

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5025-S2.E

May 21, 1991

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 2, 3, 17, 18, and 20, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5025 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to youth and family services
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This bill attempts to enhance early intervention services for at-risk youth and their families. Sections 2 and 3 specifically require expansion of family reconciliation services to an additional 1,000 families per year, and the homebuilders program to 126 additional youth and families per year. These sections are contingent upon funding in the budget.

Because negotiations are still underway regarding the budget, the level of funding for these programs is uncertain. There are no assurances that the legislature will provide funds adequate to meet the specific service level increases required by this bill. Further, service levels can be itemized in a budget proviso and should not be set out in statute. These reasons require that I veto sections 2 and 3.

Sections 17, 18, and 20 make reference to the items specified above. To avoid confusion, I am also vetoing these sections.

With the exception of sections 2, 3, 17, 18, and 20, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5025 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Booth Gardner
Governor