

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1079

May 7, 2003

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 3, Engrossed House Bill No. 1079 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to resident tuition at institutions of higher education;"

This bill provides that students, who live in Washington for three years prior to receiving a high school diploma or equivalent in Washington, are eligible for in-state tuition rates at public colleges and universities in Washington.

Section 3 would have limited residency status for tuition purposes to students whose families hold work visas, temporary protected status visas, green cards, or who have received amnesty from the federal government. These students are already eligible for resident tuition. The limitations set forth in Section 3 are contrary to the stated intent of the bill.

For these reasons, I have vetoed section 3 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1079.

With the exception of section 3, Engrossed House Bill No. 1079 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor