adopted ((by the state board of education on or before February 1, 1993)) and (shall be effective) implemented in all school districts ((September 1, 1994)).

Sec. 703. RCW 28A.225.160 and 1999 c 348 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

Except as otherwise provided by law, it is the general policy of the state that the common schools shall be open to the admission of all persons who are five years of age and less than twenty-one years residing in that school district. Except as otherwise provided by law or rules adopted by the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction, districts may establish uniform entry qualifications, including but not limited to birth date requirements, for admission to kindergarten and first grade programs of the common schools. Such rules may provide for exceptions based upon the ability, or the need, or both, of an individual student. For the purpose of complying with any rule adopted by the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction that authorizes a predimson screening process as a prerequisite to granting exceptions to the uniform entry qualifications, a school district may collect fees to cover expenses incurred in the administration of any predimson screening process: PROVIDED, That in so establishing such fee or fees, the district shall adopt regulations for waiving and reducing such fees in the cases of those persons whose families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty in paying the entire amount of such fees.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 704. A new section is added to chapter 28A.300 RCW to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules relating to pupil tests and records.

Sec. 705. RCW 28A.300.150 and 1994 c 245 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction shall collect and disseminate to school districts information on child abuse and neglect prevention curriculum and shall adopt rules dealing with the prevention of child abuse for purposes of curriculum use in the common schools. The superintendent of public instruction and the departments of social and health services and community, trade, and economic development shall share relevant information.

Sec. 706. RCW 28A.600.020 and 1997 c 266 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The rules adopted pursuant to RCW 28A.600.010 shall be interpreted to (require) ensure that the optimum learning atmosphere of the classroom is maintained, and that the highest consideration is given to the judgment of qualified certificated educators regarding conditions necessary to maintain the optimum learning atmosphere.

(2) Any student who creates a disruption of the educational process in violation of the building disciplinary standards while under a teacher's immediate supervision may be excluded by the teacher from his or her individual classroom and instructional or activity area for all or any portion of the balance of the school day, or up to the following two days, or until the principal or designee and teacher have conferred, whichever occurs first. Except in emergency circumstances, the teacher first must attempt one or more alternative forms of corrective action. In no event without the consent of the teacher may an excluded student return to the class during the balance of that class or activity period or up to the following two days, or until the principal or his or her designee and the teacher have conferred.

(3) In order to preserve a beneficial learning environment for all students and to maintain good order and discipline in each classroom, every school district board of directors shall provide that written procedures are developed for administering discipline at each school within the district. Such procedures shall be developed with the participation of parents and the community, and shall provide that the teacher, principal or designee, and other authorities designated by the board of directors, make every reasonable attempt to involve the parent or guardian and the student in the resolution of student discipline problems. Such procedures shall provide that students may be excluded from their individual classes or activities for periods of time in excess of that provided in subsection (2) of this section if such students have repeatedly disrupted the learning of other students. The procedures must be consistent with the rules of the
(state board of education) superintendent of public instruction and must provide for early involvement of parents in attempts to improve the student's behavior.

(4) The procedures shall assure, pursuant to RCW 28A.400.110, that all staff work cooperatively toward consistent enforcement of proper student behavior throughout each school as well as within each classroom.

(5) A principal shall consider imposing long-term suspension or expulsion as a sanction when deciding the appropriate disciplinary action for a student who, after July 27, 1997:

(a) Engages in two or more violations within a three-year period of RCW 9A.46.120, 28A.320.135, 28A.600.455, 28A.600.460, 28A.635.020, 28A.600.020, 28A.635.060, 2A.41.280, or 28A.320.140; or

(b) Engages in one or more of the offenses listed in RCW 13.04.155.

The principal shall communicate the disciplinary action taken by the principal to the school personnel who referred the student to the principal for disciplinary action.

Sec. 707. RCW 28A.600.030 and 1990 c 33 s 498 are each amended to read as follows:

Each school district board of directors may establish student grading policies which permit teachers to consider a student's attendance in determining the student's overall grade or deciding whether the student should be granted or denied credit. Such policies shall take into consideration the circumstances pertaining to the student's inability to attend school. However, no policy shall be adopted whereby a grade shall be reduced or credit shall be denied for disciplinary reasons only, rather than for academic reasons, unless due process of law is provided as set forth by the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.305.160 (as recodified by this act).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 708. RCW 28A.305.160 is recodified as a new section in chapter 28A.600 RCW.

PART 8 TRANSFER OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD DUTIES

Sec. 801. RCW 18.35.020 and 2005 c 45 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) No person shall engage in the fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments or imply or represent that he or she is engaged in the fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments unless he or she is a licensed hearing instrument fitter/dispenser or a licensed audiologist or holds an interim permit issued by the department as provided in this chapter and is an owner or employee of an establishment that is bonded as provided by RCW 18.35.240. The owner or manager of an establishment that dispenses hearing instruments is responsible under this chapter for all transactions made in the establishment name or conducted on its premises by agents or persons employed by the establishment engaged in fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments. Every establishment that fits and dispenses shall have in its employ at least one licensed hearing instrument fitter/dispenser or licensed audiologist at all times, and shall annually submit proof that all testing equipment at that establishment that is required by the board to be calibrated has been properly calibrated.

(2) Effective January 1, 2003, no person shall engage in the practice of audiology or imply or represent that he or she is engaged in the practice of audiology unless he or she is a licensed audiologist or holds an audiology interim permit issued by the department as provided in this chapter. Audiologists who are certified as educational staff associates by the (state board of education) Washington professional educator standards board are excluded unless they elect to become licensed under this chapter. However, a person certified by the state board of education as an educational staff associate who practices outside the school setting must be a licensed audiologist.

(3) Effective January 1, 2003, no person shall engage in the practice of speech-language pathology or imply or represent that he or she is engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology unless he or she is a licensed speech-language pathologist or holds a speech-language pathology interim permit issued by the department as provided in this chapter. Speech-language pathologists who are certified as educational staff associates by the state board of education are excluded unless they elect to become licensed under this chapter. However, a person certified by the state board of education as an educational staff associate who practices outside the school setting must be a licensed speech-language pathologist.

Sec. 802. RCW 18.35.195 and 2005 c 45 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) This chapter shall not apply to military or federal government employees.

(2) This chapter does not prohibit or regulate:

(a) Fitting or dispensing by students enrolled in a board-approved program who are directly supervised by a licensed hearing instrument fitter/dispenser, a licensed audiologist under the provisions of this chapter, or an instructor at a two-year hearing instrument fitter/dispenser degree program that is approved by the board;

(b) Hearing instrument fitter/dispensers, speech-language pathologists, or audiologists of other states, territories, or countries, or the District of Columbia while appearing as clinicians of bona fide educational seminars sponsored by speech-language pathology, audiology, hearing instrument fitter/dispenser, medical, or other healing art professional associations so long as such activities do not go beyond the scope of practice defined by this chapter; and

(c) The practice of audiology or speech-language pathology by persons certified by the (state) board ((of education)) as an educational staff associate who practices outside the school setting must be a licensed audiologist or licensed speech-language pathologist.

Sec. 803. RCW 18.83.200 and 1986 c 27 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

This chapter shall not apply to:

(1) Any person teaching, lecturing, consulting, or engaging in research in psychology but only insofar as such activities are performed as a part of or are dependent upon a position in a college or university in the state of Washington.

(2) Any person who holds a valid school psychologist credential from the Washington (state) board ((of education)) professional educator standards board but only when such a person is practicing psychology in the course of his or her employment.

(3) Any person employed by a local, state, or federal government agency whose psychologists must qualify for employment under federal or state certification or civil service regulations; but only at those times when that person is carrying out...
the functions of his or her employment.

(4) Any person who must qualify under the employment requirements of a business or industry and who is employed by a business or industry which is not engaged in offering psychological services to the public, but only when such person is carrying out the functions of his or her employment: PROVIDED, That no person exempt from licensing under this subsection shall engage in the clinical practice of psychology.

(5) Any person who is a student of psychology, psychological intern, or resident in psychology preparing for the profession of psychology under supervision in a training institution or facilities and who is designated by the title such as "psychological trainee," "psychology student," which thereby indicates his or her training status.

(6) Any person who has received a doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher learning with an adequate major in sociology or social psychology as determined by the board and who has passed comprehensive examinations in the field of social psychology as part of the requirements for the doctoral degree. Such persons may use the title "social psychologist" provided that they file a statement of their education with the board.

Sec. 804. RCW 28A.625.360 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 10 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board shall establish an annual award program for excellence in teacher preparation to recognize higher education teacher educators for their leadership, contributions, and commitment to education.

(2) The program shall recognize annually one teacher preparation faculty member from one of the teacher preparation programs approved by the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board.

Sec. 805. RCW 28A.225.330 and 1999 c 198 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) When enrolling a student who has attended school in another school district, the school enrolling the student may request the parent and the student to briefly indicate in writing whether or not the student has:

(a) Any history of placement in special educational programs;
(b) Any past, current, or pending disciplinary action;
(c) Any history of violent behavior, or behavior listed in RCW 13.04.155;
(d) Any unpaid fines or fees imposed by other schools; and
(e) Any health conditions affecting the student's educational needs.

(2) The school enrolling the student shall request the school the student previously attended to send the student's permanent record including records of disciplinary action, history of violent behavior or behavior listed in RCW 13.04.155, attendance, immunization records, and academic performance. If the student has not paid a fine or fee under RCW 28A.635.060, or tuition, fees, or fines at approved private schools the school may withhold the student's official transcript, but shall transmit information about the student's academic performance, special placement, immunization records, records of disciplinary action, and history of violent behavior or behavior listed in RCW 13.04.155. If the official transcript is not sent due to unpaid tuition, fees, or fines, the enrolling school shall notify both the student and parent or guardian that the official transcript will not be sent until the obligation is met, and failure to have an official transcript may result in exclusion from extracurricular activities or failure to graduate.

(3) If information is requested under subsection (2) of this section, the information shall be transmitted within two school days after receiving the request and the records shall be sent as soon as possible. Any school district or district employee who releases the information in compliance with this section is immune from civil liability for damages unless it is shown that the school district employee acted with gross negligence or in bad faith. The ((professional educator standards board)) professional educator standards board shall provide by rule for the discipline under chapter 28A.410 RCW of a school principal or other chief administrator of a public school building who fails to make a good faith effort to assure compliance with this subsection.

(4) Any school district or district employee who releases the information in compliance with federal and state law is immune from civil liability for damages unless it is shown that the school district or district employee acted with gross negligence or in bad faith.

(5) When a school receives information under this section or RCW 13.40.215 that a student has a history of disciplinary actions, criminal or violent behavior, or other behavior that indicates the student could be a threat to the safety of educational staff or other students, the school shall provide this information to the student's teachers and security personnel.

Sec. 806. RCW 28A.405.110 and 1985 c 420 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature recognizes the importance of teachers in the educational system. Teachers are the fundamental element in assuring a quality education for the state's and the nation's children. Teachers, through their direct contact with children, have a great impact on the development of the child. The legislature finds that this important role of the teacher requires an assurance that teachers are as successful as possible in attaining the goal of a well-educated society. The legislature finds, therefore, that the evaluation of those persons seeking to enter the teaching profession is no less important than the evaluation of those persons currently teaching. The evaluation of persons seeking teaching credentials should be strenuous while making accommodations uniquely appropriate to the applicants. Strenuous teacher training and preparation should be complemented by examinations of prospective teachers prior to candidates being granted official certification by the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board. Teacher preparation program entrance examinations, teacher training, teacher preparation program exit examinations, official certification, in-service training, and ongoing evaluations of individual progress and professional growth are all part of developing and maintaining a strong precertification and postcertification professional education system.

The legislature further finds that an evaluation system for teachers has the following elements, goals, and objectives: (1) An evaluation system must be meaningful, helpful, and objective; (2) an evaluation system must encourage improvements in teaching skills, techniques, and abilities by identifying areas needing improvement; (3) an evaluation system must provide a mechanism to make meaningful distinctions among teachers and to acknowledge, recognize, and encourage superior teaching performance; and (4) an evaluation system must encourage respect in the evaluation process by the persons conducting the evaluations and the persons subject to the evaluations through recognizing the importance of objective standards and minimizing subjectivity.

Sec. 807. RCW 28A.415.010 and 1991 c 285 s 1 are each
amended to read as follows:

It shall be the responsibility of each educational service district board to establish a center for the improvement of teaching. The center shall administer, coordinate, and act as fiscal agent for such programs related to the recruitment and training of certificated and classified K-12 education personnel as may be delegated to the center by the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.310.470(( or the state board of education under RCW 28A.310.480)). To assist in these activities, each educational service district board shall establish an improvement of teaching coordinating council to include, at a minimum, representatives as specified in RCW 28A.415.040. An existing in-service training task force, established pursuant to RCW 28A.415.040, may serve as the improvement of teaching coordinating council. The educational service district board shall ensure coordination of programs established pursuant to RCW 28A.415.030, 28A.410.060, and 28A.415.250.

The educational service district board may arrange each year for the holding of one or more teachers' institutes and/or workshops for professional staff preparation and in-service training in such manner and at such time as the board believes will be of benefit to the teachers and other professional staff of school districts within the educational service district and shall comply with rules (( and regulations of the state board of education)) of the professional educator standards board pursuant to RCW 28A.410.060 or the superintendent of public instruction (( or state board of education)) pursuant to RCW 28A.415.250. The board may provide such additional means of teacher and other professional staff preparation and in-service training as it may deem necessary or appropriate and there shall be a proper charge against the educational service district general expense fund when approved by the educational service district board.

Educational service district boards of contiguous educational service districts, by mutual arrangements, may hold joint institutes and/or workshops, the expenses to be shared in proportion to the numbers of certificated personnel as shown by the last annual reports of the educational service districts holding such joint institutes or workshops.

In local school districts employing more than one hundred teachers and other professional staff, the school district superintendent may hold a teachers' institute of one or more days in such district, said institute when so held by the school district superintendent to be in all respects governed by the provisions of this title and ((state board of education)) rules (( and regulations)) relating to teachers' institutes held by educational service district superintendents.

Sec. 808. RCW 28A.415.020 and 1995 c 284 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Certificated personnel shall receive for each ten clock hours of approved in-service training attended the equivalent of one credit college quarter course on the salary schedule developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee.

(2) Certificated personnel shall receive for each ten clock hours of approved continuing education earned, as continuing education is defined by rule adopted by the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board, the equivalent of a one credit college quarter course on the salary schedule developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee.

(3) Certificated personnel shall receive for each forty clock hours of participation in an approved internship with a business, an industry, or government, as an internship is defined by rule of the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board in accordance with RCW 28A.415.025, the equivalent of a one credit college quarter course on the salary schedule developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee.

(4) An approved in-service training program shall be a program approved by a school district board of directors, which meet standards adopted by the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board, and the development of said program has been participated in by an in-service training task force whose membership is the same as provided under RCW 28A.415.040, or a program offered by an education agency approved to provide in-service for the purposes of continuing education as provided for under rules adopted by the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board, or both.

(5) Clock hours eligible for application to the salary schedule developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee as described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, shall be those hours acquired after August 31, 1987. Clock hours eligible for application to the salary schedule as described in subsection (3) of this section shall be those hours acquired after December 31, 1995.

Sec. 809. RCW 28A.415.024 and 2005 c 461 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) All credits earned in furtherance of degrees earned by certificated staff, that are used to increase earnings on the salary schedule consistent with RCW 28A.415.023, must be obtained from an educational institution accredited by an accrediting association recognized by rule of the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board.

(2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall verify for school districts the accreditation status of educational institutions granting degrees that are used by certificated staff to increase earnings on the salary schedule consistent with RCW 28A.415.023.

(3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide school districts with training and additional resources to ensure they can verify that degrees earned by certificated staff, that are used to increase earnings on the salary schedule consistent with RCW 28A.415.023, are obtained from an educational institution accredited by an accrediting association recognized by rule of the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board.

(a) No school district may submit degree information before there has been verification of accreditation under subsection (3) of this section.

(b) Certificated staff who submit degrees received from an unaccredited educational institution for the purposes of receiving a salary increase shall be fined three hundred dollars. The fine shall be paid to the office of the superintendent of public instruction and used for costs of administering this section.

(c) In addition to the fine in (b) of this subsection, certificated staff who receive salary increases based upon degrees earned from educational institutions that have been verified to be unaccredited must reimburse the district for any compensation received based on these degrees.

Sec. 810. RCW 28A.415.025 and 1995 c 284 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
The ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board shall establish rules for awarding clock hours for participation of certificated personnel in internships with business, industry, or government. To receive clock hours for an internship, the individual
must demonstrate that the internship will provide beneficial skills and knowledge in an area directly related to his or her current assignment, or to his or her assignment for the following school year. An individual may not receive more than the equivalent of two college quarter credits for internships during a calendar-year period. The total number of credits for internships that an individual may earn to advance on the salary schedule developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee or its successor agency is limited to the equivalent of fifteen college quarter credits.

Sec. 811. RCW 28A.415.105 and 1995 c 335 s 403 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.415.125 through 28A.415.140.

(1) "Cooperating organizations" means that at least one school district, one college or university, and one educational service district are involved jointly with the development of a student teaching center.

(2) "Cooperating teacher" means a teacher who holds a continuing certificate and supervises and coaches a student teacher.

(3) "Field experience" means opportunities for observation, tutoring, microteaching, extended practicums, and clinical and laboratory experiences which do not fall within the meaning of student teaching.

(4) "School setting" means a classroom in a public, common school in the state of Washington.

(5) "Student teacher" means a candidate for initial teacher certification who is in a professional educator standards board-approved, or regionally or nationally accredited teacher preparation program in a school setting as part of the field-based component of their preparation program.

(6) "Student teaching" means the full quarter or semester in a school setting during which the student teacher observes the cooperating teacher, participates in instructional activities, and assumes both part-time and full-time teaching responsibilities under the supervision of the cooperating teacher.

(7) "Student teaching center" means the program established to provide student teachers in a geographic region of the state with special support and training as part of their teacher preparation program.

(8) "Supervisor or university supervisor" means the regular or adjunct faculty member, or college or university-approved designee, who assists and supervises the work of cooperating teachers and student teachers.

Sec. 812. RCW 28A.415.125 and 1991 c 258 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

The professional educator standards board, from appropriated funds, shall establish a network of student teaching centers to support the continuing development of the field-based component of teacher preparation programs. The purpose of the training centers is to:

(1) Expand opportunities for student teacher placements in school districts statewide, with an emphasis on those populations and locations that are underserved or underserved;

(2) Provide cooperating teachers for all student teachers during their student internship for up to two academic quarters;

(3) Enhance the student teaching component of teacher preparation programs, including a placement of student teachers in special education and multi-ethnic school settings; and

(4) Expand access to each other and opportunities for collaboration in teacher education between colleges and universities and school districts.

Sec. 813. RCW 28A.415.130 and 1991 c 258 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

Funds for the student teaching centers shall be allocated by the superintendent of public instruction among the educational service district regions on the basis of student teaching placements. The fiscal agent for each center shall be either an educational service district or a state institution of higher education. Prospective fiscal agents shall document to the professional educator standards board the following information:

(1) The existing or proposed center was developed jointly through a process including participation by at least one school district, one college or university, and one educational service district;

(2) Primary administration for each center shall be the responsibility of one or more of the cooperating organizations;

(3) Assurance that the training center program provides appropriate and necessary training in observation, supervision, and assistance skills and techniques for:

(a) Cooperating teachers;

(b) Other school building personnel; and

(c) School district employees.

Sec. 814. RCW 28A.415.145 and 1991 c 258 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

The professional educator standards board and the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.415.100 through 28A.415.140.

Sec. 815. RCW 28A.630.400 and 1995 c 335 s 202 and 1995 c 77 s 27 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The professional educator standards board and the state board for community and technical colleges, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, the higher education coordinating board, the state apprenticeship training council, and community colleges, shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement the paraeducator associate of arts degree.

(2) As used in this section, a "paraeducator" is an individual who has completed an associate of arts degree for a paraeducator. The paraeducator may be hired by a school district to assist certificated instructional staff in the direct instruction of children in small and large groups, individualized instruction, testing of children, recordkeeping, and preparation of materials. The paraeducator shall work under the direction of instructional certificated staff.

(3) The training program for a paraeducator associate of arts degree shall include, but is not limited to, the general requirements for receipt of an associate of arts degree and training in the areas of introduction to childhood education, orientation to children with disabilities, fundamentals of childhood education, creative activities for children, instructional materials for children, fine art experiences for children, the psychology of learning, introduction to education, child health and safety, child development and guidance, first aid, and a practicum in a school setting.

(4) Consideration shall be given to transferability of credit earned in this program to teacher preparation programs at colleges and universities.

Sec. 816. RCW 28A.660.020 and 2004 c 23 s 2 are each
amended to read as follows:

(1) Each district or consortia of school districts applying for the alternative route certification program shall submit a proposal to the Washington professional educator standards board specifying:

(a) The route or routes the partnership program intends to offer and a detailed description of how the routes will be structured and operated by the partnership;

(b) The number of candidates that will be enrolled per route;

(c) An identification, indication of commitment, and description of the role of approved teacher preparation programs that are partnering with the district or consortia of districts;

(d) An assurance of district provision of adequate training for mentor teachers either through participation in a state mentor training academy or district-provided training that meets state-established mentor-training standards specific to the mentoring of alternative route candidates;

(e) An assurance that significant time will be provided for mentor teachers to spend with the alternative route teacher candidates throughout the internship. Partnerships must provide each candidate with intensive classroom mentoring until such time as the candidate demonstrates the competency necessary to manage the classroom with less intensive supervision and guidance from a mentor;

(f) A description of the rigorous screening process for applicants to alternative route programs, including entry requirements specific to each route, as provided in RCW 28A.660.040; and

(g) The design and use of a teacher development plan for each candidate. The plan shall specify the alternative route coursework and training required of each candidate and shall be developed by comparing the candidate's prior experience and coursework with the state's new performance-based standards for residency certification and adjusting any requirements accordingly. The plan may include the following components:

(i) A minimum of one-half of a school year, and an additional significant amount of time if necessary, of intensive mentorship, starting with full-time mentoring and progressing to increasingly less intensive monitoring and assistance as the intern demonstrates the skills necessary to take over the classroom with less intensive support. For route one and two candidates, before the supervision is diminished, the mentor of the teacher candidate at the school and the supervisor of the teacher candidate from the higher education teacher preparation program must both agree that the teacher candidate is ready to manage the classroom with less intensive supervision. For route three and four candidates, the mentor of the teacher candidate shall make the decision;

(ii) Identification of performance indicators based on the knowledge and skills standards required for residency certification by the ((state board of education)) Washington professional educator standards board;

(iii) Identification of benchmarks that will indicate when the standard is met for all performance indicators;

(iv) A description of strategies for assessing candidate performance on the benchmarks;

(v) Identification of one or more tools to be used to assess a candidate's performance once the candidate has been in the classroom for about one-half of a school year; and

(vi) A description of the criteria that would result in residency certification after about one-half of a school year but before the end of the program.

(2) To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, districts may apply for program funds to pay stipends to trained mentor teachers of interns during the mentored internship. The per intern amount of mentor stipend shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

Sec. 817. RCW 28A.660.040 and 2004 c 23 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

Partnership grants funded under this chapter shall operate one to four specific route programs. Successful completion of the program shall make a candidate eligible for residency teacher certification. For route one and two candidates, the mentor of the teacher candidate at the school and the supervisor of the teacher candidate from the higher education teacher preparation program must both agree that the teacher candidate has successfully completed the program. For route three and four candidates, the mentor of the teacher candidate shall make the determination that the candidate has successfully completed the program.

(1) Partnership grant programs seeking funds to operate route one programs shall enroll currently employed classified instructional employees with transferable associate degrees seeking residency teacher certification with endorsements in special education, bilingual education, or English as a second language. It is anticipated that candidates enrolled in this route will complete both their baccalaureate degree and requirements for residency certification in two years or less, including a mentored internship to be completed in the final year. In addition, partnership programs shall uphold entry requirements for candidates that include:

(a) District or building validation of qualifications, including three years of successful student interaction and leadership as a classified instructional employee;

(b) Successful passage of the statewide basic skills exam, when available; and

(c) Meeting the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements adopted by rule for teachers.

(2) Partnership grant programs seeking funds to operate route two programs shall enroll currently employed classified staff with baccalaureate degrees seeking residency teacher certification in subject matter shortage areas or areas with shortages due to geographic location. Candidates enrolled in this route must complete a mentored internship complemented by flexibly scheduled training and coursework offered at a local site, such as a school or educational service district, or online or via video-conference over the K-20 network, in collaboration with the partnership program's higher education partner. In addition, partnership grant programs shall uphold entry requirements for candidates that include:

(a) District or building validation of qualifications, including three years of successful student interaction and leadership as classified staff;

(b) A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. The individual's college or university grade point average may be considered as a selection factor;

(c) Successful completion of the content test, once the state content test is available;

(d) Meeting the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements adopted by rule for teachers; and

(e) Successful passage of the statewide basic skills exam, when available.

(3) Partnership grant programs seeking funds to operate route three programs shall enroll individuals with baccalaureate degrees, who are not employed in the district at the time of application. When selecting candidates for certification through route three, districts shall give priority to individuals who are seeking residency teacher certification in subject matter shortage areas or shortages due to geographic locations. For route three only, the districts may include additional candidates in nonshortage subject areas if the candidates
are seeking endorsements with a secondary grade level designation as defined by rule by the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board. The districts shall disclose to candidates in nonshortage subject areas available information on the demand in those subject areas. Cohorts of candidates for this route shall attend an intensive summer teaching academy, followed by a full year employed by a district in a mentored internship, followed, if necessary, by a second summer teaching academy. In addition, partnership programs shall uphold entry requirements for candidates that include:

(a) Five years' experience in the work force;
(b) A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. The individual's grade point average may be considered as a selection factor;
(c) Successful completion of the content test, once the state content test is available;
(d) External validation of qualifications, including demonstrated successful experience with students or children, such as ((reference letters and letters of support from previous employers;))
(e) Meeting the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements adopted by rule for teachers; and
(f) Successful passage of statewide basic skills exams, when available.

(4) Partnership grant programs seeking funds to operate route four programs shall enroll individuals with baccalaureate degrees, who are employed in the district at the time of application, or who hold conditional teaching certificates or emergency substitute certificates. Cohorts of candidates for this route shall attend an intensive summer teaching academy, followed by a full year employed by a district in a mentored internship. In addition, partnership programs shall uphold entry requirements for candidates that include:

(a) Five years' experience in the work force;
(b) A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. The individual's grade point average may be considered as a selection factor;
(c) Successful completion of the content test, once the state content test is available;
(d) External validation of qualifications, including demonstrated successful experience with students or children, such as ((reference letters and letters of support from previous employers;))
(e) Meeting the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements adopted by rule for teachers; and
(f) Successful passage of statewide basic skills exams, when available.

Sec. 818. RCW 28A.690.020 and 1990 c 33 s 546 are each amended to read as follows:

The "designated state official" for this state under Article II of RCW 28A.690.010 shall be the superintendent of public instruction, who shall be the compact administrator and who shall have power to ((promulgate)) adopt rules to carry out the terms of this compact. The superintendent of public instruction shall enter into contracts pursuant to Article III of the Agreement only with the approval of the specific text thereof by the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board.

Sec. 819. RCW 28A.300.050 and 1990 c 33 s 252 are each amended to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction shall provide technical assistance to the ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board in the conduct of the activities described in ((sections 202 through 232 of this act)) RCW 28A.410.040 and 28A.410.050.

Sec. 820. RCW 28A.625.370 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 10 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

The award for the teacher educator shall include:

(1) A certificate presented to the teacher educator by the governor, the ((president of the state board of education)) chair of the professional educator standards board, and the superintendent of public instruction at a public ceremony;

(2) A grant to the professional education advisory board of the institution from which the teacher educator is selected, which grant shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars and which grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.390.

Sec. 821. RCW 28A.625.380 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 10 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

The ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.625.360 through 28A.625.390. These rules shall include establishing the selection criteria for the Washington award for excellence in teacher preparation. The ((state board (of education))) is encouraged to consult with teacher educators, deans, and professional education advisory board members in developing the selection criteria. The criteria shall include any role performed by nominees relative to implementing innovative developments by the nominee's teacher preparation program and efforts the nominee has made to assist in communicating with legislators, common school teachers and administrators, and others about the nominee's teacher preparation program.

Sec. 822. RCW 28A.625.390 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 10 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

The professional education advisory board for the institution from which the teacher educator has been selected to receive an award shall be eligible to apply for an educational grant as provided under RCW 28A.625.370. The ((state board of education)) professional educator standards board shall award the grant after the ((state)) board has approved the grant application as long as the written grant application is submitted to the ((state)) board within one year after the award is received by the teacher educator. The grant application shall identify the educational purpose toward which the grant shall be used.

Sec. 823. RCW 28B.10.710 and 1993 c 77 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

There shall be a one quarter or semester course in either Washington state history and government, or Pacific Northwest history and government in the curriculum of all teachers' colleges and teachers' courses in all institutions of higher education. No person shall be graduated from any of said schools without completing said course of study, unless otherwise determined by the ((state board of education)) Washington professional educator standards board. Any course in Washington state or Pacific Northwest history and government used to fulfill this requirement shall include information on the culture, history, and government of the American Indian peoples who were the first human inhabitants of the state and the region.

Sec. 824. RCW 28B.35.120 and 2004 c 275 s 54 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to any other powers and duties prescribed by law,
each board of trustees of the respective regional universities:

  (1) Shall have full control of the regional university and its property of various kinds, except as otherwise provided by law.

  (2) Shall employ the president of the regional university, his assistants, members of the faculty, and other employees of the institution, who, except as otherwise provided by law, shall hold their positions, until discharged therefrom by the board for good and lawful reason.

  (3) With the assistance of the faculty of the regional university, shall prescribe the course of study in the various schools and departments thereof and publish such catalogues thereof as the board deems necessary: PROVIDED, That the ((state board of education)) Washington professional educator standards board shall determine the requisites for and give program approval of all courses leading to teacher certification by such board.

  (4) Establish such divisions, schools or departments necessary to carry out the purposes of the college and not otherwise proscribed by law.

  (5) Except as otherwise provided by law, may establish and erect such new facilities as determined by the board to be necessary for the college.

  (6) May acquire real and other property as provided in RCW 28B.10.020, as now or hereafter amended.

  (7) Except as otherwise provided by law, may purchase all supplies and purchase or lease equipment and other personal property needed for the operation or maintenance of the regional university.

  (8) May establish, lease, operate, equip and maintain self-supporting facilities in the manner provided in RCW 28B.10.300 through 28B.10.330, as now or hereafter amended.

  (9) Except as otherwise provided by law, to enter into such contracts as the trustees deem essential to regional university purposes.

  (10) May receive such gifts, grants, conveyances, devises and bequests of real or personal property from whatsoever source, as may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, whenever the terms and conditions thereof will aid in carrying out the regional university programs; sell, lease or exchange, invest or expend the same or the proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof except as limited by the terms and conditions thereof; and adopt regulations to govern the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof.

  (11) Subject to the approval of the higher education coordinating board pursuant to RCW 28B.76.230, offer new degree programs, offer off-campus programs, participate in consortia or centers, contract for off-campus educational programs, and purchase or lease major off-campus facilities.

  (12) May promulgate such rules and regulations, and perform all other acts not forbidden by law, as the board of trustees may in its discretion deem necessary or appropriate to the administration of the regional university.

Sec. 825. RCW 28B.40.120 and 2004 c 275 s 56 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to any other powers and duties prescribed by law, the board of trustees of The Evergreen State College:

  (1) Shall have full control of the state college and its property of various kinds, except as otherwise provided by law.

  (2) Shall employ the president of the state college, his assistants, members of the faculty, and other employees of the institution, who, except as otherwise provided by law, shall hold their positions, until discharged therefrom by the board for good and lawful reason.

  (3) With the assistance of the faculty of the state college, shall prescribe the course of study in the various schools and departments thereof and publish such catalogues thereof as the board deems necessary: PROVIDED, That the ((state board of education)) Washington professional educator standards board shall determine the requisites for and give program approval of all courses leading to teacher certification by such board.

Sec. 826. RCW 43.43.832 and 2005 c 421 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The legislature finds that businesses and organizations providing services to children, developmentally disabled persons, and vulnerable adults need adequate information to determine which employees or licensees to hire or engage. The legislature further finds that many developmentally disabled individuals and vulnerable adults desire to hire their own employees directly and also need adequate information to determine which employees or licensees to hire or engage. Therefore, the Washington state patrol criminal identification and criminal history section shall disclose, upon the request of a business or organization as defined in RCW 43.43.830, a developmentally disabled person, or a vulnerable adult as defined in RCW 43.43.830 or his or her guardian, an applicant's record for convictions as defined in chapter 10.97 RCW.

(2) The legislature also finds that the ((state board of education)) Washington professional educator standards board may request of the Washington state patrol criminal identification system information regarding a certificate applicant's record for convictions under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The legislature also finds that law enforcement agencies, the office of the attorney general, prosecuting authorities, and the
department of social and health services may request this same information to aid in the investigation and prosecution of child, developmentally disabled person, and vulnerable adult abuse cases and to protect children and adults from further incidents of abuse.

(4) The legislature further finds that the secretary of the department of social and health services must establish rules and set standards to require specific action when considering the information listed in subsection (1) of this section, and when considering additional information including but not limited to civil adjudication proceedings as defined in RCW 43.43.830 and any out-of-state equivalent, in the following circumstances:

(a) When considering persons for state employment in positions directly responsible for the supervision, care, or treatment of children, vulnerable adults, or individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities;

(b) When considering persons for state positions involving unsupervised access to vulnerable adults to conduct comprehensive assessments, financial eligibility determinations, licensing and certification activities, investigations, surveys, or case management; or for state positions otherwise required by federal law to meet employment standards;

(c) When licensing agencies or facilities with individuals in positions directly responsible for the care, supervision, or treatment of children, developmentally disabled persons, or vulnerable adults, including but not limited to agencies or facilities licensed under chapter 74.15 or 18.51 RCW;

(d) When contracting with individuals or businesses or organizations for the care, supervision, case management, or treatment of children, developmentally disabled persons, or vulnerable adults, including but not limited to services contracted for under chapter 18.20, 18.48, 70.127, 70.128, 72.36, or 74.39 A RCW or Title 71 A RCW;

(e) When individual providers are paid by the state or providers are paid by home care agencies to provide in-home services involving unsupervised access to persons with physical, mental, or developmental disabilities or mental illness, or to vulnerable adults as defined in chapter 74.34 RCW, including but not limited to services provided under chapter 74.39 or 74.39A A RCW.

(5) Whenever a state conviction record check is required by state law, persons may be employed or engaged as volunteers or independent contractors, on a conditional basis pending completion of the state background investigation. Whenever a national criminal record check through the federal bureau of investigation is required by state law, a person may be employed or engaged as a volunteer or independent contractor on a conditional basis pending completion of the national check. The Washington personnel resources board shall adopt rules to accomplish the purposes of this subsection as it applies to state employees.

(6)(a) For purposes of facilitating timely access to criminal background information and to reasonably minimize the number of requests made under this section, recognizing that certain health care providers change employment frequently, health care facilities may, upon request from another health care facility, share copies of completed criminal background inquiry information.

(b) Completed criminal background inquiry information may be shared by a willing health care facility only if the following conditions are satisfied: The licensed health care facility sharing the criminal background inquiry information is reasonably known to be the person's most recent employer, no more than twelve months has elapsed from the date the person was last employed at a licensed health care facility to the date of their current employment application, and the criminal background information is no more than two years old.

(c) If criminal background inquiry information is shared, the health care facility employing the subject of the inquiry must require the applicant to sign a disclosure statement indicating that there has been no conviction or finding as described in RCW 43.43.842 since the completion date of the most recent criminal background inquiry.

(d) Any health care facility that knows or has reason to believe that an applicant has or may have a disqualifying conviction or finding as described in RCW 43.43.842 subsequent to the completion date of their most recent criminal background inquiry, shall be prohibited from relying on the applicant's previous employer's criminal background inquiry information. A new criminal background inquiry shall be requested pursuant to RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.842.

(e) Health care facilities that share criminal background inquiry information shall be immune from any claim of defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, or any other claim in connection with any dissemination of this information in accordance with this subsection.

(f) Health care facilities shall transmit and receive the criminal background inquiry information in a manner that reasonably protects the subject's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

(g) For the purposes of this subsection, "health care facility" means a nursing home licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW, a boarding home licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW, or an adult family home licensed under chapter 70.128 RCW.

(7) If a federal bureau of investigation check is required in addition to the state background check by the department of social and health services, an applicant who is not disqualified based on the results of the state background check shall be eligible for a one hundred twenty day provisional approval to hire, pending the outcome of the federal bureau of investigation check. The department may extend the provisional approval until receipt of the federal bureau of investigation check. If the federal bureau of investigation check disqualifies an applicant, the department shall notify the requesting agency that the provisional approval to hire is withdrawn and the applicant may be terminated.

Sec. 827. RCW 43.43.840 and 2005 c 421 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

When a business or an organization terminates, fires, dismisses, fails to renew the contract, or permits the resignation of an employee because of crimes against children or other persons or because of crimes relating to the financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult, and if that employee is employed in a position requiring a certificate or license issued by a licensing agency such as the ((state board of education)) Washington professional educator standards board, the business or organization shall notify the licensing agency of such termination of employment.

Sec. 828. RCW 43.43.845 and 2005 c 421 s 7 and 2005 c 237 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) Upon a guilty plea or conviction of a person of any felony crime involving the physical neglect of a child under chapter 9A.42 RCW, the physical injury or death of a child under chapter 9A.32 or 9A.36 RCW (except motor vehicle violations under chapter 46.61 RCW), sexual exploitation of a child under chapter 9.68A RCW, sexual offenses under chapter 9A.44 RCW, promoting prostitution of a minor under chapter 9A.88 RCW, or the sale or purchase of a minor child under RCW 9A.64.030, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the state patrol of such guilty pleas or convictions.

(2) When the state patrol receives information that a person has pled guilty to or been convicted of one of the felony crimes under
subsection (1) of this section, the state patrol shall transmit that information to the superintendent of public instruction. It shall be the duty of the superintendent of public instruction to identify whether the person holds a certificate or permit issued under chapters 28A.405 and 28A.410 RCW or is employed by a school district, and provide this information to the ((state board of education)) Washington professional educator standards board and the school district employing the individual who pled guilty or was convicted of the crimes identified in subsection (1) of this section.

Sec. 829. RCW 72.40.028 and 1985 c 378 s 18 are each amended to read as follows:

All teachers at the state school for the deaf and the state school for the blind shall meet all certification requirements and the programs shall meet all accreditation requirements and conform to the standards defined by law or by rule of the ((state board of education)) Washington professional educator standards board or the office of the state superintendent of public instruction. The superintendents, by rule, may adopt additional educational standards for their respective schools. Salaries of all certificated employees shall be set so as to conform to and be competitive with salaries paid to other certificated employees of similar background and experience in the school district in which the program or facility is located. The superintendents may provide for provisional certification for teachers in their respective schools including certification for emergency, temporary, substitute, or provisional duty.

PART 9
OTHER DUTIES

Sec. 901. RCW 28A.600.010 and 1997 c 265 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall:

(1) Enforce the rules prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction ((and the state board of education)) for the government of schools, pupils, and certificated employees.

(2) Adopt and make available to each pupil, teacher and parent in the district reasonable written rules governing pupil conduct, discipline, and rights, including but not limited to short-term suspensions as referred to in RCW 28A.305.160 (as recodified by this act) and suspensions in excess of ten consecutive days. Such rules shall not be inconsistent with any of the following: Federal statutes and regulations, state statutes, common law, and the rules of the superintendent of public instruction ((and the state board of education)). The board's rules shall include such substantive and procedural due process guarantees as prescribed by the ((state board of education)) superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.305.160 (as recodified by this act). (Commencing with the 1976-77 school year.) When such rules are made available to each pupil, teacher, and parent, they shall be accompanied by a detailed description of rights, responsibilities, and authority of teachers and principals with respect to the discipline of pupils as prescribed by state statutory law, the superintendent of public instruction, ((and state board of education rules)) and the rules ((and regulations)) of the school district.

For the purposes of this subsection, computation of days included in "short-term" and "long-term" suspensions shall be determined on the basis of consecutive school days.

(3) Suspend, expel, or discipline pupils in accordance with RCW 28A.305.160 (as recodified by this act).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 902. A new section is added to chapter 28A.405 RCW to read as follows:

Each school district board of directors shall adopt a policy regarding the presence at their respective schools of teachers and other certificated personnel before the opening of school in the morning and after the closing of school in the afternoon or evening. The board of directors shall make the policy available to parents and the public through the school district report card and other means of communication.

Sec. 903. RCW 28A.225.280 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 s 206 are each amended to read as follows:

Eligibility of transfer students under RCW 28A.225.220 and 28A.225.225 for participation in extracurricular activities shall be subject to rules adopted by the Washington interscholastic activities association ((as authorized by the state board of education)).

Sec. 904. RCW 28A.600.200 and 1990 c 33 s 502 are each amended to read as follows:

Each school district board of directors is hereby granted and shall exercise the authority to control, supervise and regulate the conduct of interschool athletic activities and other interschool extracurricular activities of an athletic, cultural, social or recreational nature for students of the district. A board of directors may delegate control, supervision and regulation of any such activity to the Washington interscholastic activities association or any other voluntary nonprofit entity and compensate such entity for services provided, subject to the following conditions:

(1) ((The voluntary nonprofit entity shall submit an annual report to the state board of education of student appeal determinations, assets, and financial receipts and disbursements at such time and in such detail as the state board shall establish by rule; (2)) The voluntary nonprofit entity shall not discriminate in connection with employment or membership upon its governing board, or otherwise in connection with any function it performs, on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex or marital status;

(3) Any rules and policies applied by the voluntary nonprofit entity which govern student participation in any interschool activity shall be written ((and subject to the annual review and approval of the state board of education at such time as it shall establish);

(4) All amendments and repeals of such rules and policies shall be subject to the review and approval of the state board);

(5) Such rules and policies shall provide for notice of the reasons and a fair opportunity to contest such reasons prior to a final determination to reject a student's request to participate in or to continue in an interschool activity. Any such decision shall be considered a decision of the school district conducting the activity in which the student seeks to participate or was participating and may be appealed pursuant to RCW 28A.645.010 through 28A.645.030; and

(6) Beginning the effective date of this section and until July 1, 2007, that any decision by the Washington interscholastic activities association may be appealed to the office of the superintendent of public instruction. After July 1, 2007, decisions by the Washington interscholastic activities association addressing only academic issues may be appealed to the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The office of the superintendent shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 905. A new section is added to chapter 28A.600 RCW to read as follows:
By July 1, 2007, the Washington interscholastic activities association shall establish a nine-person appeals board to address nonacademic appeals. The board shall be comprised of active members of school district boards of directors, and retired or inactive coaches. The retired or inactive coaches shall be representative of the multilevel competition, the various school classifications, and the activity districts of the Washington interscholastic activities association. The board shall begin hearing nonacademic appeals by July 1, 2007. No board member may participate in the appeal process if the member was involved in the activity that was the basis of the appeal or involved in the decision of the association, either directly or indirectly.

Sec. 906. RCW 28A.160.210 and 1989 c 178 s 20 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to other powers and duties, the (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules (and regulations) governing the training and qualifications of school bus drivers. Such rules (and regulations) shall be designed to insure that persons will not be employed to operate school buses unless they possess such physical health and driving skills as are necessary to safely operate school buses: PROVIDED, That such rules (and regulations) shall insure that school bus drivers are provided a due process hearing before any certification required by such rules (and regulations) is cancelled: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such rules (and regulations) shall not conflict with the authority of the department of licensing to license school bus drivers in accordance with chapter 46.25 RCW. The (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction may obtain a copy of the driving record, as maintained by the department of licensing, for consideration when evaluating a school bus driver's driving skills.

Sec. 907. RCW 28A.160.100 and 1990 c 33 s 138 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to the authority otherwise provided in RCW 28A.160.010 through 28A.160.120 to school districts for the transportation of persons, whether school children, school personnel, or otherwise, any school district authorized to use school buses and drivers hired by the district for the transportation of school children to and from a school activity, along with such school employees as necessary for their supervision, shall, if such school activity be an interscholastic activity, be authorized to transport members of the general public to such event and utilize the school district's buses, transportation equipment and facilities, and employees therefor: PROVIDED, That provision shall be made for the reimbursement and payment to the school district by such members of the general public of not less than the district's actual costs and the reasonable value of the use of the district's buses and facilities provided in connection with such transportation: PROVIDED FURTHER, That wherever private transportation certified or licensed by the utilities and transportation commission or public transportation is reasonably available (as determined by rule and regulation of the state board of education), this section shall not apply.

Sec. 908. RCW 28A.210.070 and 1990 c 33 s 191 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170:

(1) "Chief administrator" shall mean the person with the authority and responsibility for the immediate supervision of the operation of a school or day care center as defined in this section or, in the alternative, such other person as may hereafter be designated in writing for the purposes of RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170 by the statutory or corporate board of directors of the school district, school, or day care center or, if none, such other persons or person with the authority and responsibility for the general supervision of the operation of the school district, school or day care center.

(2) "Full immunization" shall mean immunization against certain vaccine-preventable diseases in accordance with schedules and with immunizing agents approved by the state board of health.

(3) "Local health department" shall mean the city, town, county, district or combined city-county health department, board of health, or health officer which provides public health services.

(4) "School" shall mean and include each building, facility, and location at or within which any or all portions of a preschool, kindergarten and grades one through twelve program of education and related activities are conducted for two or more children by or in behalf of any public school district and by or in behalf of any private school or private institution subject to approval by the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.305.130, 28A.195.010 through 28A.195.050, and 28A.410.120.

(5) "Day care center" shall mean an agency which regularly provides care for a group of thirteen or more children for periods of less than twenty-four hours and is licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW.

(6) "Child" shall mean any person, regardless of age, in attendance at a public or private school or a licensed day care center.

Sec. 909. RCW 28A.210.120 and 1990 c 33 s 196 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be the duty of the chief administrator of every public and private school and day care center to prohibit the further presence at the school or day care center for any and all purposes of each child for whom proof of immunization, certification of exemption, or proof of compliance with an approved schedule of immunization has not been provided in accordance with RCW 28A.210.080 and to continue to prohibit the child's presence until such proof of immunization, certification of exemption, or approved schedule has been provided. The exclusion of a child from a school shall be accomplished in accordance with rules of the office of the superintendent, in consultation with the state board of (education) health. The exclusion of a child from a day care center shall be accomplished in accordance with rules of the department of social and health services. Prior to the exclusion of a child, each school or day care center shall provide written notice to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of each child or to the adult(s) in loco parentis to each child, who is not in compliance with the requirements of RCW 28A.210.080. The notice shall fully inform such person(s) of the following: (1) The requirements established by and pursuant to RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170; (2) the fact that the child will be prohibited from further attendance at the school unless RCW 28A.210.080 is complied with; (3) such procedural due process rights as are hereafter established pursuant to RCW 28A.210.160 and/or 28A.210.170, as appropriate; and (4) the immunization services that are available from or through the local health department and other public agencies.

Sec. 910. RCW 28A.210.160 and 1990 c 33 s 199 are each amended to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction with regard to public schools and the state board of education with regard to private schools, in consultation with the state board of (education) health, shall ((and is hereby empowered to)) each adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW ((which)) that establish the procedural and substantive due process requirements governing the exclusion of...
children from (public and private) schools pursuant to RCW 28A.210.120.

Sec. 911. RCW 28A.210.320 and 2002 c 101 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The attendance of every child at every public school in the state shall be conditioned upon the presentation before or on each child's first day of attendance at a particular school of a medication or treatment order addressing any life-threatening health condition that the child has that may require medical services to be performed at the school. Once such an order has been presented, the child shall be allowed to attend school.

(2) The chief administrator of every public school shall prohibit the further presence at the school for any and all purposes of each child for whom a medication or treatment order has not been provided in accordance with this section if the child has a life-threatening health condition that may require medical services to be performed at the school and shall continue to prohibit the child's presence until such order has been provided. The exclusion of a child from a school shall be accomplished in accordance with rules of the state board of education. Before excluding a child, each school shall provide written notice to the parents or legal guardians of each child or to the adults in loco parentis to each child, who is not in compliance with the requirements of this section. The notice shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (a) The requirements established by this section; (b) the fact that the child will be prohibited from further attendance at the school unless this section is complied with; and (c) such procedural due process rights as are established pursuant to this section.

(3) The (state board of education) superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the state board of health shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW that establish the procedural and substantive due process requirements governing the exclusion of children from public schools under this section. The rules shall include any requirements under applicable federal laws.

(4) As used in this section, "life-threatening condition" means a health condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment order and a nursing care plan are not in place.

(5) As used in this section, "medication or treatment order" means the authority a registered nurse obtains under RCW 18.79.260(2).

Sec. 912. RCW 28A.335.100 and 1975-76 2 nd ex.s. c 23 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

Any association established by school districts pursuant to the interlocal cooperation act, chapter 39.54 RCW for the purpose of jointly and cooperatively purchasing school supplies, materials and equipment, if otherwise authorized for school district purposes to purchase personal or real property, is (hereby) authorized (subject to rules and regulations of the state board of education) to mortgage, or convey a purchase money security interest in real or personal property of such association of every kind, character or description whatsoever, or any interest in such personal or real property: PROVIDED, That any such association shall be prohibited from causing any creditor of the association to acquire any rights against the property, properties or assets of any of its constituent school districts and any creditor of such association shall be entitled to look for payment of any obligation incurred by such association solely to the assets and properties of such association.

Sec. 913. RCW 28A.335.120 and 2001 c 183 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The board of directors of any school district of this state may:

(a) Sell for cash, at public or private sale, and convey by deed all interest of the district in or to any of the real property of the district which is no longer required for school purposes; and

(b) Purchase real property for the purpose of locating thereon and affixing thereto any house or houses and appurtenant buildings removed from school sites owned by the district and sell for cash, at public or private sale, and convey by deed all interest of the district in or to such acquired and improved real property.

(2) When the board of directors of any school district proposes a sale of school district real property pursuant to this section and the value of the property exceeds seventy thousand dollars, the board shall publish a notice of its intention to sell the property. The notice shall be published at least once each week during two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper with a general circulation in the area in which the school district is located. The notice shall describe the property to be sold and designate the place where and the day and hour when a hearing will be held. The board shall hold a public hearing upon the proposal to dispose of the school district property at the place and the day and hour fixed in the notice and admit evidence offered for and against the propriety and advisability of the proposed sale.

(3) The board of directors of any school district desiring to sell surplus real property shall publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. School districts shall not sell the property for at least forty-five days following the publication of the newspaper notice.

(4) Private schools shall have the same rights as any other person or entity to submit bids for the purchase of surplus real property and to have such bids considered along with all other bids.

(5) Any sale of school district real property authorized pursuant to this section shall be preceded by a market value appraisal by a professionally designated real estate appraiser as defined in RCW 74.46.020 or a general real estate appraiser certified under chapter 18.140 RCW selected by the board of directors and no sale shall take place if the sale price would be less than ninety percent of the appraisal made by the real estate appraiser: PROVIDED, That if the property has been on the market for one year or more the property may be reappraised and sold for not less than seventy-five percent of the reappraised value with the unanimous consent of the board.

(6) If in the judgment of the board of directors of any district the sale of real property of the district not needed for school purposes would be facilitated and greater value realized through use of the services of licensed real estate brokers, a contract for such services may be negotiated and concluded: PROVIDED, That the use of a licensed real estate broker will not eliminate the obligation of the board of directors to provide the notice described in this section: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the fee or commissions charged for any broker services shall not exceed seven percent of the resulting sale value for a single parcel: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any professionally designated real estate appraiser as defined in RCW 74.46.020 or a general real estate appraiser certified under chapter 18.140 RCW selected by the board to appraise the market value of a parcel of property to be sold may not be a party to any contract with the school district to sell such parcel of property for a period of three years after the appraisal.

(7) If in the judgment of the board of directors of any district the sale of real property of the district not needed for school purposes would be facilitated and greater value realized through sale on contract terms, a real estate sales contract may be executed between
the district and buyer\((\text{PROVIDED}, \text{That the terms and conditions of any such sales contract must comply with rules and regulations of the state board of education, herein authorized, governing school district real property contract sales})\)).

**Sec. 914.** RCW 28A.320.240 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.58.104 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The purpose of this section is to identify quality criteria for school library media programs that support the student learning goals under RCW 28A.150.210, the essential academic learning requirements under RCW 28A.655.070, and high school graduation requirements adopted under RCW 28A.230.090.

(2) Every board of directors shall provide for the operation and stocking of such libraries as the board deems necessary for the proper education of the district's students or as otherwise required by law or rule \((\text{or regulation})\) of the superintendent of public instruction \((\text{or the state board of education})\).

(3) "Teacher-librarian" means a certified teacher with a library media endorsement under rules adopted by the professional educator standards board.

(4) "School-library media program" means a school-based program that is staffed by a certificated teacher-librarian and provides a variety of resources that support student mastery of the essential academic learning requirements in all subject areas and the implementation of the district's school improvement plan.

(5) The teacher-librarian, through the school-library media program, shall collaborate as an instructional partner to help all students meet the content goals in all subject areas, and assist high school students completing the culminating project and high school and beyond plans required for graduation.

**Sec. 915.** RCW 28A.155.060 and 1995 c 77 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.155.020 through 28A.155.050, the board of directors of every school district shall be authorized to contract with agencies approved by the \((\text{state board of education})\) superintendent of public instruction for operating special education programs for students with disabilities. Approval standards for such agencies shall conform substantially with those promulgated for approval of special education aid programs in the common schools.

**Sec. 916.** RCW 28A.600.130 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 5 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The higher education coordinating board shall establish a planning committee to develop criteria for screening and selection of the Washington scholars each year in accordance with RCW 28A.600.110(1). It is the intent that these criteria shall emphasize scholastic achievement but not exclude such criteria as leadership ability and community contribution in final selection procedures. The Washington scholars planning committee shall have members from selected state agencies and private organizations having an interest and responsibility in education, including but not limited to, the \((\text{state board of education, etc.)}\) office of superintendent of public instruction, the council of presidents, the state board for community and technical colleges, and the Washington friends of higher education.

**Sec. 917.** RCW 28A.650.015 and 1995 c 335 s 507 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The superintendent of public instruction, to the extent funds are appropriated, shall develop and implement a Washington state K-12 education technology plan. The technology plan shall be updated on at least a biennial basis, shall be developed to coordinate and expand the use of education technology in the common schools of the state. The plan shall be consistent with applicable provisions of chapter 43.105 RCW. The plan, at a minimum, shall address:

(a) The provision of technical assistance to schools and school districts for the planning, implementation, and training of staff in the use of technology in curricular and administrative functions;

(b) The continued development of a network to connect school districts, institutions of higher learning, and other sources of on-line information; and

(c) Methods to equitably increase the use of education technology by students and school personnel throughout the state.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint an educational technology advisory committee to assist in the development and implementation of the technology plan in subsection (1) of this section. The committee shall include, but is not limited to, persons representing: The \((\text{state board of education, the commission on student learning, etc.)}\) department of information services, educational service districts, school directors, school administrators, school principals, teachers, classified staff, higher education faculty, parents, students, business, labor, scientists and mathematicians, the higher education coordinating board, the work force training and education coordinating board, and the state library.

**PART 10 MISCELLANEOUS**

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1001. Part headings used in this act are not any part of the law.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1002. Section 407 of this act takes effect September 1, 2009."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3098 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2431, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. 2005 c 452 s 1 (uncodified) is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) A joint task force on criminal background check processes is established. The joint task force shall consist of the following members:

(a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;
(b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
(c) The chief of the Washington state patrol, or the chief's designee;
(d) The secretary of the department of social and health services, or the secretary's designee;
(e) The secretary of the department of health, or the secretary's designee;
(f) The state superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee;
((g)) (g) An elected sheriff or police chief, selected by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs; and
((h)) (h) The following ((eleven)) twelve members, jointly appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate:

(i) A representative from a nonprofit service organization that serves primarily children under sixteen years of age;
(ii) A health care provider as defined in RCW 7.70.020;
(iii) A representative from a business or organization that primarily serves persons with a developmental disability;
(iv) A representative from a local youth athletic association;
(v) A representative from the insurance industry;
(vi) A representative of the Washington association of criminal defense lawyers;
(vii) Two representatives from a local parks and recreation program; one member shall be selected by the association of Washington cities and one member shall be selected by the Washington association of counties;
((viii)) (viii) A representative from a for-profit entity that primarily serves children;
((ix)) (ix) A representative from a business or organization that primarily serves vulnerable adults;
((x)) (x) A representative selected by the state's long-term care ombudsman; and
((xi)) (xi) As a nonvoting ex officio member, a representative of an organization that serves as a clearinghouse for other nonprofit organizations in the state and that recruits volunteers and trains nonprofit boards of directors.

(2) The task force shall choose two cochairs from among its membership.

(3) The task force shall review and make recommendations to the legislature and the governor regarding criminal background check policy in Washington state. In preparing the recommendations, the committee shall, at a minimum, review the following issues:

(a) What state and federal statutes require regarding criminal background checks, and determine whether any changes should be made;
(b) What criminal offenses are currently reportable through the criminal background check program, and determine whether any changes should be made;
(c) What information is available through the Washington state patrol and the federal bureau of investigation criminal background check systems, and determine whether any changes should be made;
(d) What are the best practices among organizations for obtaining criminal background checks on their employees and volunteers;
(e) What is the feasibility and costs for businesses and organizations to do periodic background checks;
(f) What is the feasibility of requiring all businesses and organizations, including nonprofit entities, to conduct criminal background checks for all employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers who have regularly scheduled supervised or unsupervised access to children, persons with a developmental disability, or vulnerable adults;
(g) What is the feasibility of establishing a state registration program for private youth sports coaches under which some or all of such persons are required to obtain and disclose to prospective clients and employers a copy of the results of their fingerprint-based criminal background checks;
(h) What is the feasibility of requiring the department of health to conduct background checks on all applicants for initial licenses to practice a health profession;
(i) What is the feasibility of requiring the department of health to review federal health care provider data banks for any actions taken against health care providers licensed in Washington;
(j) A review of the practices of the department of social and health services with respect to checking the backgrounds of its
employees, applicants for employment, and candidates for promotion; and

((1)) (k) A review of the benefits and obstacles of implementing a criminal history record information background check program created by the national child protection act of 1993. The national child protection act of 1993 increases the availability of criminal history record information background checks for employers who have employees or volunteers who work with children, elderly persons, or persons with disabilities.

(4) The task force, where feasible, may consult with individuals from the public and private sector.

(5) The task force shall use legislative facilities and staff from senate committee services and the house office of program research.

(6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31, ((2005)) 2006.

NEW SECTION. Sec.2. This act expires January 31, 2007."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "checks," strike the remainder of the title and insert "reenacting and amending 2005 c 452 s 1 (uncodified); and providing an expiration date."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

Representative Morrell moved that the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2431 and ask the Senate to recede therefrom.

Representative Hinkle moved that the House concur in the Senate Amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2431, and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

Representative Hinkle spoke in favor of the motion.

Representatives Morrell and Campbell spoke against the motion.

The motion was not adopted.

On motion of Representative Morrell, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2431, and asked the Senate for a conference. The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) appointed Representative Morrell, Campbell and Hinkle as conferees.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3070, with the following amendment:

"Sec. 1. RCW 43.180.160 and 1999 c 131 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The total amount of outstanding indebtedness of the commission may not exceed ((three)) five billion dollars at any time. The calculation of outstanding indebtedness shall include the initial principal amount of an issue and shall not include interest that is either currently payable or that accrues as a part of the face amount of an issue payable at maturity or earlier redemption. Outstanding indebtedness shall not include notes or bonds as to which the obligation of the commission has been satisfied and discharged by refunding or for which payment has been provided by reserves or otherwise."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the remainder of the title and insert "increasing housing development capacity, and amending RCW 43.180.160."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

Representative Miloscia moved that the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3070 and ask the Senate to recede therefrom.

Representative Dunn moved that the House concur in the Senate Amendments to SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3070, and advance the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

Representative Dunn spoke in favor of the motion.

Representative Miloscia spoke against the motion.

The motion was not adopted.

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3070 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1020, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 80.50.020 and 2001 c 214 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1) "Applicant" means any person who makes application for a site certification pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

2) "Application" means any request for approval of a particular site or sites filed in accordance with the procedures established pursuant to this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires.

3) "Person" means an individual, partnership, joint venture, private or public corporation, association, firm, public service company, political subdivision, municipal corporation, government agency, public utility district, or any other entity, public or private, however organized.

4) "Site" means any proposed or approved location of an energy facility.

5) "Certification" means a binding agreement between an applicant and the state which shall embody compliance to the siting guidelines, in effect as of the date of certification, which have been adopted pursuant to RCW 80.50.040 as now or hereafter amended as conditions to be met prior to or concurrent with the construction or operation of any energy facility.

6) "Associated facilities" means storage, transmission, handling, or other related and supporting facilities connecting an energy plant with the existing energy supply, processing, or distribution system, including, but not limited to, communications, controls, mobilizing or maintenance equipment, instrumentation, and other types of ancillary transmission equipment, off-line storage or venting required for efficient operation or safety of the transmission system and overhead, and surface or subsurface lines of physical access for the inspection, maintenance, and safe operations of the transmission facility and new transmission lines constructed to operate at nominal voltages in excess of (200,000) 115,000 volts to connect a thermal power plant or alternative energy facilities to the northwest power grid (115,000 volts to 230,000 volts). However, common carrier railroads or motor vehicles shall not be included.

7) "Transmission facility" means any of the following together with their associated facilities:

(a) Crude or refined petroleum or liquid petroleum product transmission pipeline of the following dimensions: A pipeline larger than six inches minimum inside diameter between valves for the transmission of these products with a total length of at least fifteen miles;

(b) Natural gas, synthetic fuel gas, or (liquefied) liquefied petroleum gas transmission pipeline of the following dimensions: A pipeline larger than fourteen inches minimum inside diameter between valves, for the transmission of these products, with a total length of at least fifteen miles for the purpose of delivering gas to a distribution facility, except an interstate natural gas pipeline regulated by the United States federal power commission;

(c) Electrical transmission facilities in excess of 115,000 volts in national interest electric transmission corridors as designated by the United States secretary of the department of energy or the federal energy regulatory commission pursuant to section 1221 of the national energy policy act, and such rules and regulations as the secretary or the federal energy regulatory commission adopts to implement the act.

8) "Independent consultants" means those persons who have no financial interest in the applicant's proposals and who are retained by the council to evaluate the applicant's proposals, supporting studies, or to conduct additional studies.

9) "Thermal power plant" means, for the purpose of certification, any electrical generating facility using any fuel, including nuclear materials, for distribution of electricity by electric utilities.

10) "Energy facility" means an energy plant or transmission facilities: PROVIDED, That the following are excluded from the provisions of this chapter:

(a) Facilities for the extraction, conversion, transmission or storage of water, other than water specifically consumed or discharged by energy production or conversion for energy purposes; and

(b) Facilities operated by and for the armed services for military purposes or by other federal authority for the national defense.

11) "Council" means the energy facility site evaluation council created by RCW 80.50.030.

12) "Counsel for the environment" means an assistant attorney general or a special assistant attorney general who shall represent the public in accordance with RCW 80.50.080.

13) "Construction" means on-site improvements, excluding exploratory work, which cost in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

14) "Energy plant" means the following facilities together with their associated facilities:

(a) Any stationary thermal power plant with generating capacity of three hundred fifty thousand kilowatts or more, measured using maximum continuous electric generating capacity, less minimum auxiliary load, at average ambient temperature and pressure, and floating thermal power plants of one hundred thousand kilowatts or more, including associated facilities. For the purposes of this subsection, "floating thermal power plants" means a thermal power plant that is suspended on the surface of water by means of a barge, vessel, or other floating platform;

(b) Facilities which will have the capacity to receive (liquefied) liquefied natural gas in the equivalent of more than one hundred million standard cubic feet of natural gas per day, which has been transported over marine waters;

(c) Facilities which will have the capacity to receive more than an average of fifty thousand barrels per day of crude or refined petroleum or (liquefied) liquefied petroleum gas which has been or will be transported over marine waters, except that the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to storage facilities unless occasioned by such new facility construction;

(d) Any underground reservoir for receipt and storage of natural gas as defined in RCW 80.40.010 capable of delivering an average of more than one hundred million standard cubic feet of natural gas per day;

(e) Facilities capable of processing more than twenty-five thousand barrels per day of petroleum into refined products.

15) "Land use plan" means a comprehensive plan or land use element thereof adopted by a unit of local government pursuant to chapter 35.63, 35A.63, 36.70, or 36.70A RCW.

16) "Zoning ordinance" means an ordinance of a unit of local government regulating the use of land and adopted pursuant to chapter 35.63, 35A.63, 36.70, or 36.70A RCW or Article XI of the state Constitution.

17) "Alternative energy resource" means: (a) Wind; (b) solar energy; (c) geothermal energy; (d) landfill gas; (e) wave or tidal action; or (f) biomass energy based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest, or field residues, or dedicated energy crops that do not include wood pieces that have been treated with chemical preservatives such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome-arsenic.

18) "Secretary" means the secretary of the United States department of energy.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) Section 1221 of the national
energy policy act also authorizes a state siting authority, in those instances where applicants seek a federal construction permit otherwise authorized pursuant to section 1221 of the act, to assert jurisdiction on the basis of existing state regulatory authority.

(2) Section 1221 of the national energy policy act further authorizes a state siting authority to approve the siting of facilities or consider the interstate benefits to be achieved by proposed construction or modification as provided for in section 1221(b)(1)(A)(i)-(ii) of the act or other provisions of the act, or rules and regulations implementing the act, and to convey the views and recommendations regarding the need for and impact of a transmission facility where the federal energy regulatory commission is determined to have jurisdiction.

(3) Because the types of transmission facilities subject to section 1221 of the national energy policy act are not defined, and because the legislature recognizes that the siting of electric transmission lines at or below 115,000 volts has historically been regulated by local governments in the state, the legislature finds that the 115,000 volt threshold established in this act is appropriate to satisfy the requirements of section 1221.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 80.50 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The council shall consult with other state agencies, utilities, local municipal governments, public interest groups, tribes, and other interested persons to convey their views to the secretary and the federal energy regulatory commission regarding appropriate limits on federal regulatory authority in the siting of electrical transmission corridors in the state of Washington.

(2) The council is designated as the state authority for purposes of siting transmission facilities under the national energy policy act of 2005 and for purposes of other such rules or regulations adopted by the secretary. The council’s authority regarding transmission facilities is limited to those transmission facilities that are the subject of section 1221 of the national energy policy act and this chapter.

(3) For the construction and modification of transmission facilities that are the subject of section 1221 of the national energy policy act, the council may: (a) Approve the siting of the facilities; and (b) consider the interstate benefits expected to be achieved by the proposed construction or modification of the facilities in the state.

(4) When developing recommendations as to the disposition of an application for the construction or modification of transmission facilities under this chapter, the fuel source of the electricity carried by the transmission facilities shall not be considered.

Sec. 4. RCW 80.50.060 and 2001 c 214 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the construction of new energy facilities which includes the new construction of energy facilities and the reconstruction or enlargement of existing energy facilities where the net increase in physical capacity or dimensions resulting from such reconstruction or enlargement meets or exceeds those capacities or dimensions set forth in RCW 80.50.020 (7) and (14). No construction of such energy facilities may be undertaken, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, after July 15, 1977, without first obtaining certification in the manner provided in this chapter.

(2) The provisions of this chapter apply to the construction, reconstruction, or enlargement of a new or existing energy facility that exclusively uses alternative energy resources and chooses to receive certification under this chapter, regardless of the generating capacity of the project.

(3) The provisions of this chapter apply to the construction of new electrical transmission facilities or the modification of existing electrical transmission facilities in a national interest electric transmission corridor designated by the secretary.

(4) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to normal maintenance and repairs which do not increase the capacity or dimensions beyond those set forth in RCW 80.50.020 (7) and (14).

(5) Applications for certification of energy facilities made prior to July 15, 1977 shall continue to be governed by the applicable provisions of law in effect on the day immediately preceding July 15, 1977 with the exceptions of RCW 80.50.190 and 80.50.071 which shall apply to such prior applications and to site certifications prospectively from July 15, 1977.

(6) Applications for certification shall be upon forms prescribed by the council and shall be supported by such information and technical studies as the council may require.

Sec. 5. RCW 80.50.071 and 1977 ex.s.c 371 s 16 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The council shall receive all applications for energy facility site certification. The following fees or charges for application processing or certification monitoring shall be paid by the applicant or certificate holder:

(a) A fee of twenty-five thousand dollars for each proposed site, to be applied toward the cost of the independent consultant study authorized in this subsection, shall accompany the application and shall be a condition precedent to any further consideration or action on the application by the council. The council shall commission its own independent consultant study to measure the consequences of the proposed energy facility on the environment for each site application. The council shall direct the consultant to study any matter which it deems essential to an adequate appraisal of the site. The full cost of the study shall be paid by the applicant: PROVIDED, That said costs exceeding a total of the twenty-five thousand dollars paid pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be payable subject to the applicant giving prior approval to such excess amount.

(b) Each applicant shall, in addition to the costs of the independent consultant provided by subsection (1)(a) of this section, pay such reasonable costs as are actually and necessarily incurred by the council and its members as designated in RCW 80.50.030 in processing the application. Such costs shall include, but are not limited to, council member’s wages, employee benefits, costs of a hearing examiner, a court reporter, additional staff salaries, wages and employee benefits, goods and services, travel expenses within the state and miscellaneous expenses, as arise directly from processing such application.

Each applicant shall, at the time of application submission, deposit twenty thousand dollars, or such lesser amount as may be specified by council rule, to cover costs provided for by subsection (1)(b) of this section. Reasonable and necessary costs of the council directly attributable to application processing shall be charged against such deposit.

The council shall submit to each applicant a statement of such expenditures actually made during the preceding calendar quarter which shall be in sufficient detail to explain such expenditures. The applicant shall pay the state treasurer the amount of such statement to restore the total amount on deposit to the originally established level: PROVIDED, That such applicant may, at the request of the council, increase the amount of funds on deposit to cover anticipated expenses during peak periods of application processing. Any funds remaining unexpended at the conclusion of application processing
shall be refunded to the applicant, or at the applicant's option, credited against required deposits of certificate holders.

(c) Each certificate holder shall pay such reasonable costs as are actually and necessarily incurred by the council for inspection and determination of compliance by the certificate holder with the terms of the certification relative to monitoring the effects of construction and operation of the facility.

Each certificate holder, within thirty days of execution of the site certification agreement, shall deposit twenty thousand dollars, or such other amount as may be specified by council rule, to cover costs provided for by subsection (1)(c) of this section. Reasonable and necessary costs of the council directly attributable to inspection and determination of compliance by the certificate holder with the terms of the certification relative to monitoring the effects of construction and operation of the facility shall be charged against such deposit.

The council shall submit to each certificate holder a statement of such expenditures actually made during the preceding calendar quarter which shall be in sufficient detail to explain such expenditures. The certificate holder shall pay the state treasurer the amount of such statement to restore the total amount on deposit to the original level. PROVIDED, That if the actual, reasonable, and necessary expenditures for inspection and determination of compliance in the preceding calendar quarter have exceeded the amount of funds on deposit, such excess costs shall be paid by the certificate holder.

(2) If an applicant or certificate holder fails to provide the initial deposit, or if subsequently required payments are not received within thirty days following receipt of the statement from the council, the council may (a) in the case of the applicant, suspend processing of the application until payment is received; or (b) in the case of a certificate holder, suspend the certification.

(3) All payments required of the applicant or certificate holder under this section are to be made to the state treasurer who shall make payments as instructed by the council from the funds submitted. All such funds shall be subject to state auditing procedures. Any unexpended portions thereof shall be returned to the applicant or certificate holder.

Sec. 6. RCW 80.50.090 and 2001 c 214 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The council shall conduct an informational public hearing in the county of the proposed site as soon as practicable but not later than sixty days after receipt of an application for site certification. PROVIDED, That the place of such public hearing shall be as close as practical to the proposed site.

(2) Subsequent to the informational public hearing, the council shall conduct a public hearing to determine whether or not the proposed site is consistent and in compliance with city, county, or regional land use plans or zoning ordinances. If it is determined that the proposed site does conform with existing land use plans or zoning ordinances in effect as of the date of the application, the city, county, or regional planning authority shall not thereafter change such land use plans or zoning ordinances so as to affect the proposed site.

(3) Prior to the issuance of a council recommendation to the governor under RCW 80.50.100 the public hearing, conducted as an adjudicative proceeding under chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act, shall be held. At such public hearing any person shall be entitled to be heard in support of or in opposition to the application for certification.

(4) Additional public hearings shall be held as deemed appropriate by the council in the exercise of its functions under this chapter.

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the remainder of the title and insert "the energy facility site evaluation council; amending RCW 80.50.020, 80.50.060, 80.50.071, and 80.50.090; adding a new section to chapter 80.50 RCW; and creating a new section."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1020 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representative Morris spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1020 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1020, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 96, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 2.


Excused: Representatives Cox, and Holmquist - 2.

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1020, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:
The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1107, with the following amendment:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.155 RCW to read as follows:
The legislature finds an urgent and substantial need to enhance the development of all infants and toddlers with disabilities in Washington in order to minimize developmental delays and to maximize individual potential for learning and functioning.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.155 RCW to read as follows:
(1) By September 1, 2009, each school district shall provide or contract for early intervention services to all eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age. Eligibility shall be determined according to Part C of the federal individuals with disabilities education act and as specified in the Washington Administrative Code. School districts shall provide or contract for early intervention services in partnership with local birth-to-three lead agencies and birth-to-three providers. Services provided under this section shall not supplant services or funding currently provided in the state for early intervention services to eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age. The state-designated birth-to-three lead agency shall be payor of last resort for birth-to-three early intervention services provided under this section.
(2) The services in this section are not part of the state's program of basic education pursuant to Article IX of the state Constitution.

Sec. 3. RCW 28A.155.070 and 1995 c 77 s 13 are each amended to read as follows:
Special educational and training programs provided by the state and the school districts thereof for children with disabilities (01m1) shall be extended to include children of preschool age. School districts (01m2) which extend such special programs to children of preschool age shall be entitled to the regular apportionments from state and county school funds, as provided by law, and in addition to allocations from state excess cost funds made available for such special services for those children with disabilities who are given such special services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 3 of this act takes effect September 1, 2009."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "disabilities;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.155.070; adding new sections to chapter 28A.155 RCW; and providing an effective date."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1107 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL

AS SENATE AMENDED

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1107 as amended by the Senate.

MOTION

On motion of Representative Santos, Representative Eickmeyer was excused.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1107, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmqivist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1107, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1510, with the following amendment:

On page 2, line 7, after "year," strike "and"

On page 2, line 8, after "(B)" insert "No comparable private for-profit facility exists within ten miles of the property that could be used for the same purpose for which the property is loaned or rented; and"

and the same is herewith transmitted.
There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1510 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representatives Morris and Orcutt spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1510 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1510, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1510, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2233, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that active military and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and national guard members called to active duty have served their country and have risked their lives to defend the lives of all Americans and the freedoms that define and distinguish our nation. The legislature intends to honor active military and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and national guard members who have served on active military or naval duty for the public service they have provided to this country by making available to all eligible admitted veterans a waiver of operating fees by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen State College, or the community colleges as a whole, to veterans who qualify under RCW 28B.15.621.

Sec. 2. RCW 28B.15.910 and 2005 c 249 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) For the purpose of providing state general fund support to public institutions of higher education, except for revenue waived under programs listed in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and unless otherwise expressly provided in the omnibus state appropriations act, the total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen State College, or the community colleges as a whole, shall not exceed the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this subsection. As used in this section, "gross authorized operating fees revenue" means the estimated gross operating fees revenue as estimated under RCW 82.33.020 or as revised by the office of financial management, before granting any waivers. This limitation applies to all tuition waiver programs established before or after July 1, 1992.

(a) University of Washington 21 percent
(b) Washington State University 20 percent
(c) Eastern Washington University 11 percent
(d) Central Washington University 8 percent
(e) Western Washington University 10 percent
(f) The Evergreen State College 6 percent
(g) Community colleges as a whole 35 percent

(2) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section apply to waivers, exemptions, or reductions in operating fees contained in the following:

(a) RCW 28B.15.014;
(b) RCW 28B.15.100;
(c) RCW 28B.15.225;
(d) RCW 28B.15.380;
(e) RCW 28B.15.520;
(f) RCW 28B.15.526;
(g) RCW 28B.15.527;
(h) RCW 28B.15.543;
(i) RCW 28B.15.545;
(j) RCW 28B.15.555;
(k) RCW 28B.15.556;
(l) RCW 28B.15.615;
(m) RCW 28B.15.621(2);
(n) RCW 28B.15.730;
((o)) RCW 28B.15.740;
((p)) RCW 28B.15.750;
((q)) RCW 28B.15.756;
((r)) RCW 28B.50.259; and
((s)) RCW 28B.70.050((t) and
((u)) RCW 28B.15.621(2)).

(3) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section do not apply to waivers, exemptions, or reductions in services and activities fees contained in the following:
On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "veterans;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.15.910; and creating a new section."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2233 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representatives Kenney, Rodne and Kristiansen spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2233 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2233, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2233, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2382, with the following amendment:

On page 2, line 14, after "means" strike "an" and insert "a cooperative not-for-profit"

On page 2, line 14, after "facility" insert ", such as a corral,"

On page 2, line 16, after "basis," strike "such as corrals" and insert "and does not include commercial slaughter facilities"

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2382 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representatives Lantz and Kretz spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2382 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2382, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.

Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2382, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2384, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 43.92 RCW to read as follows:

It is the intent of the legislature that there be an effective state geological survey that can produce essential information that provides for the health, safety, and economic well-being of the citizens.

Sec. 2. RCW 43.92.010 and 1988 c 127 s 28 are each amended to read as follows:

There shall be a geological survey of the state (which) shall be under the direction of the commissioner of public lands who shall have general charge of the survey, and shall appoint as supervisor of the survey a geologist of established reputation, to be known as the (supervisor of geology) state geologist.

Sec. 3. RCW 43.92.020 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The geological survey shall have for its objects:

(1) An examination of the economic products of the state, (including) (including) Gold, silver, copper, lead, and iron ores, as well as building stones, clays, coal, and all mineral substances of value;

(2) An examination and classification of (the) soils, and the study of their adaptability to particular crops;

(3) An investigation and report upon the water supplies, artesian wells, the water power of the state, gauging the streams, etc., with reference to their application for irrigation and other purposes;

(4) An examination and report upon the occurrence of different road building material;

(5) An examination of the physical features of the state with reference to their practical bearing upon the occupations of the people;

(6) The preparation of special geological and economic maps to illustrate the resources of the state;

(7) The preparation of special reports with necessary illustrations and maps, which shall embrace both the general and detailed description of the geology and natural resources of the state(s); and

(8) The consideration of (involving similar) similar scientific and economic questions (which) that, in the judgment of the (director shall be) state geologist, is deemed of value to the people of the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.92 RCW to read as follows:

In addition to the objectives stated in RCW 43.92.020, the geological survey must conduct and maintain an assessment of seismic, landslide, and tsunami hazards in Washington. This assessment must include the identification and mapping of volcanic, seismic, landslide, and tsunami hazards, an estimation of potential consequences, and the likelihood of occurrence. The maintenance of this assessment must include technical assistance to state and local government agencies on the proper interpretation and application of the results of this assessment.

Sec. 5. RCW 43.92.040 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.040 are each amended to read as follows:

((The)) Regular and special reports of the geological survey, with proper illustrations and maps, shall be printed as ((the director may direct and the)) directed by the state geologist. All reports shall be distributed or sold by ((them)) the department of natural resources as the interests of the state and of science demand((and)). All money obtained by the sale of reports under this section shall be paid into the state treasury.

Sec. 6. RCW 43.92.060 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The ((director)) state geologist may make provisions for topographic, geologic, and hydrographic surveys of the state in cooperation with the United States geological survey in such manner as in ((his)) the opinion of the state geologist will be of the greatest benefit to the agricultural, industrial, and geological requirements of the state((PROVIDED That)). However, the director of the United States geological survey ((agrees)) must first agree to expend on the part of the United States upon such surveys a sum equal to that expended by the state.

Sec. 7. RCW 43.92.070 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.070 are each amended to read as follows:

In order to complete the topographic map of the state and for the purpose of making more extensive stream measurements, and otherwise investigating and determining the water supply of the state, the ((director)) state geologist may enter into such agreements with the director of the United States geological survey as will ((insure)) ensure that the surveys and investigations be carried on in the most economical manner, and that the maps and data be available for the use of the public as quickly as possible.

Sec. 8. RCW 43.92.080 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.080 are each amended to read as follows:

In order to carry out the purposes of this chapter, all persons employed ((hereunder)) by the department of natural resources to
carry out the duties of this chapter are authorized to enter and cross all land within the state (doing thereby) as long as no damage is done to private property."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "survey," strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.92.010, 43.92.020, 43.92.040, 43.92.060, 43.92.070, and 43.92.080; and adding new sections to chapter 43.92 RCW."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2384 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representatives B. Sullivan and Buck spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2384 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2384, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yea - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2384, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2457, with the following amendment:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW to read as follows:

1. The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the sale to an eligible farmer of replacement parts for qualifying farm machinery and equipment.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, if replacement parts are installed by the seller during the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving qualifying farm machinery and equipment and the seller makes a separate charge for the parts, the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the separately stated charge to an eligible farmer for replacement parts but only if the separately stated charge does not exceed either the seller's current publicly stated retail price for the parts or, if no separately stated retail price is available, the seller's cost for the parts. However, the exemption provided by this section shall not apply if replacement parts are installed by the seller during the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving qualifying farm machinery and equipment and the seller makes a single nonitemized charge for providing the parts and service.

3.(a) A person claiming an exemption under this section must keep records necessary for the department to verify eligibility under this section. An exemption is available only when the buyer provides the seller with an exemption certificate issued by the department containing such information as the department requires. The exemption certificate shall be in a form and manner prescribed by the department. The seller shall retain a copy of the certificate for the seller's files.

(b) The department shall provide an exemption certificate to an eligible farmer or renew an exemption certificate, upon application by that eligible farmer. The application must be in a form and manner prescribed by the department and shall contain the following information as required by the department:

(i) The name and address of the applicant;

(ii) The uniform business identifier or tax reporting account number of the applicant, if the applicant is required to be registered with the department;

(iii) The type of farming engaged in;

(iv) A copy of the applicant's Schedule F of Form 1040, Form 1120, or other applicable form filed with the internal revenue service indicating the gross sales of agricultural products by the applicant in the calendar year immediately preceding the year that the application was made to the department. If application is made before the due date of the applicant's federal income tax return for the prior calendar year, or any extension of the due date, the application shall provide a copy of the appropriate federal income tax form that was due for the second calendar year immediately preceding the year that the application is made to the department. If the applicant is not required to file federal income tax returns, the department may require the applicant to provide copies of other documents establishing the amount of the applicant's gross sales of agricultural products for the relevant calendar year;
(v) The name of the individual authorized to sign the certificate, printed in a legible fashion;
(vi) The signature of the authorized individual; and
(vii) Other information the department may require to verify the applicant's eligibility for the exemption.

(c)(i) Except as otherwise provided in this section, exemption certificates issued by the department are not transferable and are valid for the calendar year in which the certificate is issued and the following four calendar years. The department shall attempt to notify holders of exemption certificates of the impending expiration of the certificate at least sixty days before the certificate expires and shall provide an application for renewal of the certificate.

(ii) When a certificate holder merely changes identity or form of ownership of an entity and there is no change in beneficial ownership, the exemption certificate shall be transferred to the new entity upon notice to the department by the transferor or transferee.

(d)(i) Exemption certificates issued to persons who are eligible farmers under subsection (4)(b)(iii) of this section are conditioned on the person making at least ten thousand dollars of gross sales of agricultural products grown, raised, or produced by that person in the first full calendar year that the person engages in business as a farmer.

(ii) A person who is issued a conditional exemption certificate must provide the department with a copy of the person's Schedule F of Form 1040, Form 1120, or other applicable form filed with the internal revenue service indicating the gross sales of agricultural products by the person in the first full calendar year that the person engaged in business as a farmer. If a person is not required to file federal income tax returns, the person shall provide copies of other documents establishing the amount of the person's gross sales of agricultural products for the first full calendar year that the person engaged in business as a farmer. The documentation required in this subsection (3)(d)(ii) is due no later than December 31st of the year immediately following the first full calendar year in which the person engaged in business as a farmer.

(iii) If a person fails to provide the required documentation to the department by the due date or any extension granted by the department, or if the condition in (d)(i) of this subsection is not met, the department shall revoke the exemption certificate. The department shall notify the person in writing of the revocation and the person's responsibility, and due date, for repayment of any taxes for which an exemption under this section was claimed. Any taxes for which an exemption under this section was claimed shall be due and payable within thirty days of the date of the notice revoking the certificate. The department shall assess interest on the taxes for which the exemption was claimed. Interest shall be assessed at the rate provided for delinquent excise taxes under chapter 82.32 RCW, retroactively to the date the exemption was claimed, and shall accrue until the taxes for which the exemption was claimed are repaid. Penalties shall not be imposed on any tax required to be repaid if full payment is received by the due date. Nothing in this subsection (3)(d) prohibits a person from reapplying for an exemption certificate.

(4) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section.

(a) "Agricultural products" has the meaning provided in RCW 82.04.213.

(b) "Eligible farmer" means:

(i) A farmer as defined in RCW 82.04.213 whose gross proceeds of sales of agricultural products grown, raised, or produced by that person are at least ten thousand dollars in the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which a claim of exemption is made under this section;

(ii) The transferee of an exemption certificate under subsection (3)(c)(ii) of this section where the transferred certificate expires before the transferee engages in farming operations for a full calendar year, if the combined gross proceeds of sales by the transferor and transferee of agricultural products that they have grown, raised, or produced meet the requirements of (b)(ii) of this subsection;

(iii) A farmer as defined in RCW 82.04.213, who does not meet the definition of "eligible farmer" in (b)(i) or (ii) of this subsection, and who did not engage in farming for the entire calendar year immediately preceding the year in which application for exemption under this section is made and who did not engage in farming in any other year;

(iv) Anyone who otherwise meets the definition of "eligible farmer" in this subsection except that they are not a "person" as defined in RCW 82.04.030.

(c) "Qualifying farm machinery and equipment" means machinery and equipment used primarily for growing, raising, or producing agricultural products. "Qualifying farm machinery and equipment" does not include:

(i) Farm vehicles and other vehicles as those terms are defined in chapter 46.04 RCW, except farm tractors as defined in RCW 46.04.180 and other farm implements. For purposes of this subsection (4)(c)(i), "farm implement" does not include lawn tractors and all-terrain vehicles;

(ii) Aircraft;

(iii) Hand tools and hand-powered tools; and

(iv) Property with a useful life of less than one year.

(d) "Replacement parts" means those parts that replace an existing part, or which are essential to maintain the working condition, of a piece of qualifying farm machinery or equipment. However, "replacement parts" shall not include paint, fuel, oil, grease, hydraulic fluids, antifreeze, and similar items.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use by an eligible farmer of replacement parts for qualifying farm machinery and equipment.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, if replacement parts are installed by the seller during the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving qualifying farm machinery and equipment and the seller makes a separate charge for the parts, the tax imposed by this chapter does not apply to the separately stated charge to an eligible farmer for replacement parts but only if the separately stated charge does not exceed either the seller's current publicly stated retail price for the parts or, if no separately stated retail price is available, the seller's cost for the parts. However, the exemption provided by this section shall not apply if replacement parts are installed by the seller during the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving qualifying farm machinery and equipment and the seller makes a single nonitemized charge for providing the parts and service.

(3) The definitions and recordkeeping requirements in section 1 of this act, other than the exemption certificate requirement, apply to this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2006.'
and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2457 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representatives Orcutt and Simpson spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2457 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2457, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yea - 95, Nay - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2457, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2543, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 38.52.530 and 2002 c 341 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

The enhanced 911 advisory committee is created to advise and assist the state enhanced 911 coordinator in coordinating and facilitating the implementation and operation of enhanced 911 throughout the state. The director shall appoint members of the committee who represent diverse geographical areas of the state and include state residents who are members of the national emergency number association, the associated public communications officers Washington chapter, the Washington state fire chiefs association, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, the Washington state council of fire fighters, the Washington state council of police officers, the Washington ambulance association, the state fire protection policy board, the Washington fire commissioners association, the Washington state patrol, the association of Washington cities, the Washington state association of counties, the utilities and transportation commission or commission staff, a representative of a voice over internet protocol company, and an equal number of representatives of large and small local exchange telephone companies and large and small radio communications service companies offering commercial mobile radio service in the state. This section expires December 31, (2006) 2011.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW to read as follows:

On an annual basis, the enhanced 911 advisory committee shall provide an update on the status of enhanced 911 service in the state to the appropriate committees in the legislature."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "committee," strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 38.52.530; adding a new section to chapter 38.52 RCW; and providing an expiration date."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2543 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representative Kilmer spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2543 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2543, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yea - 95, Nay - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.

Voting yea: Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Anderson,

Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2543, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2573, with the following amendment:

On page 6, after line 27, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) The department of corrections shall create a demonstration project with one county jail system, one city jail system in the same county as the county jail system, and one state prison to demonstrate an integrated electronic health records system to facilitate and expedite the transfer of inmate health information between state and local correctional facilities.

(a) The demonstration project shall at a minimum be partially operational prior to September 1, 2006.

(b) The demonstration project data shall be available to the legislature by December 31, 2006.

(c) If specific funding is not provided for this subsection, the department is not required to complete the demonstration project.

(2) The department of corrections, in consultation with the Washington state health care authority, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, the Washington association of county officials, the Washington state association of counties, and the association of Washington cities shall prepare a recommendation to the 2007 legislature on how to implement a statewide integrated electronic health records system to facilitate and expedite the transfer of inmate health information between state and local correctional facilities. The recommendation shall include data from similar demonstration projects, the cost necessary to implement the statewide program, anticipated savings created to state and local governments, the benefits of such a system, any relevant data from other states that have implemented similar statewide programs, and whether any statutory changes are necessary to implement a statewide system. The recommendations shall be presented to the legislature by December 31, 2006."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, strike "a new section" and insert "new sections"

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoermann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2573 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Morrell and Hinkle spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2573 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2573, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yea's - 83, Nay's - 12, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2573, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

I intended to vote NAY on SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2573 as amended by the Senate.

KIRK PEARSON, 39th District
MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2579, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION.  Sec. 1. The legislature finds that instruction in social studies, arts, health, and fitness is important to ensure a well-rounded and complete education. In particular, the civic mission of schools is strengthened and enhanced by comprehensive civics education and assessments. The legislature finds that effective and accountable democratic government depends upon an informed and engaged citizenry, and therefore, students should learn their rights and responsibilities as citizens, where those rights and responsibilities come from, and how to exercise them.

Sec. 2. RCW 28A.230.095 and 2004 c 19 s 203 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) By the end of the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall have in place in elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools assessments or other strategies to assure that students have an opportunity to learn the essential academic learning requirements in social studies, the arts, and health and fitness. Social studies includes history, geography, civics, economics, and social studies skills. Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall annually submit an implementation verification report to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall require students in the fourth or fifth grades, the seventh or eighth grades, and the eleventh or twelfth grades to each complete at least one classroom-based assessment in civics. The civics assessment may be selected from a list of classroom-based assessments approved by the office of the superintendent of public instruction. Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall annually submit implementation verification reports to the office of the superintendent of public instruction documenting the use of the classroom-based assessments in civics.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 3. (1) The legislature finds that the complexity of modern political life has created a demand for informed citizens who are willing not only to vote, but also to participate in the elections process.

(2) The purpose of this section is to create a pilot project to help graduates who are better voters, better citizens, and who are ready to take an informed and responsible place in society.

(3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall work with selected county auditors' offices to develop an interactive high school civics curriculum to help students learn how to become informed citizens. The curriculum shall meet the requirements for the office of the superintendent of public instruction's classroom-based assessments. Staff from the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall work directly in the curriculum development.

(4) Counties shall apply to, and be selected by, the office of the superintendent of public instruction to participate in the pilot project under this section. A maximum of fifteen counties may participate.

(5) The curriculum shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Local government organization;

(b) A discussion of ballot measures, initiatives, and referenda;

(c) The role and responsibilities of voting jurisdictions in establishing ballot measures; and

(d) The role and responsibilities of taxpayers in establishing ballot measures;

(e) The role of the precinct in defining ballots, candidates, and political activities;

(f) The role and responsibilities of taxing jurisdictions in conducting elections.

(g) The study may include in the curriculum civics essential academic learning requirements relating to examining representative government and citizen participation and analyzing the purposes and organization of government and law.

(7) A curriculum guide shall be developed that will help teachers and students maximize the learning of key issues in civics, and shall include strategies for helping students develop voters' guide information for ballot issues and candidates who appear on the ballot. This guide should incorporate ideas from other Washington state civics education programs, such as "We the People" and "Project Citizen." The guide should also present ideas for sharing the results of an election with the larger community and with local government officials in productive, meaningful ways.

(8) In addition to the required components of the pilot project under this section, other activities may be included in the project, such as:

(a) Conducting mock county elections at schools; and

(b) Preparing an advisory issue on which the school would vote, including issue preparation, conducting the election, and preparing a presentation to a local government official on the results of the advisory issue.

(9) The pilot project shall operate for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years.

(10) Funds for the pilot project shall be made available to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for a contract position in civics curriculum and for support costs for soliciting and implementing volunteer participation.

(11) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to implement this section, including rules specifying selection criteria for counties that wish to participate.

(12) The superintendent of public instruction shall provide an interim report to appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008, and a final report by December 1, 2009, detailing the results of the project and budget recommendations for expansion, if appropriate.

(13) This section expires January 31, 2010.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 4. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent shall use the funds to provide competitive grants to school districts for curriculum alignment, development of innovative civics projects, and other activities that support the civics assessment under this act. As a condition of grant receipt, districts shall make the products developed under the grant widely available as examples of best practices."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "assessments;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.230.095; creating new sections; making an appropriation; and providing an expiration date."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary
There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2579 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED**

Representatives Upthegrove and Nixon spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Engrossed House Bill No. 2579 as amended by the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed House Bill No. 2579, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 76, Nays - 19, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2579, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2596, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that direct-entry apprenticeship programs can be very beneficial to both students and employers. However, there is also concern that apprenticeship programs may reduce the number of students who enroll in traditional cosmetology school. The advisory committee is to update the legislature on the program with an updated final report by December 31, 2008, and is to include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the apprenticeship program, including but not limited to the number of apprentices who complete the program, the number of apprentices who take and pass the licensing examination, and a formal review of any impact the expansion of such an apprenticeship program may have on the enrollment of traditional cosmetology schools, including but not limited to whether the enrollment of traditional cosmetology schools is negatively impacted by the direct-entry apprenticeship programs.

Sec. 2. RCW 18.16.280 and 2003 c 400 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

A cosmetology apprenticeship pilot program is hereby created.

(1) An advisory committee is created that may consist of representatives from individuals and businesses licensed under chapter 18.16 RCW; cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring advisory board members; department of labor and industries; department of licensing; United States department of labor apprenticeship; and other interested parties.

(a) The advisory committee shall meet to review progress of the cosmetology apprenticeship pilot program.

(b) The department of labor and industries apprenticeship council shall coordinate the activities of the advisory committee. The advisory committee shall issue annual reports on the progress of the apprenticeship program to interested parties and shall issue a final report regarding the outcome of the apprenticeship program to be presented to the appropriate committees of the house of representatives and senate by December 31, 2005. The advisory committee shall submit an updated report, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the apprenticeship program, to the appropriate committees of the house of representatives and senate by December 31, 2007.

(2) Up to twenty salons approved by the department of labor and industries apprenticeship council may participate in the apprenticeship program. The participating salons shall proportionately represent the geographic diversity of Washington state, including rural and urban areas, and salons located in both eastern and western Washington.

(3) The department of licensing shall adopt rules, including a mandatory requirement that apprentices complete in-classroom theory courses as a part of their training, to provide for the licensure of participants of the apprenticeship program.


On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "program;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.16.280; and creating a new section;" and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2596 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.
Representatives Kenney and McDonald spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2596 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2596, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2596, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2789, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The legislature finds that it is in the public interest of the state to encourage and facilitate the formation of cooperative relationships between business and labor and educational institutions that provide for the development and expansion of programs of educational skills training consistent with employment needs.

(2) Further, the legislature finds that it is in the state's interest to make students aware of the educational training programs and career employment opportunities.

(3) Therefore, the following shall be implemented to expand opportunities for secondary school students to prepare for technical careers and related apprenticeships:

(a) Centers of excellence and other colleges with a high density of apprenticeship programs shall act as brokers of relevant information and resources as provided for in section 2 of this act;

(b) An educational outreach program coordinated by the Washington state apprenticeship and training council as provided for in section 3 of this act; and

(c) The development of direct-entry programs for graduating secondary students, approved and overseen by the Washington state apprenticeship and training council as provided for in section 4 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Centers of excellence, as designated by the state board for community and technical colleges, and other colleges identified by the state board for community and technical colleges in consultation with the Washington state apprenticeship and training council as having a high density of apprenticeship programs, shall act as a broker of relevant information and resources on available grants, scholarship opportunities, job openings, and industries of growth.

(2) The Washington state apprenticeship and training council, in conjunction with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, shall aid all local school districts in meeting the goals of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Within existing resources, the Washington state apprenticeship and training council, in conjunction with individual state-approved apprenticeship training programs and the office of the superintendent of public instruction, shall lead and coordinate an educational outreach program for middle and secondary school students, parents, and educators about apprenticeship and career opportunities and communicate work force projections to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for distribution to all local school districts.

(2) Appropriate activities of the Washington state apprenticeship and training council under this section include assistance with curriculum development, the establishment of practical learning opportunities for students, and seeking the advice and participation of industry and labor interests.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Within existing resources, the Washington state apprenticeship and training council shall approve and oversee direct-entry programs for graduating secondary students into building and construction-related apprenticeships by:

(a) Assisting individual school districts in using and leveraging existing resources; and

(b) Developing guidelines, including guidelines that ensure that graduating secondary school students will receive appropriate education and training and will have the opportunity to transition to local apprenticeship programs. The guidelines must be developed with input from apprenticeship coordinators, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the state board for community and technical colleges, the work force training and education..."
coordinating board, and other interested stakeholders for direct-entry programs.

(2) The Washington state apprenticeship and training council shall award up to ten incentive grants for the 2006-07 school year, based on guidelines established under subsection (1)(b) of this section, to school districts statewide solely for personnel to negotiate and implement agreements with local apprenticeship programs based upon state apprenticeship use requirements, as described in RCW 39.04.320, to accept graduating secondary school students with appropriate training into apprenticeship programs. The council shall make every effort to award the grants evenly across the state.

(3) Beginning December 1, 2006, the Washington state apprenticeship and training council shall provide an annual report to the governor and the education and commerce and labor committees of the legislature. The report shall include:

(a) The guidelines established under subsection (1)(b) of this section;
(b) The names of the school districts receiving incentive grants under subsection (2) of this section;
(c) The results of negotiations between school districts receiving incentive grants and local apprenticeship programs;
(d) A list of apprenticeship programs that have agreed, pursuant to negotiated agreements, to accept qualified graduating secondary students; and
(e) The number of qualified graduating secondary students entering into apprenticeship programs each year through direct-entry programs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 28C.04 RCW to read as follows:

1 Subject to funding provided for the purposes of this section, the superintendent of public instruction and the state board for community and technical colleges, in consultation with the Washington state apprenticeship and training council, shall allocate grants on a competitive basis to up to four pilot projects to expand enrollment of secondary school students in career and technical programs that enable them to enter apprenticeships, particularly building and construction apprenticeships, upon graduation. The purpose of the pilot projects is to develop new collaborations among K-12 education and work force education providers and try new approaches to delivering instruction and career and technical education to secondary school students.

(a) Two of the pilot projects shall involve skill centers or high schools working collaboratively with local or regional apprenticeship programs and the Washington state apprenticeship and training council to design and offer the programs.
(b) Two of the pilot projects shall involve community or technical colleges working collaboratively with local high schools, local or regional apprenticeship programs, and the Washington state apprenticeship and training council to design and offer the programs.
(c) At least one of the pilot projects is encouraged to involve small or rural high schools.
(d) In reviewing the grant applications, the superintendent of public instruction and the Washington state apprenticeship and training council shall convene a review committee representing the state board for community and technical colleges, the work force training and education coordinating board, business and labor interests with ties to apprenticeship fields, apprenticeship program coordinators, and career and technical educators in the public schools. Grant award recipients must be notified by June 1, 2006.
(e) Pilot projects must be ready to enroll students for the 2006-07 school year.

(f) The pilot projects shall operate for a three-year period.

(2) In addition to enrolling students in career and technical programs that enable them to enter apprenticeships upon graduation, the pilot projects under this section may engage in but are not limited to the following activities:

(a) Developing or modifying curriculum to align with apprenticeship entry requirements and skill expectations or to adjust curriculum to the secondary level;
(b) Negotiating agreements for nonmonetary consideration or for no consideration to use local or regional apprenticeship program training facilities to offer programs;
(c) Negotiating agreements with local or regional apprenticeship programs, community or technical colleges, or other contractors to provide specialized instruction within the program;
(d) Based on guidelines and assistance from the Washington state apprenticeship and training council, negotiating direct-entry agreements with local or regional apprenticeship programs to accept pilot project graduates into the programs;
(e) In conjunction with educational outreach efforts by the Washington state apprenticeship and training council and local or regional apprenticeship programs, conducting marketing, advertising, and communication about the pilot project to area teachers, counselors, students, and parents;
(f) Providing tutoring and other academic support services to ensure students have the necessary academic skills for the program and for high school graduation; and
(g) Offering other support services such as counseling, community service referral, and assistance for low-income students such as tools, supplies, books, or transportation to nonschool facilities.

(3) To the maximum extent possible, students enrolled in a pilot project shall receive both high school and college credit for their courses through tech-prep agreements or the high school program created in RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400 (running start).

(4) Beginning December 1, 2007, recipients of grants under this section shall report annually to the Washington state apprenticeship and training council: The number of students participating in programs developed under this section, the number of qualified graduating secondary students entering into apprenticeship programs each year, the apprenticeship programs into which the students entered, and lessons learned by the grant recipients that might lead to improvements in the development and implementation of additional preapprenticeship programs. The Washington state apprenticeship and training council shall provide an annual summary of the reports to the governor and the education and commerce and labor committees of the legislature.

(5) Funding for a student enrolled in a community or technical college pilot project under this section shall be provided under RCW 28A.320.015 and 28A.320.035 and rules adopted for the provision of instruction under contract.

(6) Using existing resources the superintendent of public instruction shall convene a work group to identify barriers and opportunities for further expansion of secondary career and technical programs that enable graduates to enter apprenticeships, including building and construction-related apprenticeships, beyond the pilot project stage. The work group shall include representatives from the Washington state apprenticeship and training council, local or regional apprenticeship programs, the work force training and education coordinating board, community and technical colleges, high schools, and skill centers. The superintendent shall submit a report with recommendations to the governor and the education and commerce and labor committees of the legislature by December 1,
2006. Issues to be considered by the work group may include:
(a) Expanding participation and opportunities in running start for career and technical students, particularly in apprenticeship preparation programs, including the role of using parent involvement in guidance and counseling for students to expand participation;
(b) Addressing highly qualified teacher requirements under the federal no child left behind act;
(c) Cross-crediting of career and technical and core academic courses;
(d) The funding model for skill centers;
(e) Creating benchmarks to measure outcomes from the pilot projects and from possible expansion of the projects; and
(f) The impact of current student assessment and achievement requirements on student participation in apprenticeship preparation programs and opportunities for developing alternative assessment and achievement requirements.

(7) This section expires August 31, 2009.

