

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 6220

Chapter 306, Laws of 1994
CHAPTER NO. CORRECTED
(partial veto)

53rd Legislature
1994 Regular Session

QUALITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM--QUALITY AWARD COUNCIL ORGANIZED

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/9/94

Passed by the Senate March 5, 1994
YEAS 43 NAYS 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 3, 1994
YEAS 97 NAYS 1

BRIAN EBERSOLE

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved April 2, 1994, with the
exception of section 2, which is
vetoed.

MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the
Senate of the State of Washington, do
hereby certify that the attached is
SENATE BILL 6220 as passed by the
Senate and the House of
Representatives on the dates hereon
set forth.

MARTY BROWN

Secretary

FILED

April 2, 1994 - 2:17 p.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senator Cantu

Read first time 01/17/94. Referred to Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development.

1 AN ACT Relating to quality awards; adding a new section to chapter
2 43.330 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The Washington quality award council shall be organized as a part
7 of the private, nonprofit corporation quality for Washington state
8 foundation, with the assistance of the department, in accordance with
9 chapter 24.03 RCW and this section.

10 (1) The council shall oversee the governor's Washington state
11 quality achievement award program. The purpose of the program is to
12 improve the overall competitiveness of the state's economy by
13 stimulating Washington state industries, business, and organizations to
14 bring about measurable success through setting standards of
15 organizational excellence, encouraging organizational self-assessment,
16 identifying successful organizations as role models, and providing a
17 valuable mechanism for promoting and strengthening a commitment to
18 continuous quality improvement in all sectors of the state's economy.
19 The program shall annually recognize organizations that improve the

1 quality of their products and services and are noteworthy examples of
2 high-performing work organizations.

3 (2) The council shall consist of the governor and the director, as
4 chair and vice-chair, respectively, and recognized professionals who
5 shall have backgrounds in or experience with effective quality
6 improvement techniques, employee involvement quality of work life
7 initiatives, and development of innovative labor-management relations.
8 The initial membership of the board beyond the chair and vice-chair
9 shall be appointed by the governor from a list of nominees submitted by
10 the quality for Washington state foundation. The list of nominees
11 shall include representatives from the governor's small business
12 improvement council, the Washington state efficiency commission, the
13 Washington state productivity board, the Washington state service
14 quality network, the association for quality and participation, the
15 American society for quality control, business and labor associations,
16 educational institutions, elected officials, and representatives from
17 former recipients of international, national, or state quality awards.

18 (3) The council shall establish a board of examiners, a recognition
19 committee, and such other subcouncil groups as it deems appropriate to
20 carry out its responsibilities. Subcouncil groups established by the
21 council may be composed of noncouncilmembers.

22 (4) The council shall receive its administrative support and
23 operational expenses from the quality for Washington state foundation.

24 (5) The council shall, in conjunction with the quality for
25 Washington state foundation, compile a list of resources available for
26 organizations interested in productivity improvement, quality
27 techniques, effective methods of work organization, and upgrading work
28 force skills as a part of the quality for Washington state foundation's
29 ongoing educational programs. The council shall make the list of
30 resources available to the general public, including labor, business,
31 nonprofit and public agencies, and the department.

32 (6) The council, in conjunction with the quality for Washington
33 state foundation, may conduct such public information, research,
34 education, and assistance programs as it deems appropriate to further
35 quality improvement in organizations operating in the state of
36 Washington.

37 (7) The council shall:

38 (a) Approve and announce achievement award recipients;

39 (b) Approve guidelines to examine applicant organizations;

1 (c) Approve appointment of judges and examiners;

2 (d) Arrange appropriate annual awards and recognition for
3 recipients, in conjunction with the quality for Washington state
4 foundation;

5 (e) Formulate recommendations for change in the nomination form or
6 award categories, in cooperation with the quality for Washington state
7 foundation; and

8 (f) Review related education, training, technology transfer, and
9 research initiatives proposed by the quality for Washington state
10 foundation.

11 (8) By January 1st of each even-numbered year, the council shall
12 report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
13 legislature on its activities in the proceeding two years and on any
14 recommendations in state policies or programs that could encourage
15 quality improvement and the development of high-performance work
16 organizations.

17 (9) The council shall cease to exist on July 1, 2004, unless
18 otherwise extended by law.

19 ****NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate***
20 ***preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the***
21 ***state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take***
22 ***effect immediately.***

23 ***Sec. 2 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.**

Passed the Senate March 5, 1994.

Passed the House March 3, 1994.

Approved by the Governor April 2, 1994, with the exception of
certain items which were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 2, 1994.

1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

2 "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 2,
3 Senate Bill No. 6220 entitled:

4 "AN ACT Relating to quality awards;"

5 Senate Bill No. 6220 creates the Quality Award Council to be
6 appointed by the Governor. The council would promote attention to
7 producing quality products and services in the private and public
8 sectors through educational activities and an annual award. The Quality
9 Award Council is modeled on the national Malcolm Baldrige Award and
10 the International Deming Award.

11 I am very supportive of the ideals expressed in this bill. I have
12 committed my administration to continuously improving the quality of
13 public sector services as evidenced by cabinet level appointments to

1 the Quality Service Network, by the newly merged Department of Fish and
2 Wildlife and Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development
3 with their development of outcome based measures of service, quality
4 and effectiveness, and my participation with the legislature in the
5 Washington Performance Partnership initiative.

6 Although I strongly support the creation of an award which would
7 recognize excellence in quality, I am concerned about the vehicle used
8 to establish the award. Senate Bill No. 6220 creates a council in
9 statute at a time when I have been working with the legislature to
10 minimize statutory boards and commissions. Moreover, the awkward
11 organizational structure created by this bill seems an unnecessary and
12 complicated means toward an otherwise laudable goal.

13 Nonetheless, with the exception of section 2 which would provide
14 for an immediate implementation of this bill, I am signing Senate Bill
15 No. 6220 because I am comfortable that the Quality Award Council and
16 the quality achievement award program can be structurally tailored to
17 meet the objectives of recognizing quality and improving
18 competitiveness. I have directed my staff to work with the Quality
19 Service Network, the legislature, and other interested parties to
20 improve the award process contained in this bill and to minimize
21 impacts on state government while maintaining visibility for quality
22 production and service delivery in both the public and private sectors.

23 With the exception of section 2, Senate Bill No. 6220 is approved."