Sec. 6. RCW 28B.15.067 and 2003 c 232 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:
(1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of this chapter.
(2) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the 2008-09 academic year, reductions or increases in full-time tuition fees for resident undergraduates shall be as provided in the omnibus appropriations act.
(3) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the 2008-09 academic year, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the state board for community and technical colleges may reduce or increase full-time tuition fees for all students other than resident undergraduates, including summer school students and students in other self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in full-time tuition fees may exceed the fiscal growth factor. Reductions or increases may be made for all or portions of an institution's programs, campuses, courses, or students.
(4) Academic year tuition for full-time students at the state's institutions of higher education beginning with 2009-10, other than summer term, shall be as charged during the 2008-09 academic year unless different rates are adopted by the legislature.
(5) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply to high school students enrolling in participating institutions of higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.
(6) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical college under section 5 of this act.
(7) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09, the University of Washington shall use an amount equivalent to ten percent of all revenues received as a result of law school tuition increases beginning in academic year 2000-01 through academic year 2008-09 to assist needy low and middle income resident law students.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect April 1, 2006."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "apprenticeships;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.15.067; adding new sections to chapter 49.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28C.04 RCW; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2789 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Conway and Condotta spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Second Substitute House Bill No. 2789 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Second Substitute House Bill No. 2789, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote:  Yeas - 89, Nays - 6, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Voting nay: Representatives Bailey, Chandler, Crouse, Dunn, Orcutt and Schindler - 6.

Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2789, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 3, 2006
Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2817, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 288B.10 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The legislature recognizes the vital importance to the state's economic prosperity and the economic benefit of placing a priority on enrolling and conferring degrees upon students in the fields of engineering, technology, biotechnology, sciences, computer science, and mathematics.

(2) The legislature has significant concerns that other countries are outpacing the United States in graduating qualified engineers, and that major corporations within Washington state are searching out-of-state and even outside the United States to find the qualified and trained employees they need.

(3) Data compiled by the technology alliance shows that Washington state ranks thirty-fourth among the fifty states in the percentage of residents who have earned a science or engineering degree, per capita.

(4) Data collected by the office of financial management indicates that between the academic years of 1993-94 and 2003-04 at publicly four-year institutions of higher education in Washington state:

(a) There was a twelve percent decline in the number of full-time equivalents enrolled in the fields of engineering and related technologies; and

(b) There was nearly a nine percent decline in the number of bachelor's degrees conferred in the fields of engineering and related technologies.

(5) Data collected by the office of financial management also shows that for the 2003-04 academic year, only four percent of all full-time equivalents were enrolled in engineering and related technologies and just two percent of all full-time equivalents were enrolled in computer science studies at public four-year institutions of higher education in the state.

(6) Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to promote increased access, delivery models, enrollment slots, and degree opportunities in the fields of engineering, technology, biotechnology, sciences, computer sciences, and mathematics. It is recognized that these areas of study and training are integrally linked to ensuring that Washington state's economy can compete nationally and globally in the twenty-first century marketplace. It is also recognized that community colleges play a unique role in supporting degree attainment in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through the development of transferable curricula and the maintenance of viable articulation agreements with both public and private universities.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 288B.10 RCW to read as follows:

(1) A state priority is established for institutions of higher education, including community colleges, to encourage growing numbers of enrollments and degrees in the fields of engineering, technology, biotechnology, sciences, computer sciences, and mathematics.

(2) In meeting this state priority, the legislature understands and recognizes that the demands of the economic marketplace and the desires of students are not always on parallel tracks. Therefore, institutions of higher education shall determine local student demand for programs in the fields of engineering, technology, biotechnology, sciences, computer sciences, and mathematics and submit findings and proposed alternatives to meet demand to the higher education coordinating board and the legislature by November 1, 2008.

(3) While it is understood that these areas of emphasis should not be the sole focus of institutions of higher education. It is the intent of the legislature that steady progress in these areas occur. The higher education coordinating board shall track and report progress in the fields of engineering, technology, biotechnology, sciences, computer sciences, and mathematics including, but not limited to, the following information:

(a) The number of students enrolled in these fields on a biennial basis;

(b) The number of associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees conferred in these fields on a biennial basis;

(c) The amount of expenditures in enrollment and degree programs in these fields; and

(d) The number and type of public-private partnerships established relating to these fields among institutions of higher education, including community colleges, and leading corporations in Washington state.

(4) Institutions of higher education, including community colleges, shall be provided discretion and flexibility in achieving the objectives under this section. Examples of the types of institutional programs that may help achieve these objectives include, but are not limited to, establishment of institutes of technology, new polytechnic-based institutions, new divisions of existing institutions, and a flexible array of delivery models, including face-to-face learning, interactive courses, internet-based offerings, and instruction on main campuses, branch campuses, and other educational centers.

(5) The legislature recognizes the global needs of the economic marketplace for technologically prepared graduates, and the relationship between technology industries and higher education. Institutions of higher education, including community colleges, are strongly urged to consider science, engineering, and technology programs that are strongly supported by the state. Examples of the types of institutions that may help achieve these objectives include, but are not limited to, establishment of institutes of technology, new polytechnic-based institutions, new divisions of existing institutions, and a flexible array of delivery models, including face-to-face learning, interactive courses, internet-based offerings, and instruction on main campuses, branch campuses, and other educational centers.

On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "education," strike the remainder of the title and insert "and adding new sections to chapter 28B.10 RCW."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2817 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINIAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Sells and Rodne spoke in favor the
passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2817 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2817, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2817, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED THIRD SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2939, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that:
(1) Washington's dependence on energy supplied from outside the state and volatile global energy markets makes its economy and citizens vulnerable to unpredictable and high energy prices;
(2) Washington's dependence on petroleum-based fuels increases energy costs for citizens and businesses;
(3) Diesel soot from diesel engines ranks as the highest toxic air pollutant in Washington, leading to hundreds of premature deaths and increasing rates of asthma and other lung diseases;
(4) The use of biodiesel results in significantly less air pollution than traditional diesel fuels;
(5) Improper disposal and treatment of organic waste from farms and livestock operations can have a significant negative impact on water quality;
(6) Washington has abundant supplies of organic wastes from farms that can be used for energy production and abundant farmland where crops could be grown to supplement or supplant petroleum-based fuels;
(7) The use of energy and fuel derived from these sources can help citizens and businesses conserve energy and reduce the use of petroleum-based fuels, would improve air and water quality in Washington, reduce environmental risks from farm wastes, create new markets for farm products, and provide new industries and jobs for Washington citizens;
(8) The bioenergy industry is a new and developing industry that is, in part, limited by the availability of capital for the construction of facilities for converting farm and forest products into energy and fuels;
(9) Instead of leaving our economy at the mercy of global events, and the policies of foreign nations, Washington state should adopt a policy of energy independence; and
(10) The energy freedom program is meant to lead Washington state towards energy independence.

Therefore, the legislature finds that it is in the public interest to encourage the rapid adoption and use of bioenergy, to develop a viable bioenergy industry within Washington state, to promote public research and development in bioenergy sources and markets, and to support a viable agriculture industry to grow bioenergy crops. To accomplish this, the energy freedom program is established to promote public research and development in bioenergy, and to stimulate the construction of facilities in Washington to generate energy from farm sources or convert organic matter into fuels.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
(1) "Applicant" means any political subdivision of the state, including port districts, counties, cities, towns, special purpose districts, and other municipal corporations or quasi-municipal corporations. "Applicant" may also include federally recognized tribes and state institutions of higher education with appropriate research capabilities.
(2) "Assistance" includes loans, leases, product purchases, or other forms of financial or technical assistance.
(3) "Department" means the department of agriculture.
(4) "Director" means the director of the department of agriculture.
(5) "Peer review committee" means a board, appointed by the director, that includes bioenergy specialists, energy conservation specialists, scientists, and individuals with specific recognized expertise.
(6) "Project" means the construction of facilities, including the purchase of equipment, to convert farm products or wastes into electricity or gaseous or liquid fuels or other coproducts associated with such conversion. These specifically include fixed or mobile facilities to generate electricity or methane from the anaerobic digestion of organic matter, and fixed or mobile facilities for extracting oils from canola, rape, mustard, and other oilseeds. "Project" may also include the construction of facilities associated with such conversion for the distribution and storage of such feedstocks and fuels.
(7) "Research and development project" means research and development, by an institution of higher education as defined in subsection (1) of this section, relating to:
(a) Bioenergy sources including but not limited to biomass and associated gases; or
(b) The development of markets for bioenergy coproducts.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The energy freedom program is established within the department. The director may establish policies and procedures necessary for processing, reviewing, and approving applications made under this chapter.

(2) When reviewing applications submitted under this program, the director shall consult with those agencies having expertise and knowledge to assess the technical and business feasibility of the project and probability of success. These agencies may include, but are not limited to, Washington State University, the University of Washington, the department of ecology, the department of community, trade, and economic development, and the Washington state conservation commission.

(3) The director, in cooperation with the department of community, trade, and economic development, may approve an application only if the director finds:
(a) The project will convert farm products or wastes directly into electricity or into gaseous or liquid fuels or other coproducts associated with such conversion;
(b) The project demonstrates technical feasibility and directly assists in moving a commercially viable project into the marketplace for use by Washington state citizens;
(c) The facility will produce long-term economic benefits to the state, a region of the state, or a particular community in the state;
(d) The project does not require continuing state support;
(e) The assistance will result in new jobs, job retention, or higher incomes for citizens of the state;
(f) The state is provided an option under the assistance agreement to purchase a portion of the fuel or feedstock to be produced by the project, exercisable by the department of general administration;
(g) The project will increase energy independence or diversity for the state;
(h) The project will use feedstocks produced in the state, if feasible, except this criterion does not apply to the construction of facilities used to distribute and store fuels that are produced from farm products or wastes;
(i) Any product produced by the project will be suitable for its intended use, will meet accepted national or state standards, and will be stored and distributed in a safe and environmentally sound manner;
(j) The application provides for adequate reporting or disclosure of financial and employment data to the director, and permits the director to require an annual or other periodic audit of the project books; and
(k) For research and development projects, the application has been independently reviewed by a peer review committee as defined in section 2 of this act and the findings delivered to the director.

(4) The director may approve an application for assistance up to five million dollars. In no circumstances shall this assistance constitute more than fifty percent of the total project cost.

(5) The director shall enter into agreements with approved applicants to fix the terms and rates of the assistance to minimize the costs to the applicants, and to encourage establishment of a viable bioenergy industry. The agreement shall include provisions to protect the state's investment, including a requirement that a successful applicant enter into contracts with any partners that may be involved in the use of any assistance provided under this program, including services, facilities, infrastructure, or equipment. Contracts with any partners shall become part of the application record.

(6) The director may defer any payments for up to twenty-four months or until the project starts to receive revenue from operations, whichever is sooner.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) Upon written notice to the recipient of any assistance under this program, the director may suspend or cancel the assistance if any of the following occur:
(a) The recipient fails to make satisfactory and reasonable progress to complete the project, or the director concludes the recipient will be unable to complete the project or any portion of it; or
(b) The recipient has made misrepresentations in any information furnished to the director in connection with the project.

(2) In the event that any assistance has been awarded to the recipient under this program at the time of breach, or failure of the recipient to satisfactorily perform, the director may require that the full amount or value of the assistance, or a portion thereof, be repaid within a period specified by the director.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If the total requested dollar amount of assistance exceeds the amount available in the energy freedom account created in section 6 of this act, the applications must be prioritized based upon the following criteria:

(a) The extent to which the project will help reduce dependence on petroleum fuels and imported energy either directly or indirectly;
(b) The extent to which the project will reduce air and water pollution either directly or indirectly;
(c) The extent to which the project will establish a viable bioenergy production capacity in Washington;
(d) The benefits to Washington's agricultural producers; and
(e) The number and quality of jobs and economic benefits created by the project.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The energy freedom account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from appropriations made to the account and any loan payments of principal and interest derived from loans made under this chapter must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for assistance for projects consistent with this chapter. Administrative costs of the department may not exceed three percent of the total funds available for this program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The director shall report to the legislature and governor on the status of the energy freedom program created under this chapter, on or before December 1, 2006, and annually thereafter. This report must include information on the projects that have been funded, the status of these projects, and their environmental, energy savings, and job creation benefits.

Sec. 8. RCW 42.56.270 and 2005 c 274 s 407 are each amended to read as follows:

The following financial, commercial, and proprietary information is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

(1) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five years of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce private gain and public loss;

(2) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as
required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (b) highway construction or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070;

(3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects under RCW 43.23.035;

(4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by businesses or individuals during application for loans or program services provided by chapters 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, and 43.168 RCW, or during application for economic development loans or program services provided by any local agency;

(5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports, and any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

(6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state investment board by any person when the information relates to the investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the providers of this information;

(7) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120;

(8) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington center in applications for, or delivery of, program services under chapter 70.95H RCW;

(9) Financial and commercial information requested by the public stadium authority from any person or organization that leases or uses the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010;

(10) Financial information, including but not limited to account numbers and values, and other identification numbers supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other entity related to an application for a liquor license, gambling license, or lottery retail license;

(11) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other information that relates to: (a) A vendor's unique methods of conducting business; (b) data unique to the product or services of the vendor; or (c) determining prices or rates to be charged for services, submitted by any vendor to the department of social and health services for purposes of the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased health care as defined in RCW 41.05.011; and

(12(a) When supplied to and in the records of the department of community, trade, and economic development:

(i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any person and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic development pursuant to RCW 43.330.050(8) and 43.330.080(4); and

(ii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any person and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic development or the office of the governor in connection with the siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that person's business and until a siting decision is made, identifying information of any person supplying information under this subsection and the locations being considered for siting, relocation, or expansion of a business;

(b) When developed by the department of community, trade, and economic development based on information as described in (a)(i) of this subsection, any work product is not exempt from disclosure;

(c) For the purposes of this subsection, "siting decision" means the decision to acquire or not to acquire a site;

(d) If there is no written contact for a period of sixty days to the department of community, trade, and economic development from a person connected with siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that person's business, information described in (a)(ii) of this subsection will be available to the public under this chapter.

Sec. 9. RCW 43.84.092 and 2005 c 514 s 1105, 2005 c 353 s 3, 2005 c 339 s 22, 2005 c 314 s 109, 2005 c 312 s 7, and 2005 c 94 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which account is hereby established in the state treasury.

(2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management improvement act shall not require appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash management improvement act. The office of financial management may direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

(3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

(4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury income account except:

(a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's average daily balance for the period: The capitol building construction account, the Cedar River channel construction and operation account, the Central Washington University capital projects account, the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory institutions account, the common school construction fund, the county criminal justice assistance account, the county sales and use tax equalization account, the data processing building construction account, the deferred compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation principal account, the department of retirement systems expense account, the developmental disabilities community trust account, the drinking water assistance account, the drinking water assistance administrative account, the drinking water assistance repayment account, the Eastern Washington University capital projects account, the education construction fund, the education legacy trust account, the election account, the emergency reserve fund, the energy freedom account, The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the federal forest revolving account, the freight mobility investment account, the health services account, the public health services account, the health system capacity
account, the personal health services account, the state higher education construction account, the higher education construction account, the highway infrastructure account, the high-occupancy toll lanes operations account, the industrial insurance premium refund account, the judges' retirement account, the judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial retirement principal account, the local leasehold excise tax account, the local real estate excise tax account, the local sales and use tax account, the medical aid account, the mobile home park relocation fund, the multimodal transportation account, the municipal criminal justice assistance account, the municipal sales and use tax equalization account, the natural resources deposit account, the oyster reserve land account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the public employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public facilities construction loan revolving account beginning July 1, 2004, the public health supplemental account, the Puyallup tribal settlement account, the real estate appraiser commission account, the regional transportation investment district account, the resource management cost account, the rural Washington loan fund, the site closure account, the small city pavement and sidewalk account, the special wildlife account, the state employees' insurance account, the state employees' insurance reserve account, the state investment board expense account, the state investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the supplemental pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers' retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control account, the tobacco settlement account, the transportation infrastructure account, the transportation partnership account, the tuition recovery trust fund, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the University of Washington building account, the volunteer fire fighters' and reserve officers' relief and pension principal fund, the volunteer fire fighters' and reserve officers' administrative fund, the Washington fruit express account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' system plan 1 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the Washington state health insurance pool account, the Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State University building account, the Washington State University bond retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving fund, and the Western Washington University capital projects account. Earnings derived from investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts. All earnings to be distributed under this subsection (4)(a) shall first be reduced by the allocation to the state treasurer's service fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

(b) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period: The aeronautics account, the aircraft search and rescue account, the county arterial preservation account, the department of licensing services account, the essential rail assistance account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the grade crossing protective fund, the high capacity transportation account, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway safety account, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the pilotage account, the public transportation systems account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations account, the recreational vehicle account, the rural arterial trust account, the safety and education account, the special category C account, the state patrol highway account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the transportation fund, the transportation improvement account, the transportation improvement board bond retirement account, and the urban arterial trust account.

(5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

Sec. 10. RCW 43.84.092 and 2006 c 6 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which account is hereby established in the state treasury.

(2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash management improvement act. The office of financial management may direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

(3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

(4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury income account except:

(a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's average daily balance for the period: The capitol building construction account, the Cedar River channel construction and operation account, the Central Washington University capital projects account, the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory institutions account, the Columbia river basin water supply development account, the common school construction fund, the county criminal justice assistance account, the county sales and use tax equalization account, the data processing building construction account, the deferred compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation principal account, the department of retirement systems expense account, the developmental disabilities community trust account, the drinking water assistance account, the drinking water assistance administrative account, the drinking water assistance repayment account, the Eastern Washington University capital projects account, the education construction fund, the
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(b) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period: The aeronautics account, the aircraft search and rescue account, the county arterial preservation account, the department of licensing services account, the essential rail assistance account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the grade crossing protective fund, the high capacity transportation account, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway safety account, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the pilotage account, the public transportation systems account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations account, the recreational vehicle account, the rural arterial trust account, the safety and education account, the special category C account, the state patrol highway account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the transportation fund, the transportation improvement account, the transportation improvement board bond retirement account, and the urban arterial trust account.

(5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. Sections 1 through 7 of this act expire June 30, 2016. Any moneys in the energy freedom account on that date and any moneys received pursuant to assistance made under this chapter must be deposited in the general fund.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. Sections 2 through 7, 11, and 15 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 15 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. Sections 8 and 10 of this act take effect July 1, 2006.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Section 9 of this act expires July 1, 2006.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. 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."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "program;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 42.56.270 and 43.84.092; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092; adding a new chapter to Title 15 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and providing expiration dates."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to ENGROSSED THIRD SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2939 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representative Dunshee spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Representatives Chandler and Orcutt spoke against the passage of the bill.
The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Engrossed Third Substitute House Bill No. 2939 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Third Substitute House Bill No. 2939, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote:

Yeas - 66, Nays - 29, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

ENGROSSED THIRD SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2939, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2972, with the following amendment:

On page 10, after line 35 insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. No policy or contract may be solicited, or contribution collected under this act until a federal opinion is received by the insurance commissioner indicating whether the purchasing pools referenced in sections 2, 4, and 6 of this act are legal. The commissioner shall request such an opinion from the federal departments of labor, treasury, health and human services, or other appropriate federal agencies no later than August 1, 2006. Upon receipt, the commissioner shall forward the opinion to the legislature, and within 30 days, provide the legislature with a report assessing the legality and potential impact of these purchasing pools on the uninsured and insurance markets in Washington state."

On page 1, line 3, after "48.44 RCW," strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 48.46 RCW; and creating a new section."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2972 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Clibborn and Hinkle spoke in favor of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of House Bill No. 2972 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 2972, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote:

Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2972, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 1, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2973, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that Washington's performance-based education system should seek to provide fundamental academic knowledge and skills for all students, and to provide the opportunity for students to acquire knowledge and skills likely to contribute to their own economic well-being and that of their families and communities.

(2) The legislature recognizes that career and technical options are available for students.

(3) High schools or school districts should take advantage of their opportunity to offer course credits, including credits toward graduation requirements, for knowledge and skills in fundamental academic content areas that students gain in career and technical education courses.

(4) Therefore the legislature intends to create a rigorous and high quality career and technical high school alternative assessment that assures students meet state standards, and also reflects nationally recognized standards for the knowledge and skills needed to pursue employment and careers in technical fields.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.230 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Each high school or school district board of directors shall adopt course equivalencies for career and technical high school courses offered to students at the high school. A career and technical course equivalency may be for whole or partial credit. Each school district board of directors shall develop a course equivalency approval procedure.

(2) Career and technical courses determined to be equivalent to academic core courses, in full or in part, by the high school or school district shall be accepted as meeting core requirements, including graduation requirements, if the courses are recorded on the student's transcript using the equivalent academic high school department designation and title. Full or partial credit shall be recorded as appropriate.

Sec. 3. RCW 28A.230.090 and 2005 c 205 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The state board of education shall establish high school graduation requirements or equivalencies for students, except those equivalencies established by local high schools or school districts under section 2 of this act.

(a) Any course in Washington state history and government used to fulfill high school graduation requirements shall consider including information on the culture, history, and government of the American Indian peoples who were the first inhabitants of the state.

(b) The certificate of academic achievement requirements under RCW 28A.655.061 or the certificate of individual achievement requirements under RCW 28A.155.045 are required for graduation from a public high school but are not the only requirements for graduation.

(c) Any decision on whether a student has met the state board's high school graduation requirements for a high school and beyond plan shall remain at the local level.

(2) In recognition of the statutory authority of the state board of education to establish and enforce minimum high school graduation requirements, the state board shall periodically reevaluate the graduation requirements and shall report such findings to the legislature in a timely manner as determined by the state board. The state board shall reevaluate the graduation requirements for students enrolled in vocationally intensive and rigorous career and technical education programs, particularly those programs that lead to a certificate or credential that is state or nationally recognized. The purpose of the evaluation is to ensure that students enrolled in these programs have sufficient opportunity to earn a certificate of academic achievement, complete the program and earn the program's certificate or credential, and complete other state and local graduation requirements. The board shall report its findings and recommendations for additional flexibility in graduation requirements, if necessary, to the legislature by December 1, 2007.

(3) Pursuant to any requirement for instruction in languages other than English established by the state board of education or a local school district, or both, for purposes of high school graduation, students who receive instruction in American sign language or one or more American Indian languages shall be considered to have satisfied the state or local school district graduation requirement for instruction in one or more languages other than English.

(4) If requested by the student and his or her family, a student who has completed high school courses before attending high school shall be given high school credit which shall be applied to fulfilling high school graduation requirements if:

(a) The course was taken with high school students, if the academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes, and the student has successfully passed by completing the same course requirements and examinations as the high school students enrolled in the class; or

(b) The academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes and the course would qualify for high school credit, because the course is similar or equivalent to a course offered at a high school in the district as determined by the school district board of directors.

(5) Students who have taken and successfully completed high school courses under the circumstances in subsection (4) of this section shall not be required to take an additional competency examination or perform any other additional assignment to receive credit.

(6) At the college or university level, five quarter or three semester hours equals one high school credit.

Sec. 4. RCW 28A.230.100 and 1991 c 116 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, to implement the course requirements set forth in RCW 28A.230.090. The rules shall include, as the state board deems necessary, granting equivalencies for and temporary exemptions from the course requirements in RCW 28A.230.090 and special alterations of the course requirements in RCW 28A.230.090. In developing such rules the state board shall recognize the relevance of vocational and applied courses and allow such courses to fulfill in whole or in part the courses required for graduation in RCW 28A.230.090, as determined by the high school or school district in accordance with section 2 of this act. The rules may include provisions for competency testing in lieu of such courses required for graduation in RCW 28A.230.090 or demonstration of specific skill proficiency or understanding of concepts through work or experience.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 28C.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop an objective alternative assessment for career and technical education programs. The objective alternative assessment shall be comparable in rigor to the skills and knowledge that the student must demonstrate on the Washington assessment of student learning.
(2) The alternative assessment shall include an evaluation of a collection of work samples prepared and submitted by an applicant who is enrolled in a career and technical education program. The superintendent of public instruction shall develop guidelines for the collection of work samples that evidences that the collection:

(a) Is relevant to the student's particular career and technical program;

(b) Focuses on the application of academic knowledge and skills within the program;

(c) Includes completed activities or projects where demonstration of academic knowledge is inferred; and

(d) Is related to the essential academic learning requirements and state standards that students must meet to earn a certificate of academic achievement or certificate of individual achievement, but also represents the knowledge and skills that successful individuals in the career and technical field of the approved program are expected to possess.

(3) In developing the work samples for subsection (2) of this section, the superintendent shall consult with community and technical colleges, employers, the work force training and education coordinating board, apprenticeship programs, and other regional and national experts in career and technical education to create an appropriate collection of work samples and other evidence of a career and technical student's knowledge and skills on the state academic standards."

On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "areas;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.230.090 and 28A.230.100; adding a new section to chapter 28A.230 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28C.04 RCW; and creating a new section." and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2973 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL
AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Priest and Quall spoke in favor the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2973 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2973, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyere and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2973, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
March 2, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3178, with the following amendment:

"Sec. 1. RCW 47.64.011 and 1983 c 15 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions in this section shall apply.

(1) "Arbitration" means the procedure whereby the parties involved in an impasse submit their differences to a third party for a final and binding decision or as provided in this chapter.

(2) "Arbitrator" means either a single arbitrator or a panel of three arbitrators as provided in RCW 47.64.240.

(3) "Collective bargaining representative" means the persons designated by the (secretary of transportation) governor and employee organizations to be the exclusive representatives during collective bargaining negotiations.

(4) "Commission" means the marine employees' commission created in RCW 47.64.280.

(5) "Department of transportation" means the department as defined in RCW 47.01.021.

(6) "Employer" means the state of Washington.

(7) "Ferry employee" means any employee of the marine transportation division of the department of transportation who is a member of a collective bargaining unit represented by a ferry employee organization and does not include an exempt employee pursuant to RCW 41.06.079.

(8) "Ferry employee organization" means any labor organization recognized to represent a collective bargaining unit of ferry employees.

(9) "Ferry system management" means those management personnel of the marine transportation division of the department of transportation who have been vested with the day-to-day management responsibilities of the Washington state ferry system by the
transportation commission and who are not members of a collective bargaining unit represented by a ferry employee organization:

(9) "Lockout" means the refusal of ((ferry system management)) the employer to furnish work to ferry employees in an effort to get ferry employee organizations to make concessions during collective bargaining, grievance, or other labor relation negotiations. Curtailment of employment of ferry employees due to lack of work resulting from a strike or work stoppage((as defined in subsection (11) of this section)) shall not be considered a lockout.

(10) "Marine employees' commission" means the commission created in RCW 47.64.280.

(11) "Office of financial management" means the office as created in RCW 43.41.050.

(12) "Transportation commission" means the commission as defined in RCW 47.01.021.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 47.64 RCW to read as follows:

(1) For the purpose of negotiating collective bargaining agreements under this chapter, the employer shall be represented by the governor or governor's designee.

(2) Two or more ferry employee organizations may, upon agreement of the parties, negotiate, as a coalition with the employer representative as designated in subsection (1) of this section, a multiunion collective bargaining agreement on behalf of all the employees in ferry employee organization bargaining units that the exclusive bargaining representatives represent. The coalition shall bargain for a multiunion collective bargaining agreement covering all of the employees represented by the coalition. The employer's designee and the exclusive bargaining representative or representatives are authorized to enter into supplemental bargaining of bargaining unit-specific issues for inclusion in or as an addendum to the multiunion collective bargaining agreement, subject to the parties' agreement regarding the issues and procedures for supplemental bargaining. Nothing in this section impairs the right of each ferry employee organization to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement exclusive to the bargaining unit it represents.

Sec. 3. RCW 47.64.120 and 1997 c 436 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

1. ((Ferry system management)) The employer and ferry system employee organizations, through their collective bargaining representatives, shall meet at reasonable times, to negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, working conditions, insurance, and health care benefits as limited by RCW 47.64.270, and other matters mutually agreed upon. Employer funded retirement benefits shall be provided under the public employees retirement system under chapter 41.40 RCW and shall not be included in the scope of collective bargaining.

2. Upon ratification of bargaining agreements, ferry employees are entitled to an amount equivalent to the interest earned on retroactive compensation increases. For purposes of this section, the interest earned on retroactive compensation increases is the same monthly rate of interest that was earned on the amount of the compensation increases while held in the state treasury. The interest will be computed for each employee until the date the retroactive compensation is paid, and must be allocated in accordance with appropriation authority. The interest earned on retroactive compensation is not considered part of the ongoing compensation obligation of the state and is not compensation earnable for the purposes of chapter 41.40 RCW. Negotiations shall also include grievance procedures for resolving any questions arising under the agreement, which shall be embodied in a written agreement and signed by the parties.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, if a conflict exists between an executive order, administrative rule, or agency policy relating to wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment and a collective bargaining agreement negotiated under this chapter, the collective bargaining agreement shall prevail. A provision of a collective bargaining agreement that conflicts with the terms of a statute is invalid and unenforceable.

Sec. 4. RCW 47.64.130 and 1983 c 15 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

1. It is an unfair labor practice for ((ferry system management)) the employer or its representatives:

(a) To interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed by this chapter;

(b) To dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any employee organization or contribute financial or other support to it((—PROVIDED, That)). However, subject to rules made by the commission pursuant to RCW 47.64.280, an employer shall not be prohibited from permitting employees to confer with it or its representatives or agents during working hours without loss of time or pay;

(c) To encourage or discourage membership in any employee organization by discrimination in regard to hiring, tenure of employment, or any term or condition of employment, but nothing contained in this subsection prevents an employer from requiring, as a condition of continued employment, payment of periodic dues and fees uniformly required to an exclusive bargaining representative pursuant to RCW 47.64.160((—PROVIDED, That)). However, nothing prohibits ((ferry system management)) the employer from agreeing to obtain employees by referral from a lawful hiring hall operated by or participated in by a labor organization;

(d) To discharge or otherwise discriminate against an employee because he has filed charges or given testimony under this chapter;

(e) To refuse to bargain collectively with the representatives of its employees.

2. It is an unfair labor practice for an employee organization:

(a) To restrain or coerce (i) employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed by this chapter((—PROVIDED, That this paragraph)). However, this subsection does not impair the right of an employee organization to prescribe its own rules with respect to the acquisition or retention of membership therein, or (ii) an employer in the selection of his representatives for the purposes of collective bargaining or the adjustment of grievances;

(b) To cause or attempt to cause an employer to discriminate against an employee in violation of subsection (1)(c) of this section;

(c) To refuse to bargain collectively with an employer when it is the representative of its employees subject to RCW 47.64.170).

3. The expression of any view, argument, or opinion, or the
dissemination thereof to the public, whether in written, printed, graphic, or visual form, shall not constitute or be evidence of an unfair labor practice under any of the provisions of this chapter, if the expression contains no threat of reprisal or force or promise of benefit.

Sec. 5. RCW 47.64.140 and 1989 c 373 s 25 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It is unlawful for any ferry system employee or any employee organization, directly or indirectly, to induce, instigate, encourage, authorize, ratify, or participate in a strike or work stoppage against the ferry system.

(2) It is unlawful for ((ferry system management)) the employer to authorize, consent to, or condone a strike or work stoppage; or to conduct a lockout; or to pay or agree to pay any ferry system employee for any day in which the employee participates in a strike or work stoppage; or to pay or agree to pay any increase in compensation or benefits to any ferry system employee in response to or as a result of any strike or work stoppage or any act that violates subsection (1) of this section. It is unlawful for any official, director, or representative of the ferry system to authorize, ratify, or participate in any violation of this subsection. Nothing in this subsection prevents new or renewed bargaining and agreement within the scope of negotiations as defined by this chapter, at any time. No collective bargaining agreement provision regarding suspension or modification of any court-ordered penalty provided in this section is binding on the courts.

(3) In the event of any violation or imminently threatened violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section, any citizen domiciled within the jurisdictional boundaries of the state may petition the superior court for Thurston county for an injunction restraining the violation or imminently threatened violation. Rules of civil procedure regarding injunctions apply to the action. However, the court shall grant a temporary injunction if it appears to the court that a violation has occurred or is imminently threatened; the plaintiff need not show that the violation or threatened violation would greatly or irreparably injure him or her; and no bond may be required of the plaintiff unless the court determines that a bond is necessary in the public interest. Failure to comply with any temporary or permanent injunction granted under this section is a contempt of court as provided in chapter 7.21 RCW. The court may impose a penalty of up to ten thousand dollars for an employee organization or the ferry system, for each day during which the failure to comply continues. The sanctions for a ferry employee found to be in contempt shall be as provided in chapter 7.21 RCW. An individual or an employee organization which makes an active good faith effort to comply fully with the injunction shall not be deemed to be in contempt.

(4) The right of ferry system employees to engage in strike or work slowdown or stoppage is not granted and nothing in this chapter may be construed to grant such a right.

(5) Each of the remedies and penalties provided by this section is separate and several, and is in addition to any other legal or equitable remedy or penalty.

(6) In addition to the remedies and penalties provided by this section the successful litigant is entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in the litigation.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 88.04 RCW and chapter 88.08 RCW, the department of transportation shall ((promulgate)) adopt rules ((and regulations)) allowing vessels, as defined in RCW ((88.04.300)) 88.04.015, as well as other watercraft, to engage in emergency passenger service on the waters of Puget Sound in the event ferry employees engage in a work slowdown or stoppage. Such emergency rules ((and regulations)) shall allow emergency passenger service on the waters of Puget Sound within seventy-two hours following a work slowdown or stoppage. Such rules ((and regulations)) that are ((promulgate)) adopted shall give due consideration to the needs and the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state of Washington.

Sec. 6. RCW 47.64.170 and 1983 c 15 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any ferry employee organization certified as the bargaining representative shall be the exclusive representative of all ferry employees in the bargaining unit and shall represent all such employees fairly.

(2) A ferry employee organization or organizations and the ((secretary of transportation)) governor may each designate any individual as its representative to engage in collective bargaining negotiations.

(3) Negotiating sessions, including strategy meetings of ((ferry system management)) the employer or employee organizations, mediation, and the deliberative process of arbitrators are exempt from the provisions of chapter 42.30 RCW. Hearings conducted by arbitrators may be open to the public by mutual consent of the parties. ((Any meeting of the transportation commission, during which a collective bargaining agreement is subject to ratification, shall be open to the public.))

(4) Terms of any collective bargaining agreement may be enforced by civil action in Thurston county superior court upon the initiative of either party.

(5) Ferry system employees or any employee organization shall not negotiate or attempt to negotiate directly with ((ferry system management)) the employer or employee organizations, mediation, and the deliberative process of arbitrators are exempt from the provisions of chapter 42.30 RCW. Hearings conducted by arbitrators may be open to the public by mutual consent of the parties. ((Any meeting of the transportation commission, during which a collective bargaining agreement is subject to ratification, shall be open to the public.))

(6)(a) The negotiation of a proposed collective bargaining agreement by representatives of ((ferry system management)) the employer and a ferry employee organization shall commence ((in each odd-numbered year immediately following adoption by the legislature and approval by the governor of the biennial budget)) on or about September 1st of every odd-numbered year. However, negotiations for the 2007-2009 biennial agreements may commence at any time after the effective date of this section. Negotiations for agreements pertaining to the 2009-2011 biennium and all subsequent negotiations must conclude on or about April 1st of the year following the year in which the negotiations commenced. If negotiations are not concluded by April 1st, the parties shall be deemed to be at impasse and shall proceed to mediation under RCW 47.64.230 and sections 12 through 14 of this act.

(b) For negotiations covering the 2009-2011 biennium and subsequent biennia, the time periods specified in this section, and in RCW 47.64.210 and sections 12 through 14 of this act, must ensure conclusion of all agreements on or before September 1st of the even-numbered year next preceding the biennial budget period during which the agreement should take effect. These time periods may only be altered by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. Any such agreement and any impasse procedures agreed to by the parties under RCW 47.64.200 must include an agreement regarding the new time periods that will allow final resolution by negotiations or arbitration by September 1st of each even-numbered year. Negotiations for the 2007-2009 biennium must be concluded on or before October 1,
(7) Until a new collective bargaining agreement is ((negotiated: or until an award is made by the arbitrator)) in effect, the terms and conditions of the previous collective bargaining agreement shall remain in force. ((The wage and benefit provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, or arbitrator's award in lieu thereof, that is concluded after July 1st of an odd-numbered year shall be retroactive to July 1st.)) It is the intent of this section that the collective bargaining agreement or arbitrator's award shall commence on July 1st of each odd-numbered year and shall terminate on June 30th of the next odd-numbered year to coincide with the ensuing biennial budget year, as defined by RCW 43.88.020(7), to the extent practical. It is further the intent of this section that all collective bargaining agreements be concluded by September 1st of the even-numbered year before the commencement of the biennial budget year during which the agreements are to be in effect.

(8) ((Any ferry union contract terminating before July 1, 1983, shall, with the agreement of the parties, remain in effect until a contract can be concluded under RCW 47.64.006, 47.64.011, and 47.64.120 through 47.64.280. The contract may be retroactive to the expiration date of the prior contract, and the cost to the department of three months retrospective compensation and benefits for this 1983 contract negotiation only shall not be included in calculating the limitation imposed by RCW 47.64.180. If the parties cannot agree to contract extension, any increase agreed to for the three-month period shall be included in calculating the limit imposed by RCW 47.64.180.))

(9) Any ferry union contract which would terminate after July 1, 1983, may, by agreement of the parties, be terminated as of July 1, 1983, and a new contract concluded pursuant to RCW 47.64.006, 47.64.011, and 47.64.120 through 47.64.280. Any contract terminating after July 1, 1983, is subject to this chapter only upon its expiration and shall not be renewed for a period beyond July 1, 1985.))

Sec. 7. RCW 47.64.200 and 1983 c 15 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

As the first step in the performance of their duty to bargain, ((ferry system management)) the employer and the employee organization shall endeavor to agree upon impasse procedures. ((The agreement shall provide for implementation of these impasse procedures not later than July 1st in each odd-numbered year following enactment of the biennial budget.))) Unless otherwise agreed to by the employee organization and the employer in their impasse procedures, the arbitrator or panel is limited to selecting the most reasonable offer, in its judgment, of the final offers on each impasse item submitted by the parties. The employee organization and the employer may mutually agree to the impasse procedure under which the arbitrator or panel may issue a decision it deems just and appropriate with respect to each impasse item. If the parties fail to agree upon impasse procedures under this section, the impasse procedures provided in RCW 47.64.210 (((through))) and 47.64.230 and sections 12 through 14 of this act apply. It is unlawful for either party to refuse to participate in the impasse procedures provided in RCW 47.64.210 (((through))) and 47.64.230 and sections 12 through 14 of this act.

Sec. 8. RCW 47.64.210 and 1983 c 15 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

In the absence of an impasse agreement between the parties or the failure of either party to utilize its procedures by ((April)) April 1st in (((each odd-numbered year, the marine employees’ commission shall, upon the request of either party.))) the even-numbered year preceding the biennium, either party may request the commission to appoint an impartial and disinterested person to act as mediator (((pursuant to RCW 47.64.280.)).) It is the function of the mediator to bring the parties together to effectuate a settlement of the dispute, but the mediator shall not compel the parties to agree.

Sec. 9. RCW 47.64.220 and 1999 c 256 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Prior to collective bargaining and for purposes of collective bargaining and arbitration, the ((marine employees)) commission shall conduct a salary survey. The results of the survey shall be published in a report which shall be a public document comparing wages, hours, employee benefits, and conditions of employment of involved ferry employees with those of public and private sector employees in states along the west coast of the United States, including Alaska, and in British Columbia doing directly comparable but not necessarily identical work, giving consideration to factors peculiar to the area and the classifications involved. Such survey report shall be for the purpose of disclosing generally prevailing levels of compensation, benefits, and conditions of employment. It shall be used to guide generally but not to define or limit collective bargaining between the parties. ((The commission shall make such other findings of fact as the parties may request during bargaining or impasse.))

(2) ((Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,))
Salary and employee benefit information collected from private employers that identifies a specific employer with the salary and employee benefit rates that employer pays to its employees is not subject to public disclosure under chapter 42.17 RCW.

((2) A person or entity, having reason to believe that the salary survey results are inaccurate, may submit a petition to the state auditor requesting an audit of the data upon which the salary survey results are based. The state auditor shall review and analyze all data collected for the salary survey, including proprietary information, but is prohibited from disclosing the salary survey data to any other person or entity, except by court order.))

Sec. 10. RCW 47.64.220 and 2005 c 274 s 308 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Prior to collective bargaining and for purposes of collective bargaining and arbitration, the ((marine employees)) commission shall conduct a salary survey. The results of the survey shall be published in a report which shall be a public document comparing wages, hours, employee benefits, and conditions of employment of involved ferry employees with those of public and private sector employees in states along the west coast of the United States, including Alaska, and in British Columbia doing directly comparable but not necessarily identical work, giving consideration to factors peculiar to the area and the classifications involved. Such survey report shall be for the purpose of disclosing generally prevailing levels of compensation, benefits, and conditions of employment. It shall be used to guide generally but not to define or limit collective bargaining between the parties. (The commission shall make such other findings of fact as the parties may request during bargaining or impasse.)

(2) (Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section.) Salary and employee benefit information collected from private employers that identifies a specific employer with the salary and employee benefit rates which that employer pays to its employees is not subject to public disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW.

((2) A person or entity, having reason to believe that the salary survey results are inaccurate, may submit a petition to the state auditor requesting an audit of the data upon which the salary survey results are based. The state auditor shall review and analyze all data collected for the salary survey, including proprietary information, but is prohibited from disclosing the salary survey data to any other person or entity, except by court order.))

Sec. 11. RCW 47.64.230 and 1983 c 15 s 14 are each amended to read as follows:

By mutual agreement, the parties may waive mediation ((and fact finding, as provided for in RCW 47.64.210 and 47.64.220;)) and proceed with binding arbitration as provided for in ((RCW 47.64.240)) the impasse procedures agreed to under RCW 47.64.200 or in sections 12 through 14 of this act, as applicable. The waiver shall be in writing and be signed by the representatives of the parties.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. A new section is added to chapter 47.64 RCW to read as follows:

(1) If an agreement has not been reached following a reasonable period of negotiations and, when applicable, mediation, but in either event by April 15th, upon the recommendation of the assigned mediator that the parties remain at impasse, all impasse items shall be submitted to arbitration under this section. The issues for arbitration shall be limited to the issues certified by the commission.

(2) The parties may agree to submit the dispute to a single arbitrator, whose authority and duties shall be the same as those of an arbitration panel. If the parties cannot agree on the arbitrator within five working days, the selection shall be made under subsection (3) of this section. The full costs of arbitration under this section shall be shared equally by the parties to the dispute.

(3) Within seven days following the issuance of the determination of the commission, each party shall name one person to serve as its arbitrator on the arbitration panel. The two members so appointed shall meet within seven days following the appointment of the later appointed member to attempt to choose a third member to act as the neutral chair of the arbitration panel. Upon the failure of the arbitrators to select a neutral chair within seven days, either party may apply to the federal mediation and conciliation service, or the American arbitration association to provide a list of five qualified arbitrators from which the neutral chair shall be chosen. Each party shall pay the fees and expenses of its arbitrator, and the fees and expenses of the neutral chair shall be shared equally between the parties.

(4) In consultation with the parties, the arbitrator or arbitration panel shall promptly establish a date, time, and place for a hearing and shall provide reasonable notice thereof to the parties to the dispute. The parties shall exchange final positions in writing, with copies to the arbitrator or arbitration panel, with respect to every issue to be arbitrated, on a date mutually agreed upon, but in no event later than ten working days before the date set for hearing. A hearing, which shall be informal, shall be held, and each party shall have the opportunity to present evidence and make argument. No member of the arbitration panel may present the case for a party to the proceedings. The rules of evidence prevailing in judicial proceedings may be considered, but are not binding, and any oral testimony or documentary evidence or other data deemed relevant by the chair of the arbitration panel may be received in evidence. A recording of the proceedings shall be taken. The arbitration panel has the power to administer oaths, require the attendance of witnesses, and require the production of such books, papers, contracts, agreements, and documents as may be deemed by the panel to be material to a just determination of the issues in dispute. If any person refuses to obey a subpoena issued by the arbitration panel, or refuses to be sworn or to make an affirmation to testify, or any witness, party, or attorney for a party is guilty of any contempt while in attendance at any hearing held hereunder, the arbitration panel may invoke the jurisdiction of the superior court in the county where the labor dispute exists, and the court has jurisdiction to issue an appropriate order. Any failure to obey the order may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

(5) The neutral chair shall consult with the other members of the arbitration panel, if a panel has been created. Within thirty days following the conclusion of the hearing, the neutral chair shall make written findings of fact and a written determination of the issues in dispute, based on the evidence presented. A copy thereof shall be served on each of the other members of the arbitration panel, and on each of the parties to the dispute. That determination is final and binding upon both parties, subject to review by the superior court upon the application of either party solely upon the question of whether the decision of the panel was arbitrary or capricious.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. A new section is added to chapter 47.64 RCW to read as follows:

An interest arbitration proceeding under section 12 of this act exercises a state function and is, for the purposes of this chapter, functioning as a state agency. Chapter 34.05 RCW does not apply to an interest arbitration proceeding under this chapter.
NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. A new section is added to chapter 47.64 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The mediator, arbitrator, or arbitration panel may consider only matters that are subject to bargaining under this chapter.

(2) The decision of an arbitrator or arbitration panel is not binding on the legislature and, if the legislature does not approve the funds necessary to implement provisions pertaining to compensation and fringe benefit provisions of an arbitrator collective bargaining agreement, is not binding on the state, the department of transportation, or the ferry employee organization.

(3) In making its determination, the arbitrator or arbitration panel shall be mindful of the legislative purpose under RCW 47.64.005 and 47.64.006 and, as additional standards or guidelines to aid it in reaching a decision, shall take into consideration the following factors:
   (a) Past collective bargaining contracts between the parties including the bargaining that led up to the contracts;
   (b) The constitutional and statutory authority of the employer;
   (c) Stipulations of the parties;
   (d) The results of the salary survey as required in RCW 47.64.220;
   (e) Comparison of wages, hours, employee benefits, and conditions of employment of the involved ferry employees with those of public and private sector employees in states along the west coast of the United States, including Alaska, and in British Columbia doing directly comparable but not necessarily identical work, giving consideration to factors peculiar to the area and the classifications involved;
   (f) Changes in any of the foregoing circumstances during the pendency of the proceedings;
   (g) The limitations on ferry toll increases and operating subsidies as may be imposed by the legislature; and
   (h) Other factors that are normally or traditionally taken into consideration in the determination of matters that are subject to bargaining under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. A new section is added to chapter 47.64 RCW to read as follows:

Collective bargaining under this act may not be for the purposes of making a collective bargaining agreement take effect before July 1, 2007. No party may engage in collective bargaining under this act to amend a collective bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of this section. A collective bargaining agreement or amendment thereto entered into under this act shall not be effective before July 1, 2007, and may not have any retroactive effect.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. (1) This act applies prospectively only and not retroactively. It applies to collective bargaining agreements, the negotiations of collective bargaining agreements, mediations, arbitrations, and other actions under this act that arise or are commenced on or after the effective date of this section.

(2) This act does not apply to collective bargaining agreements, either in effect or for which the negotiations have begun, or mediations and arbitrations that arose or commenced under this chapter before the effective date of this section. Such collective bargaining agreements and related proceedings must be administered in accordance with the authorities, rules, and procedures that were established under this chapter as it existed before the effective date of this section. The repealer in section 19 of this act do not affect any existing right acquired, or liability or obligation incurred, under the statutes repealed or under any rule or order adopted under those statutes, nor do they affect any proceeding instituted under them.

Sec. 17. RCW 47.64.270 and 1995 1st sp. s c 6 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

Absent a collective bargaining agreement to the contrary, the department of transportation shall provide contributions to insurance and health care plans for ferry system employees and dependents, as determined by the state health care authority, under chapter 41.05 RCW; and the ((ferry system management)) employer and employee organizations may collectively bargain for other insurance and health care plans, and employer contributions may exceed that of other state agencies as provided in RCW 41.05.050((—subject to RCW 47.64.180)). To the extent that ferry employees by bargaining unit have absorbed the required offset of wage increases by the amount that the employer's contribution for employees' and dependents' insurance and health care plans exceeds that of other state general government employees in the 1985-87 fiscal biennium, employees shall not be required to absorb a further offset except to the extent the differential between employer contributions for those employees and all other state general government employees increases during any subsequent fiscal biennium. If such differential increases in the 1987-89 fiscal biennium or the 1985-87 offset by bargaining unit is insufficient to meet the required deduction, the amount available for compensation shall be reduced by bargaining unit by the amount of such increase or the 1985-87 shortage in the required offset. Compensation shall include all wages and employee benefits.

Sec. 18. RCW 47.64.280 and 1984 c 287 s 95 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is created the marine employees' commission. The governor shall appoint the commission with the consent of the senate. The commission shall consist of three members: One member to be appointed from labor, one member from industry, and one member from the public who has significant knowledge of maritime affairs. The public member shall be ((chairman)) chair of the commission. One of the original members shall be appointed for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, and one for a term of five years. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of five years each, except that any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the member whom he or she succeeds. Commission members are eligible for reappointment. Any member of the commission may be removed by the governor, upon notice and hearing, for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but for no other cause. Commission members are not eligible for state retirement under chapter 41.40 RCW by virtue of their service on the commission. Members of the commission shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250 and shall receive reimbursement for official travel and other expenses at the same rate and on the same terms as provided for the transportation commission by RCW 47.01.061. The payments shall be made from the Puget Sound ferry operations account.

(2) The ((marine employees)) commission shall: (a) Adjust all complaints, grievances, and disputes between labor and management arising out of the operation of the ferry system as provided in RCW 47.64.150; (b) provide for impasse mediation as required in RCW 47.64.210; (c) ((conduct fact finding)) provide salary surveys as required in RCW 47.64.220; and (d) ((provide for the selection of an impartial arbitrator and)) perform those duties required in ((RCW 47.64.240(5))) section 12 of this act.

(3) (a) In adjudicating all complaints, grievances, and disputes, the party claiming labor disputes shall, in writing, notify the ((marine employees)) commission, which shall make careful inquiry into the cause thereof and issue an order advising the ferry employee, or the ferry employee organization representing him or her, and the
department of transportation, as to the decision of the commission. (b) The parties are entitled to offer evidence relating to disputes at all hearings conducted by the commission. The orders and awards of the commission are final and binding upon any ferry employee or employees or their representative affected thereby and upon the department.

c) The commission shall adopt rules of procedure under chapter 34.05 RCW.

d) The commission has the authority to subpoena any ferry employee or employees, or their representatives, and any member or representative of the department, and any witnesses. The commission may require attendance of witnesses and the production of all pertinent records at any hearings held by the commission. The subpoenas of the commission are enforceable by order of any superior court in the state of Washington for the county within which the proceeding may be pending. The commission may hire staff as necessary, appoint consultants, enter into contracts, and conduct studies as reasonably necessary to carry out this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) RCW 47.64.180 (Agreements and awards limited by appropriation) and 1983 c 15 s 9;
(2) RCW 47.64.190 (Marine employees’ commission review for compliance with fiscal limitations—Effective date of agreements and arbitration orders) and 1983 c 15 s 10; and
(3) RCW 47.64.240 (Binding arbitration) and 1989 c 327 s 3 & 1983 c 15 s 15.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. Section 9 of this act expires July 1, 2006.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. Except for section 10 of this act which takes effect July 1, 2006, this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "employees," strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 47.64.011, 47.64.120, 47.64.130, 47.64.140, 47.64.170, 47.64.200, 47.64.210, 47.64.220, 47.64.220, 47.64.230, 47.64.270, and 47.64.280; adding new sections to chapter 47.64 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 47.64.180, 47.64.190, and 47.64.240; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 3178 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 3178, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 94, Nays - 1, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Voting nay: Representative Serben - 1.

Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3178, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

February 28, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2416, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 79A.05.070 and 2003 c 186 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The commission may:

(1) Make rules and regulations for the proper administration of its duties;
(2) Accept any grants of funds made with or without a matching requirement by the United States, or any agency thereof, for purposes in keeping with the purposes of this chapter; accept gifts, bequests, devises and endowments for purposes in keeping with such purposes; enter into cooperative agreements with and provide for private nonprofit groups to use state park property and facilities to raise money to contribute gifts, grants, and support to the commission for the purposes of this chapter. The commission may assist the
nonprofit group in a cooperative effort by providing necessary agency personnel and services, if available. However, none of the moneys raised may inure to the benefit of the nonprofit group, except in furtherance of its purposes to benefit the commission as provided in this chapter. The agency and the private nonprofit group shall agree on the nature of any project to be supported by such gift or grant prior to the use of any agency property or facilities for raising money. Any such gifts may be in the form of recreational facilities developed or built in part or in whole for public use on agency property, provided that the facility is consistent with the purposes of the agency;

(3) Require certification by the commission of all parks and recreation workers employed in state aided or state controlled programs;

(4) Act jointly, when advisable, with the United States, any other state agencies, institutions, departments, boards, or commissions in order to carry out the objectives and responsibilities of this chapter;

(5) Grant franchises and easements for any legitimate purpose on parks or parkways, for such terms and subject to such conditions and considerations as the commission shall specify;

(6) Charge such fees for services, utilities, and use of facilities as the commission shall deem proper. The commission may not charge fees for general park access or parking, unless the biennial general fund--state appropriation for the state parks and recreation commission is below the prior biennium's level;

(7) Enter into agreements whereby individuals or companies may rent undeveloped parks or parkway land for grazing, agricultural, or mineral development purposes upon such terms and conditions as the commission shall deem proper, for a term not to exceed forty years;

(8) Determine the qualifications of and employ a director of parks and recreation who shall receive a salary as fixed by the governor in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040 and determine the qualifications and salary of and employ such other persons as may be needed to carry out the provisions hereof; and

(9) Without being limited to the powers herebefore enumerated, the commission shall have such other powers as in the judgment of a majority of its members are deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. PROVIDED, That the commission shall not have power to supervise directly any local park or recreation district, and no funds shall be made available for such purpose.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect April 9, 2006."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "fees;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 79A.05.070; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate Amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2416 and asked the Senate to recede therefrom.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3127, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that expanding activity in educational research, educational restructuring, and educational improvement initiatives has produced and continues to produce much valuable information. The legislature finds that such information should be shared with the citizens and educational community of the state as widely as possible. The legislature further finds that students and schools benefit from increased parental, guardian, and community knowledge of and input regarding the delivery of public education. The legislature further finds that increased knowledge of and input regarding the public education system is particularly needed in low-income and ethnic minority communities.

The legislature finds that the center for the improvement of student learning, created by the legislature in 1993 under the auspices of the superintendent of public instruction, has not been allocated funding since the 2001-2003 biennium, and in effect no longer exists. It is the intent of the legislature to reactivate the center for the improvement of student learning, and to create an educational ombudsman to serve as a resource for parents and students and as an advocate for students in the public education system.

Sec. 2. RCW 28A.300.130 and 1999 c 388 s 401 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) (Expanding activity in educational research, educational restructuring, and educational improvement initiatives has produced and continues to produce much valuable information. The legislature finds that such information should be shared with the citizens and educational community of the state as widely as possible.) To facilitate access to information and materials on educational improvement and research, the superintendent of public instruction, to the extent funds are appropriated, shall establish the center for the improvement of student learning. ((The primary purpose of the center is to provide assistance and advice to parents, school board members, educators, and the public regarding strategies for assisting students in learning the essential academic learning requirements pursuant to RCW 28A.630.085)) The center shall work in conjunction with ((the academic achievement and accountability commission)) parents, educational service districts, institutions of higher education, and education, parent, community, and business organizations.

(2) The center, in conjunction with other staff in the office of the superintendent of public instruction, shall:

(a) ((Serve as a clearinghouse for the completed work and activities of the academic achievement and accountability commission;)) Serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding successful educational improvement and parental involvement programs in schools and districts, and information about efforts within institutions of higher education in the state to support educational improvement initiatives in Washington schools and districts;
((re)) (b) Provide best practices research (and advice) that can be used to help schools develop and implement: Programs and practices to improve instruction ([of the essential academic learning requirements under section 701 of this act]); systems to analyze student assessment data, with an emphasis on systems that will combine the use of state and local data to monitor the academic progress of each and every student in the school district; comprehensive, school-wide improvement plans; school-based shared decision-making models; programs to promote lifelong learning and community involvement in education; school-to-work transition programs; programs to meet the needs of highly capable students; programs and practices to meet the diverse needs of students based on gender, racial, ethnic, economic, and special needs status; research, information, and technology systems; and other programs and practices that will assist educators in helping students learn the essential academic learning requirements;

((d)) Develop and distribute, in conjunction with the academic achievement and accountability commission, parent involvement materials, including instructional guides developed to inform parents of the essential academic learning requirements. The instructional guides also shall contain actions parents may take to assist their children in meeting the requirements, and should focus on reaching parents who have not previously been involved with their children's education;

(c) Identify obstacles to greater parent and community involvement in school shared decision-making processes and recommend strategies for helping parents and community members participate effectively in school shared decision-making processes; including understanding and respecting the roles of school building administrators and staff;

(f) Develop and maintain an internet web site to increase the availability of information, research, and other materials;

(g) Take other actions to increase public awareness of the importance of parental and community involvement in education;

(h) Work with appropriate organizations to inform teachers, district and school administrators, and school directors about the waivers available and the broadened school board powers under RCW 28A.320.015;

(i) Provide training and consultation services, including conducting regional summer institutes;

(j) Address methods for improving the success rates of certain ethnic and racial student groups; (j) Identify strategies for improving the success rates of ethnic and racial student groups with disproportionate academic achievement;

(k) Work with parents, teachers, and school districts in establishing an absentee notification procedure that will properly notify parents when their student has not attended a class or has missed a school day. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall consider various types of communication with parents, including but not limited to, electronic mail, phone, and postal mail; and

(l) Perform other functions consistent with the purpose of the center as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section.

Sec. 3. The superintendent of public instruction ([after consultation with the academic achievement and accountability commission]) shall select and employ a director for the center.

(4) The superintendent may enter into contracts with individuals or organizations including but not limited to: School districts; educational service districts; educational organizations; teachers; higher education faculty; institutions of higher education; state agencies; business or community-based organizations; and other individuals and organizations to accomplish the duties and responsibilities of the center. In carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the center, the superintendent, whenever possible, shall use practitioners to assist agency staff as well as assist educators and others in schools and districts.

(5) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall report to the legislature by September 1, 2007, and thereafter biennially, regarding the effectiveness of the center for improvement of student learning, how the services provided by the center for improvement of student learning have been used and by whom, and recommendations to improve the accessibility and application of knowledge and information that leads to improved student learning and greater family and community involvement in the public education system.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The state board of education shall establish an education ombudsman for all common school students in this state. The purpose of the education ombudsman is to provide information to parents, students, and others regarding their rights and responsibilities with respect to the state's public elementary and secondary education system, and to advocate on behalf of elementary and secondary students.

(2)(a) The state board of education shall conduct a request for proposals process and select the entity that will operate the education ombudsman's program. Entities eligible to apply for selection include, but are not limited:

(i) Education service districts;
(ii) Private, nonprofit educational organizations;
(iii) Private, nonprofit community-based organizations; and
(iv) Federally recognized Indian tribes.

(b) Entities not eligible to serve as the education ombudsman are school districts, schools, or the superintendent of public instruction, or any employee of a school district, school, or the superintendent of public instruction.

(3) The state board of education shall enter into a contract with the entity selected pursuant to this section to establish and operate the education ombudsman's program. The term of any contract between the state board of education and the entity selected shall not be greater than two years and may be renewed for terms of no longer than two years.

(4) The education ombudsman shall contract with educational service districts, nonprofit education or community organizations, or federally recognized tribes to provide education ombudsman services throughout the state. The education ombudsman shall delegate and certify regional education ombudsmen. The education ombudsman shall ensure that the regional ombudsmen selected are appropriate to the community in which they serve. The education ombudsman may not contract with the superintendent of public instruction, or any school, school district, or current employee of a school, school district, or the office of the superintendent of public instruction for the provision of regional ombudsman services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The education ombudsman shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To develop parental involvement materials, including instructional guides developed to inform parents of the essential academic learning requirements required by the superintendent of public instruction. The instructional guides also shall contain actions parents may take to assist their children in meeting the requirements, and should focus on reaching parents who have not previously been involved with their children's education;

(2) To provide information to students, parents, and interested members of the public regarding this state's public elementary and secondary education system;
(3) To identify obstacles to greater parent and community involvement in school shared decision-making processes and recommend strategies for helping parents and community members to participate effectively in school shared decision-making processes, including understanding and respecting the roles of school building administrators and staff;

(4) To identify and recommend strategies for improving the success rates of ethnic and racial student groups with disproportionate academic achievement;

(5) To refer complainants and others to appropriate resources, agencies, or departments;

(6) To facilitate the resolution of complaints made by parents and students with regard to the state's public elementary and secondary education system; and

(7) To perform such other functions consistent with the purpose of the education ombudsman.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. (1) The education ombudsman and any regional education ombudsmen shall have training or experience in or both in the following areas:

(a) Public education law and policy in this state;

(b) Dispute resolution or problem resolution techniques, including mediation and negotiation; and

(c) Community outreach.

(2) The education ombudsman may not be an employee of any school district, the office of the superintendent of public education or the state board of education while serving as an education ombudsman.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. (1) Neither the education ombudsman nor any regional educational ombudsmen are liable for good faith performance of responsibilities under this chapter.

(2) No discriminatory, disciplinary, or retaliatory action may be taken against any student or employee of any school district, the office of the superintendent of public education, or the state board of education, for any communication made, or information given or disclosed, to aid the education ombudsman in carrying out his or her duties and responsibilities, unless the same was done without good faith or maliciously. This subsection is not intended to infringe upon the rights of a school district to supervise, discipline, or terminate an employee for other reasons or to discipline a student for other reasons.

(3) All communications by the education ombudsman or the ombudsman's staff or designee, if reasonably related to the education ombudsman's duties and responsibilities and done in good faith, are privileged and that privilege shall serve as a defense to any action in libel or slander.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The education ombudsman shall treat all matters, including the identities of students, complainants, and individuals from whom information is acquired, as confidential, except as necessary to enable the education ombudsman to perform the duties of the office. Upon receipt of information that by law is confidential or privileged, the ombudsman shall maintain the confidentiality of such information and shall not further disclose or disseminate the information except as provided by applicable state or federal law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. (1) When developing the request for proposals under section 3 of this act, the state board of education shall confer with each of the following:

(a) The Washington state commission on Hispanic affairs;

(b) The Washington state commission on African-American affairs;

(c) The Washington state commission on Asian Pacific American affairs; and

(d) The governor's office of Indian affairs.

(2) The state board of education may establish subcommittees as it desires, and may invite nonmembers to serve on these subcommittees to provide ongoing consultation to the ombudsman.

(3) Nonlegislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. The state board of education shall advise and make recommendations to the legislature and the governor biennially. The state board of education shall provide a preliminary report to the legislature and the governor by September 1, 2007. Thereafter, the state board of education shall provide biennial reports to the legislature and the governor regarding:

(1) How the education ombudsman's services have been used and by whom;

(2) Methods for the education ombudsman to increase and enhance family and community involvement in public education;

(3) Recommendations to eliminate barriers and obstacles to meaningful family and community involvement in public education; and

(4) Strategies to improve the educational opportunities for all students in the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 3 through 9 of this act are each added to chapter 28A.305 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. Sections 3 through 9 of this act expire June 30, 2008.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. If specific funding for the purposes of this act and section 2 of this act, referencing this act and section 2 of this act by bill or chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2006, in the omnibus appropriations act, section 2 of this act is null and void."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "education;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.300.130; adding new sections to chapter 28A.305 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date."

There being no objection, the House refused to concur in the Senate amendment to ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3127 and asked the Senate for a conference thereon.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) appointed Representatives Quall, Santos and Rodne as conferees on ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 3127.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO.
1650, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 46.61.021 and 1997 1st sp.s. c 1 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any person requested or signaled to stop by a law enforcement officer for a traffic infraction has a duty to stop.

(2) Whenever any person is stopped for a traffic infraction, the officer may detain that person for a reasonable period of time necessary to identify the person, check for outstanding warrants, check the status of the person's license, insurance identification card, and the vehicle's registration, and complete and issue a notice of traffic infraction.

(3) Any person requested to identify himself or herself to a law enforcement officer pursuant to an investigation of a traffic infraction has a duty to identify himself or herself and sign an acknowledgement of receipt of the notice of infraction.

Sec. 2. RCW 46.63.060 and 1993 c 501 s 9 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A notice of traffic infraction represents a determination that an infraction has been committed. The determination will be final unless contested as provided in this chapter.

(2) The form for the notice of traffic infraction shall be prescribed by rule of the supreme court and shall include the following:

(a) A statement that the notice represents a determination that a traffic infraction has been committed by the person named in the notice and that the determination shall be final unless contested as provided in this chapter;

(b) A statement that a traffic infraction is a noncriminal offense for which imprisonment may not be imposed as a sanction; that the penalty for a traffic infraction may include sanctions against the person's driver's license including suspension, revocation, or denial; that the penalty for a traffic infraction related to standing, stopping, or parking may include nonrenewal of the vehicle license;

(c) A statement of the specific traffic infraction for which the notice was issued;

(d) A statement of the monetary penalty established for the traffic infraction;

(e) A statement of the options provided in this chapter for responding to the notice and the procedures necessary to exercise these options;

(f) A statement that at any hearing to contest the determination the state has the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the infraction was committed; and that the person may subpoena witnesses including the officer who issued the notice of infraction;

(g) A statement that at any hearing requested for the purpose of explaining mitigating circumstances surrounding the commission of the infraction the person will be deemed to have committed the infraction and may not subpoena witnesses;

(h) A statement that the person must respond to the notice as provided in this chapter within fifteen days or the person's driver's license or driving privilege will be suspended by the department until any penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter have been satisfied;

(i) A statement that failure to appear at a hearing requested for the purpose of contesting the determination or for the purpose of explaining mitigating circumstances will result in the suspension of the person's driver's license or driving privilege, or in the case of a standing, stopping, or parking violation, refusal of the department to renewed the vehicle license, until any penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter have been satisfied;

(j) A statement, which the person shall sign, that the person promises to respond to the notice of infraction in one of the ways provided in this chapter).

Sec. 3. RCW 46.64.015 and 2004 c 43 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever any person is arrested for any violation of the traffic laws or regulations which is punishable as a misdemeanor or by imposition of a fine, the arresting officer may serve upon him or her a traffic citation and notice to appear in court. Such citation and notice shall conform to the requirements of RCW 46.64.010, and in addition, shall include spaces for the name and address of the person arrested, the license number of the vehicle involved, the driver's license number of such person, if any, the offense or violation charged, and the time and place where such person shall appear in court, and a place where the person arrested may sign. Such spaces shall be filled with the appropriate information by the arresting officer. (The arrested person, in order to secure release, and when permitted by the arresting officer, must give his or her written promise to appear in court as required by the citation and notice by signing in the appropriate place the written or electronic citation and notice served by the arresting officer, and if the arrested person is a nonresident of the state, shall also post a bond, cash security, or bail as required under RCW 46.64.025) An officer may not serve or issue any traffic citation or notice for any offense or violation except either when the offense or violation is committed in his or her presence or when a person may be arrested pursuant to RCW 10.31.100, as now or hereafter amended. The detention arising from an arrest under this section may not be for a period of time longer than is reasonably necessary to issue and serve a citation and notice, except that the time limitation does not apply under any of the following circumstances:

(1) Where the arrested person refuses to sign a written promise to appear in court as required by the citation and notice provisions of this section:

(2) Where the arresting officer has probable cause to believe that the arrested person has committed any of the offenses enumerated in RCW 10.31.100(3); (as now or hereafter amended);

(3) When the arrested person is a nonresident and is being detained for a hearing under RCW 46.64.035.

Sec. 4. RCW 46.64.025 and 1999 c 86 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever any person ((violates his or her written promise to appear in court, or)) served with a traffic citation willfully fails to appear for a scheduled court hearing, the court in which the defendant failed to appear shall promptly give notice of such fact to the department of licensing. Whenever thereafter the case in which the defendant failed to appear is adjudicated, the court hearing the case shall promptly file with the department a certificate showing that the case has been adjudicated.

Sec. 5. RCW 7.80.070 and 1987 c 456 s 15 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A notice of civil infraction represents a determination that a civil infraction has been committed. The determination is final unless contested as provided in this chapter.
(2) The form for the notice of civil infraction shall be prescribed by rule of the supreme court and shall include the following:
   (a) A statement that the notice represents a determination that a civil infraction has been committed by the person named in the notice and that the determination is final unless contested as provided in this chapter;
   (b) A statement that a civil infraction is a noncriminal offense for which imprisonment may not be imposed as a sanction;
   (c) A statement of the specific civil infraction for which the notice was issued;
   (d) A statement of the monetary penalty established for the civil infraction;
   (e) A statement of the options provided in this chapter for responding to the notice and the procedures necessary to exercise these options;
   (f) A statement that at any hearing to contest the determination the state has the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the civil infraction was committed and that the person may subpoena witnesses including the enforcement officer who issued the notice of civil infraction;
   (g) A statement that at any hearing requested for the purpose of explaining mitigating circumstances surrounding the commission of the civil infraction, the person will be deemed to have committed the civil infraction and may not subpoena witnesses;
   (h) A statement that the person must respond to the notice as provided in this chapter within fifteen days;
   (i) A statement that failure to respond to the notice or a failure to appear at a hearing requested for the purpose of contesting the determination or for the purpose of explaining mitigating circumstances will result in a default judgment against the person in the amount of the penalty and that this failure may be referred to the prosecuting attorney for criminal prosecution for failure to respond or appear;
   (j) A statement, which the person shall sign, that the person promises to respond to the notice of civil infraction in one of the ways provided in this chapter;
   (k) A statement that failure to respond to a notice of civil infraction ((as promsieed) or to appear at a requested hearing is a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine or imprisonment.

Sec. 6. RCW 7.80.160 and 2002 c 175 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
(1) A person who fails to sign a notice of civil infraction is guilty of a misdemeanor:
   (2) Any person ((willfully violating his or her written and signed promise to appear in court or his or her written and signed promise to respond to a notice of civil infraction) who, after receiving a statement of the options in this chapter for responding to the notice of civil infraction and the procedures necessary to exercise these options, fails to exercise one of the options in a timely manner is guilty of a misdemeanor regardless of the disposition of the notice of civil infraction. A ((written promise to appear in court or a written promise to respond to a notice of civil infraction)) notice of civil infraction may be complied with by an appearance by counsel.
(2) A person who willfully fails to pay a monetary penalty or to perform community restitution as required by a court under this chapter may be found in contempt of court as provided in chapter 7.21 RCW.

Sec. 7. RCW 7.84.050 and 1987 c 380 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
(1) A notice of infraction represents a determination that an infraction has been committed. The determination shall be final unless contested as provided in this chapter.
(2) The form for the notice of infraction shall be prescribed by rule of the supreme court and shall include the following:
   (a) A statement that the notice represents a determination that an infraction has been committed by the person named in the notice and that the determination shall be final unless contested as provided in this chapter;
   (b) A statement that an infraction is a noncriminal offense for which imprisonment will not be imposed as a sanction;
   (c) A statement of the specific infraction for which the notice was issued;
   (d) A statement of the monetary penalty established for the infraction;
   (e) A statement of the options provided in this chapter for responding to the notice and the procedures necessary to exercise these options;
   (f) A statement that at any hearing to contest the determination, the state has the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the infraction was committed; and that the person may subpoena witnesses including the officer who issued the notice of infraction;
   (g) A statement that at any hearing requested for the purpose of explaining mitigating circumstances surrounding the commission of the infraction the person shall be deemed to have committed the infraction and shall not subpoena witnesses;
   (h) A statement that failure to respond to a notice of infraction within fifteen days is a misdemeanor and may be punished by fine or imprisonment; and
   (i) A statement that failure to appear at a hearing requested for the purpose of contesting the determination or for the purpose of explaining mitigating circumstances is a misdemeanor and may be punished by fine or imprisonment.

Sec. 8. RCW 18.27.240 and 1986 c 197 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:
The form of the notice of infraction issued under this chapter shall include the following:
(1) A statement that the notice represents a determination that the infraction has been committed by the contractor named in the notice and that the determination shall be final unless contested as provided in this chapter;
(2) A statement that the infraction is a noncriminal offense for which imprisonment shall not be imposed as a sanction;
(3) A statement of the specific violation which necessitated issuance of the infraction;
(4) A statement of penalty involved if the infraction is established;
(5) A statement of the options provided in this chapter for responding to the notice and the procedures necessary to exercise these options;
(6) A statement that at any hearing to contest the notice of infraction the state has the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the infraction was committed; and that the contractor may subpoena witnesses, including the compliance inspector of the department who issued and served the notice of infraction;
(7) A statement ((which the person who has been served with the notice of infraction shall sign)) that the contractor ((promised to))
must respond to the notice of infraction in one of the ways provided in this chapter; and

(8) ((A statement that refusal to sign the infraction as directed in subsection (7) of this section is a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine or imprisonment in jail; and

(9)) A statement that a contractor's failure to ((respond to a notice of infraction as promised)) timely select one of the options for responding to the notice of infraction after receiving a statement of the options provided in this chapter for responding to the notice of infraction and the procedures necessary to exercise these options is a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine or imprisonment in jail.

Sec. 9. RCW 18.106.190 and 1994 c 174 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

The form of the notice of infraction issued under this chapter shall include the following:

(1) A statement that the notice represents a determination that the infraction has been committed by the person named in the notice and that the determination shall be final unless contested as provided in this chapter;

(2) A statement that the infraction is a noncriminal offense for which imprisonment shall not be imposed as a sanction;

(3) A statement of the specific infraction for which the notice was issued;

(4) A statement of the monetary penalty that has been established for the infraction;

(5) A statement of the options provided in this chapter for responding to the notice and the procedures necessary to exercise these options;

(6) A statement that at any hearing to contest the determination the state has the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the infraction was committed; and that the person may subpoena witnesses, including the authorized representative of the department who issued and served the notice of infraction; and

(7) A statement((, which the person shall sign)) that the person ((promises to)) must respond to the notice of infraction in one of the ways provided in this chapter((.)):

((8) A statement that refusal to sign the infraction as directed in subsection (7) of this section is a misdemeanor; and

(9)) A statement that failure to ((respond to a notice of infraction as promised)) timely select one of the options for responding to the notice of infraction after receiving a statement of the options provided in this chapter for responding to the notice of infraction and the procedures necessary to exercise these options is a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine or imprisonment in jail.

Sec. 10. RCW 20.01.482 and 2004 c 43 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The director shall have the authority to issue a notice of civil infraction if an infraction is committed in his or her presence or, if after investigation, the director has reasonable cause to believe an infraction has been committed.

(2) It is a misdemeanor for any person to refuse to properly identify himself or herself for the purpose of issuance of a notice of infraction ((or to refuse to sign the written or electronic promise to appear or respond to a notice of infraction)).

(3) Any person willfully ((violating a written or electronic and signed promise)) failing to respond to a notice of infraction is guilty of a misdemeanor regardless of the disposition of the notice of infraction.

Sec. 11. RCW 43.63B.140 and 1994 c 284 s 26 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department shall prescribe the form of the notice of infraction issued under this chapter.

(2) The notice of infraction shall include the following:

(a) A statement that the notice represents a determination that the infraction has been committed by the person named in the notice and that the determination is final unless contested as provided in this chapter;

(b) A statement that the infraction is a noncriminal offense for which imprisonment may not be imposed as a sanction;

(c) A statement of the specific infraction for which the notice was issued;

(d) A statement of a monetary penalty that has been established for the infraction;

(e) A statement of the options provided in this chapter for responding to the notice and the procedures necessary to exercise these options;

(f) A statement that, at a hearing to contest the determination, the state has the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the infraction was committed, and that the person may subpoena witnesses including the authorized representative who issued and served the notice of the infraction; and

(g) ((A statement that the person shall sign, that the person promises to respond to the notice of infraction in one of the ways provided in this chapter;)

(8) A statement that refusal to sign the infraction as directed in (g) of this subsection is a misdemeanor; and

(9)) A statement that failure to respond to a notice of infraction ((as promised)) is a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine or imprisonment in jail.

Sec. 12. RCW 81.112.230 and 1999 c 20 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

Nothing in RCW 81.112.020 and 81.112.210 through 81.112.230 shall be deemed to prevent law enforcement authorities from prosecuting for theft, trespass, or other charges by any individual who:

(1) Fails to pay the required fare on more than one occasion within a twelve-month period;

(2) Fails to ((sign a notice of civil infraction)) timely select one of the options for responding to the notice of civil infraction after receiving a statement of the options provided in this chapter for responding to the notice of infraction and the procedures necessary to exercise these options; or

(3) Fails to depart the train, including but not limited to commuter trains and light rail trains, when requested to do so by a person designated to monitor fare payment.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. RCW 18.27.280 (Notice--Penalty for person refusing to promise to respond) and 1983 1st ex.s. c 2 s 10 are each repealed."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "infractions:" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 46.61.021, 46.63.060, 46.64.015, 46.64.025, 7.80.070, 7.80.160, 7.84.050, 18.27.240, 18.106.190, 20.01.482, 43.63B.140, and 81.112.230; repealing RCW 18.27.280; and prescribing penalties."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary
There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1650 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives O'Brien and Pearson spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1650 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1650, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1650, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 3, 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2974, with the following amendment:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 18.130.060 and 2001 c 101 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to the authority specified in RCW 18.130.050, the secretary has the following additional authority:

1. To employ such investigative, administrative, and clerical staff as necessary for the enforcement of this chapter;

2. Upon the request of a board, to appoint pro tem members to participate as members of a panel of the board in connection with proceedings specifically identified in the request. Individuals so appointed must meet the same minimum qualifications as regular members of the board. Pro tem members appointed for matters under this chapter are appointed for a term of no more than one year. No pro tem member may serve more than four one-year terms. While serving as board members pro tem, persons so appointed have all the powers, duties, and immunities, and are entitled to the emoluments, including travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, of regular members of the board. The chairperson of a panel shall be a regular member of the board appointed by the board chairperson. Panels have authority to act as directed by the board with respect to all matters concerning the review, investigation, and adjudication of all complaints, allegations, charges, and matters subject to the jurisdiction of the board. The authority to act through panels does not restrict the authority of the board to act as a single body at any phase of proceedings within the board's jurisdiction. Board panels may make interim orders and issue final decisions with respect to matters and cases delegated to the panel by the board. Final decisions may be appealed as provided in chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act;

3. To establish fees to be paid for witnesses, expert witnesses, and consultants used in any investigation and to establish fees to witnesses in any agency adjudicative proceeding as authorized by RCW 34.05.446;

4. To conduct investigations and practice reviews at the direction of the disciplining authority and to issue subpoenas, administer oaths, and take depositions in the course of conducting those investigations and practice reviews at the direction of the disciplining authority;

5. To have the health professions regulatory program establish a system to recruit potential public members, to review the qualifications of such potential members, and to provide orientation to those public members appointed pursuant to law by the governor or the secretary to the boards and commissions specified in RCW 18.130.040(2)(b), and to the advisory committees and councils for professions specified in RCW 18.130.040(2)(a); and

6. To adopt rules, in consultation with the disciplining authorities, requiring every license holder to report information identified in RCW 18.130.070.

Sec. 2. RCW 18.130.070 and 2005 c 470 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

1. (a) The disciplining authority may) secretary shall adopt rules requiring (any person, including, but not limited to, licensees, corporations, organizations, health care facilities, impaired practitioner programs, or voluntary substance abuse monitoring programs approved by the disciplining authority and state or local governmental agencies) every license holder to report to the appropriate disciplining authority any conviction, determination, or finding that another license holder has committed an act which constitutes unprofessional conduct, or to report information to the disciplining authority, an impaired practitioner program, or voluntary substance abuse monitoring program approved by the disciplining authority, which indicates that the other license holder may not be able to practice his or her profession with reasonable skill and safety to consumers as a result of a mental or physical condition.
(b) The secretary may adopt rules to require other persons, including corporations, organizations, health care facilities, impaired practitioner programs, or voluntary substance abuse monitoring programs approved by a disciplining authority, and state or local government agencies to report:
   (1) Any conviction, determination, or finding that a license holder has committed an act which constitutes unprofessional conduct; or
   (2) Information to the disciplining authority, an impaired practitioner program, or voluntary substance abuse monitoring program approved by the disciplining authority, which indicates that the license holder may not be able to practice his or her profession with reasonable skill and safety to consumers as a result of a mental or physical condition.
   (c) If a report has been made by a hospital to the department pursuant to RCW 70.41.210, a report to the disciplining authority is not required. To facilitate meeting the intent of this section, the cooperation of agencies of the federal government is requested by reporting any conviction, determination, or finding that a federal employee or contractor regulated by the disciplining authorities enumerated in this chapter has committed an act which constituted unprofessional conduct and reporting any information which indicates that a federal employee or contractor regulated by the disciplining authorities enumerated in this chapter may not be able to practice his or her profession with reasonable skill and safety as a result of a mental or physical condition.
   (d) Reporting under this section is not required by:
      (1) Any entity with a peer review committee, quality improvement committee or other similarly designated professional review committee, or by a license holder who is a member of such committee, during the investigative phase of the respective committee's operations if the investigation is completed in a timely manner; or
      (2) An impaired practitioner program or voluntary substance abuse monitoring program approved by a disciplining authority under RCW 18.130.175 if the license holder is currently enrolled in the treatment program, so long as the license holder actively participates in the treatment program and the license holder's impairment does not constitute a clear and present danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(2) If a person fails to furnish a required report, the disciplining authority may petition the superior court of the county in which the person resides or is found, and the court shall issue to the person an order to furnish the required report. A failure to obey the order is a contempt of court as provided in chapter 7.21 RCW.

(3) A person is immune from civil liability, whether direct or derivative, for providing information to the disciplining authority pursuant to the rules adopted under subsection (1) of this section.

(4)(a) The holder of a license subject to the jurisdiction of this chapter shall report to the disciplining authority:
      (1) Any conviction, determination, or finding that (((the licensee))) he or she has committed unprofessional conduct or is unable to practice with reasonable skill or safety; and
      (2) Any disqualification from participation in the federal medicare program, under Title XVIII of the federal social security act or the federal medicaid program, under Title XIX of the federal social security act.
(b) Failure to report within thirty days of notice of the conviction, determination, (((the licensee))) ((or the disciplinary authority))) finding, or disqualification constitutes grounds for disciplinary action.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 18.130 RCW to read as follows:

Any individual who applies for a license or temporary practice permit or holds a license or temporary practice permit and is prohibited from practicing a health care profession in another state because of an act of unprofessional conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct prohibited by this chapter or any of the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040 is prohibited from practicing a health care profession in this state until proceedings of the appropriate disciplining authority have been completed under RCW 18.130.050.

Sec. 4. RCW 18.130.050 and 1995 c 336 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

The disciplining authority has the following authority:
   (1) To adopt, amend, and rescind such rules as are deemed necessary to carry out this chapter;
   (2) To investigate all complaints or reports of unprofessional conduct as defined in this chapter and to hold hearings as provided in this chapter;
   (3) To issue subpoenas and administer oaths in connection with any investigation, hearing, or proceeding held under this chapter;
   (4) To take or cause depositions to be taken and use other discovery procedures as needed in any investigation, hearing, or proceeding held under this chapter;
   (5) To compel attendance of witnesses at hearings;
   (6) In the course of investigating a complaint or report of unprofessional conduct, to conduct practice reviews;
   (7) To take emergency action ordering summary suspension of a license, or restriction or limitation of the (((licensee))) license holder's practice pending proceedings by the disciplining authority. Consistent with section 3 of this act, a disciplining authority shall issue a summary suspension of the license or temporary practice permit of a license holder prohibited from practicing a health care profession in another state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction because of an act of unprofessional conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct prohibited by this chapter or any of the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040. The summary suspension remains in effect until proceedings by the Washington disciplining authority have been completed;
   (8) To use a presiding officer as authorized in RCW 18.130.095(3) or the office of administrative hearings as authorized in chapter 34.12 RCW to conduct hearings. The disciplining authority shall make the final decision regarding disposition of the license unless the disciplining authority elects to delegate in writing the final decision to the presiding officer;
   (9) To use individual members of the boards to direct investigations. However, the member of the board shall not subsequently participate in the hearing of the case;
   (10) To enter into contracts for professional services determined to be necessary for adequate enforcement of this chapter;
   (11) To contract with licensees or other persons or organizations to provide services necessary for the monitoring and supervision of licensees who are placed on probation, whose professional activities are restricted, or who are for any authorized purpose subject to monitoring by the disciplining authority;
   (12) To adopt standards of professional conduct or practice;
   (13) To grant or deny license applications, and in the event of a finding of unprofessional conduct by an applicant or license holder, to impose any sanction against a license applicant or license holder provided by this chapter;
   (14) To designate individuals authorized to sign subpoenas and statements of charges;
(15) To establish panels consisting of three or more members of the board to perform any duty or authority within the board's jurisdiction under this chapter;

(16) To review and audit the records of licensed health facilities' or services' quality assurance committee decisions in which a licensee's practice privilege or employment is terminated or restricted. Each health facility or service shall produce and make accessible to the disciplining authority the appropriate records and otherwise facilitate the review and audit. Information so gained shall not be subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil action pursuant to RCW 70.41.200(3).

Sec. 5. RCW 18.130.080 and 1998 c 132 s 9 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person, including but not limited to consumers, licensees, corporations, organizations, health care facilities, impaired practitioner programs, or voluntary substance abuse monitoring programs approved by disciplining authorities, and state and local governmental agencies, may submit a written complaint to the disciplining authority charging a license holder or applicant with unprofessional conduct and specifying the grounds therefor or to report information to the disciplining authority, or voluntary substance abuse monitoring program, or an impaired practitioner program approved by the disciplining authority, which indicates that the license holder may not be able to practice his or her profession with reasonable skill and safety to consumers as a result of a mental or physical condition. If the disciplining authority determines that the complaint merits investigation, or if the disciplining authority has reason to believe, without a formal complaint, that a license holder or applicant may have engaged in unprofessional conduct, the disciplining authority shall investigate to determine whether there has been unprofessional conduct. In determining whether or not to investigate, the disciplining authority shall consider any prior complaints received by the disciplining authority, any prior findings of fact under RCW 18.130.110, any stipulations to informal disposition under RCW 18.130.172, and any comparable action taken by other state disciplining authorities.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the disciplining authority shall initiate an investigation in every instance where the disciplining authority receives information that a health care provider has been disqualified from participating in the federal medicare program, under Title XIX of the federal social security act, or the federal medicaid program, under Title XIX of the federal social security act.

(3) A person who files a complaint or reports information under this section in good faith is immune from suit in any civil action related to the filing or contents of the complaint.

Sec. 6. RCW 18.130.160 and 2001 c 195 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon a finding, after hearing, that a license holder or applicant has committed unprofessional conduct or is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a physical or mental condition, the disciplining authority may issue an order providing for one or any combination of the following:

(1) Revocation of the license;
(2) Suspension of the license for a fixed or indefinite term;
(3) Restriction or limitation of the practice;
(4) Requiring the satisfactory completion of a specific program of remedial education or treatment;
(5) The monitoring of the practice by a supervisor approved by the disciplining authority;
(6) Censure or reprimand;
(7) Compliance with conditions of probation for a designated period of time;
(8) Payment of a fine for each violation of this chapter, not to exceed five thousand dollars per violation. Funds received shall be placed in the health professions account;
(9) Denial of the license request;
(10) Corrective action;
(11) Refund of fees billed to and collected from the consumer;
(12) A surrender of the practitioner's license in lieu of other sanctions, which must be reported to the federal data bank.

Any of the actions under this section may be totally or partly stayed by the disciplining authority. Safeguarding the public's health and safety is the paramount responsibility of every disciplining authority, and in determining what action is appropriate, the disciplining authority must first consider what sanctions are necessary to protect or compensate the public. Only after such provisions have been made may the disciplining authority consider and include in the order requirements designed to rehabilitate the license holder or applicant. All costs associated with compliance with orders issued under this section are the obligation of the license holder or applicant.

The license or applicant may enter into a stipulated disposition of charges that includes one or more of the sanctions of this section, but only after a statement of charges has been issued and the licensee has been afforded the opportunity for a hearing and has elected on the record to forego such a hearing. The stipulation shall either contain one or more specific findings of unprofessional conduct or inability to practice, or a statement by the licensee acknowledging that evidence is sufficient to justify one or more specified findings of unprofessional conduct or inability to practice. The stipulation entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be considered formal disciplinary action for all purposes.

Sec. 7. RCW 18.130.175 and 2005 c 274 s 233 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) In lieu of disciplinary action under RCW 18.130.160 and if the disciplining authority determines that the unprofessional conduct may be the result of substance abuse, the disciplining authority may refer the license holder to a voluntary substance abuse monitoring program approved by the disciplining authority.

The cost of the treatment shall be the responsibility of the license holder, but the responsibility does not preclude payment by an employer, existing insurance coverage, or other sources. Primary alcoholism or other drug addiction treatment shall be provided by approved treatment programs under RCW 70.96A.020 or by any other provider approved by the entity or the commission. However, nothing shall prohibit the disciplining authority from approving additional services and programs as an adjunct to primary alcoholism or other drug addiction treatment. The disciplining authority may also approve the use of out-of-state programs. Referral of the license holder to the program shall be done only with the consent of the license holder. Referral to the program may also include probationary conditions for a designated period of time. If the license holder does not consent to be referred to the program or does not successfully complete the program, the disciplining authority may take appropriate action under RCW 18.130.160 which includes suspension of the license unless or until the disciplining authority, in consultation with the director of the voluntary substance abuse monitoring program, determines the license holder is able to practice safely. The secretary shall adopt uniform rules for the evaluation by the disciplinary authority of a relapse or program violation on the part of a license.
holder in the substance abuse monitoring program. The evaluation shall encourage program participation with additional conditions, in lieu of disciplinary action, when the disciplinary authority determines that the license holder is able to continue to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(2) In addition to approving substance abuse monitoring programs that may receive referrals from the disciplining authority, the disciplining authority may establish by rule requirements for participation of license holders who are not being investigated or monitored by the disciplining authority for substance abuse. License holders voluntarily participating in the approved programs without being referred by the disciplining authority shall not be subject to disciplinary action under RCW 18.130.160 for their substance abuse, and shall not have their participation made known to the disciplining authority, if they meet the requirements of this section and the program in which they are participating.

(3) The license holder shall sign a waiver allowing the program to release information to the disciplining authority if the licensee does not comply with the requirements of this section or is unable to practice with reasonable skill or safety. The substance abuse program shall report to the disciplining authority any license holder who fails to comply with the requirements of this section or the program or who, in the opinion of the program, is unable to practice with reasonable skill or safety. License holders shall report to the disciplining authority if they fail to comply with this section or do not complete the program's requirements. License holders may, upon the agreement of the program and disciplining authority, reenter the program if they have previously failed to comply with this section.

(4) The treatment and pretreatment records of license holders referred to or voluntarily participating in approved programs shall be confidential, shall be exempt from chapter 42.56 RCW, and shall not be subject to discovery by subpoena or admissible as evidence except for monitoring records reported to the disciplining authority for cause as defined in subsection (3) of this section. Monitoring records relating to license holders referred to the program by the disciplining authority or relating to license holders reported to the disciplining authority by the program for cause, shall be released to the disciplining authority at the request of the disciplining authority. Records held by the disciplining authority under this section shall be exempt from chapter 42.56 RCW and shall not be subject to discovery by subpoena except by the license holder.

(5) "Substance abuse," as used in this section, means the impairment, as determined by the disciplining authority, of a license holder's professional services by an addiction to, a dependency on, or the use of alcohol, legend drugs, or controlled substances.

(6) This section does not affect an employer's right or ability to make employment-related decisions regarding a license holder. This section does not restrict the authority of the disciplining authority to take disciplinary action for any other unprofessional conduct.

(7) A person who, in good faith, reports information or takes action in connection with this section is immune from civil liability for reporting information or taking the action.

(a) The immunity from civil liability provided by this section shall be liberally construed to accomplish the purposes of this section and the persons entitled to immunity shall include:

(i) An approved monitoring treatment program;
(ii) The professional association operating the program;
(iii) Members, employees, or agents of the program or association;
(iv) Persons reporting a license holder as being possibly impaired or providing information about the license holder's impairment; and
(v) Professionals supervising or monitoring the course of the impaired license holder's treatment or rehabilitation.

(b) The courts are strongly encouraged to impose sanctions on clients and their attorneys whose allegations under this subsection are not made in good faith and are without either reasonable objective, substantive grounds, or both.

(c) The immunity provided in this section is in addition to any other immunity provided by law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Upon a guilty plea or conviction of a person for any felony crime involving homicide under chapter 9A.32 RCW, assault under chapter 9A.36 RCW, kidnapping under chapter 9A.40 RCW, or sex offenses under chapter 9A.44 RCW, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the state patrol of such guilty pleas or convictions.

(2) When the state patrol receives information that a person has pled guilty to or been convicted of one of the felony crimes under subsection (1) of this section, the state patrol shall transmit that information to the department of health. It is the duty of the department of health to identify whether the person holds a credential issued by a disciplining authority listed under RCW 18.130.040, and provide this information to the disciplining authority that issued the credential to the person who pled guilty or was convicted of a crime listed in subsection (1) of this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 18.130 RCW to read as follows:

(1) When developing its biennial budget request for appropriation of the health professions account created in RCW 43.70.320, beginning in the 2007-2009 budget and continuing in subsequent biennia, the department shall specify the number of full-time employees designated as investigators and attorneys and the costs associated with supporting their activities. The department shall also specify the additional full-time employees designated as investigators and attorneys that are required to achieve a staffing level that is able to respond promptly, competently, and appropriately to the workload associated with health professions disciplinary activities and the costs associated with supporting disciplinary activities. In identifying the need for additional staff, the department shall develop a formula based on its prior experience with staff levels compared to the number of providers, complaints, investigations, and other criteria that the department determines is relevant to staffing level decisions. The department must request additional funds for activities that most critically impact public health and safety. The budget request must specify the methodology used for each biennium.

(2) The joint legislative audit and review committee, in consultation with the department, shall report to the legislature by December 1, 2010, with recommendations for formulas for determining appropriate staffing levels for investigators and attorneys at the department of health involved in the health professions disciplinary process to achieve prompt, competent, and appropriate responses to complaints of unprofessional conduct. The report must be based upon the department's prior experience with staff levels compared to the number of providers, complaints, investigations, and other criteria that the department finds are relevant to determining appropriate staffing levels.

(3) This section expires July 1, 2011.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(4) RCW 18.57.174 (Duty to report unprofessional conduct—
NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. Section 7 of this act takes effect July 1, 2006.

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "discipline;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.130.060, 18.130.070, 18.130.080, 18.130.160, and 18.130.175; adding new sections to chapter 43.43 RCW; repealing RCW 18.57.174 and 18.71.0193; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2974 and advanced the bill as amended by the Senate to final passage.

FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

Representatives Hinkle and Cody spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2974 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2974, as amended by the Senate and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 65, Nays - 30, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2974, as amended by the Senate having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the sixth order of business.

SECOND READING

SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6326, By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Pflug, Doumit, Rockefeller, Weinstein, Pridemore, Hewitt, Jacobsen, Thibaudeau, Swecker, Sheldon, Oke, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Franklin, Kline and Berkey)

Providing a source of funding for customized work force training.

The bill was read the second time.

There being no objection, the committee amendment by the Committee on Appropriations was not adopted. (For Committee amendment, see Journal, 50th Day, February 27, 2006.)

With the consent of the House, amendments (1076) and (1121) were withdrawn.

Representative Kenney moved the adoption of amendment (1125):

On page 3, after line 21, insert the following:
"(c) Preference shall be given to employers with fewer than fifty employees."

On page 4, after line 17, insert the following:
"NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The legislature finds that accountability and effectiveness are important aspects of setting tax policy. In order to make policy choices regarding the best use of limited state resources the legislature needs information on how a tax incentive is used.

(2) Each person claiming a tax credit under section 5 of this act shall report information to the department by filing a complete annual survey. The survey is due by March 31st of the following year in which a tax credit under section 5 of this act is taken. The department may extend the due date for timely filing of annual surveys under this section as provided in RCW 82.32.590. The survey shall include the amount of tax credit taken. The survey shall also include the following information for employment positions in Washington:

(a) The number of total employment positions;
(b) Full-time, part-time, and temporary employment positions as a percent of total employment;
(c) The number of employment positions according to the following wage bands: Less than thirty thousand dollars; thirty
thousand dollars or greater, but less than sixty thousand dollars; and sixty thousand dollars or greater. A wage band containing fewer than three individuals may be combined with another wage band; and

(d) The number of employment positions that have employer-provided medical, dental, and retirement benefits, by each of the wage bands.

The first survey filed under this subsection shall also include information for the twelve-month period immediately before first use of a tax incentive.

(3) The department may request additional information necessary to measure the results of the credit program, to be submitted at the same time as the survey.

(4) All information collected under this section, except the amount of the tax credit taken, is deemed taxpayer information under RCW 82.32.330. Information on the amount of tax credit taken is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330.

(5) If a person fails to submit an annual survey under subsection (2) of this section by the due date of the report or any extension under RCW 82.32.590, the department shall declare the amount of taxes credited for the previous calendar year to be immediately due and payable. The department shall assess interest, but not penalties, on the amounts due under this section. The interest shall be assessed at the rate provided for delinquent taxes under this chapter, retroactively to the date the credit was claimed, and shall accrue until the taxes for which the credit was claimed are repaid. This information is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330.

(6) The department shall use the information from this section to prepare summary descriptive statistics by category. No fewer than three taxpayers shall be included in any category. The department shall report these statistics to the legislature each year by September 1st.

(7) The department shall study the tax credit authorized in section 5 of this act. The department shall submit a report to the finance committee of the house of representatives and the ways and means committee of the senate by December 1, 2011. The report shall measure the effect of the credit on job creation, job retention, company growth, the movement of firms or the consolidation of firms’ operations into the state, and such other factors as the department selects.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. RCW 82.32.590 and 2005 c 514 s 1001 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department finds that the failure of a taxpayer to file an annual survey under RCW 82.04.4452 or section 6 of this act by the due date was the result of circumstances beyond the control of the taxpayer, the department shall extend the time for filing the survey. Such extension shall be for a period of thirty days from the date the department issues its written notification to the taxpayer that it qualifies for an extension under this section. The department may grant additional extensions as it deems proper.

(2) In making a determination whether the failure of a taxpayer to file an annual survey by the due date was the result of circumstances beyond the control of the taxpayer, the department shall be guided by rules adopted by the department for the waiver or cancellation of penalties when the underpayment or untimely payment of any tax was due to circumstances beyond the control of the taxpayer.

On page 5, beginning on line 1, strike all of section 7

On page 5, line 12, after "July 1," strike "2016" and insert "2012"

Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

Correct the title

Representative Kenney spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Chandler spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Division was demanded and the demand was sustained. The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) divided the House. The result was 54 - YEAS; 41 -NAYS.

The amendment was adopted.

Representative Chandler moved the adoption of amendment (1129):

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW to read as follows:

The legislature finds that the provision of customized training is critical to attracting and retaining businesses, and that the growth of many businesses is limited by an unmet need for customized training. The legislature also finds that work force training not only helps business, it also improves the quality of life for workers and communities. Because of the statewide public benefit to be gained from instituting a customized training program, the legislature intends to promote work force training in a manner that reduces the costs of training to new and expanding firms.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The board shall assist in matching participating employers with qualified training institutions for purposes of providing customized training.

(2) For purposes of sections 2 and 3 of this act, qualified training institutions may enter into agreements with four-year institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, in accordance with the interlocal cooperation act, chapter 39.34 RCW.

(3) The board may adopt rules to implement this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1) A participating employer may take a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter if the number of employees a participating employer has in the state during the calendar year following the completion of the customized training program equals the number of employees the participating employer had in the state in the calendar year preceding the start of the customized training program plus at least seventy-five percent of the number of trainees.

(2) The credit under this section is equal to twenty percent of the amount of customized training costs, up to a maximum of two hundred thousand dollars per employer per calendar year.

(3)(a) The credit may not be used to train workers who have
been hired as a result of a strike or lockout.

(b) A credit may not be claimed under this section with respect to the value of job training services for which credit is claimed under RCW 82.04.4333.

(4) Credits are available on a first in-time basis. The department shall disallow any credits, or portion thereof, that would cause the total amount of credits claimed under this section during any calendar year to exceed one million dollars. If this limitation is reached, the department shall notify the board, the work force training and education coordinating board, and the higher education coordinating board that the annual statewide limit has been met. In addition, the department shall provide written notice to any person who has claimed tax credits in excess of the one million dollar limitation in this subsection. The notice shall indicate the amount of tax due and shall provide that the tax be paid within thirty days from the date of such notice. The department shall not assess penalties and interest as provided in chapter 82.32 RCW on the amount due in the initial notice if the amount due is paid by the due date specified in the notice, or any extension thereof.

(5) Any amount of tax credit otherwise allowable under this section not claimed by the person in any calendar year may be carried over and claimed against the person's tax liability until used.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply to sections 2 and 3 of this act unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Board" means the state board for community and technical colleges.

(2) "Participating employer" means a private employer that undertakes a training program with a qualified training institution under section 2 of this act.

(3) "Qualified training institution" means a public community or technical college or a private vocational school licensed by either the work force training and education coordinating board or the higher education coordinating board.

(4) "Customized training costs" means the direct costs experienced under a contract with a qualified training institution for formal technical or skill training, including basic skills. "Customized training costs" includes amounts in the contract for costs of instruction, materials, equipment, rental of class space, marketing, and overhead. "Customized training costs" does not include employee tuition reimbursements.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The department shall study the tax credit authorized in section 3 of this act. The department shall submit a report to the finance committee of the house of representatives and the ways and means committee of the senate by December 1, 2015. The report shall measure the effect of the credit on job creation, job retention, company growth, the movement of firms or the consolidation of firms' operations into the state, and such other factors as the department selects.

Sec. 6. RCW 82.04.4333 and 1996 c 1 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There may be credite against the tax imposed by this chapter, the value of state-approved, employer-provided or sponsored job training services designed to enhance the job-related performance of employees, for those businesses eligible for a tax deferral under chapter 82.60 RCW.

(2) The value of the state-approved, job training services provided by the employer to the employee, without charge, shall be determined by the allocation of the cost method using generally accepted accounting standards.

(3) The credit allowed under this section shall be limited to an amount equal to twenty percent of the value of the state-approved, job training services determined under subsection (2) of this section. The total credits allowed under this section for a business shall not exceed five thousand dollars per calendar year.

(4) Prior to claiming the credit under this section, the business must obtain approval of the proposed job training service from the employment security department. The employer's request for approval must include a description of the proposed job training service, how the job training will enhance the employee's performance, and the cost of the proposed job training.

(5) This section only applies to training in respect to eligible business projects for which an application is approved on or after January 1, 1996.

(6) A credit may not be claimed under this section with respect to the amount of customized training costs for which credit is claimed under section 3 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Section 3 of this act takes effect July 1, 2006.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Section 3 of this act expires July 1, 2016.

Correct the title.

Representative Chandler spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Kenney spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was not adopted.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, the second reading considered the third and the bill, as amended by the House was placed on final passage.

Representatives Kenney, Kilmer, Linville and McIntire spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

Representatives Rodne, Alexander, Bailey and Dunn spoke against the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6326, as amended by the House.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6326, as amended by the House and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 63, Nays - 32, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.

Voting yea: Representatives Appleton, Blake, Campbell,


Excused: Representatives Cox Eickmeyer, and Holmquist - 3.

SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6326, as amended by the House, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6247, By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Benson)

Providing uniform administration of locally imposed motor vehicle excise taxes.

The bill was read the second time.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Representatives Wallace and Woods spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6247.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6247 and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas - 95, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Excused - 3.


Excused: Representatives Cox, Eickmeyer and Holmquist - 3.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6247, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

There being no objection, the bills remaining on the Second Reading calendar were returned to the Rules Committee with the exception of HOUSE BILL NO. 3315 and SENATE BILL NO. 6368 which held their places on the Second Reading calendar.

There being no objection, the Rules Committee was relieved of the following bills, and the bills were placed on the Second Reading calendar:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1672,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2880,
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6369,
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6558,
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6686,
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6781,

There being no objection, the House advanced to the eleventh order of business.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., March 6, 2006, the 57th Day of the Regular Session.

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker
RICHARD NAFTZIGER, Chief Clerk
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