

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5717-S

May 28, 1993

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 469(6)(b) and 1023 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5717, entitled:
"AN ACT Relating to the capital budget;"

My reasons for vetoing these sections are as follows:

Section 469(6)(b), page 79, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation)

Section 469(6)(b) removes a specific project acquiring habitat for the sharptailed grouse from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's approved project list for 1993-95. Acquisition and preservation of habitat for this species is critical as increasing agricultural development is threatening critical habitat and breeding grounds. Too, this project has already received careful scrutiny by the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation during the project evaluation phase. For this reason, I am vetoing subsection (6)(b) of section 469 and allowing this valuable project to move forward as planned.

Section 1023, page 176, Puget Sound Water Quality Authority

Section 1023 amends the enabling legislation for the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority by removing the requirement that the Authority be housed with the Department of Ecology in Lacey. The state has been actively pursuing opportunities for collocation in agency housing, particularly in those situations where agency missions are compatible. In order to ensure better coordination of the implementation of the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority Management Plan, it makes sense to consider collocation of the PSWQA and the Department of Ecology. Therefore, I am vetoing Section 1023.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed sections 469(6)(b) and 1023 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5717.

With the exceptions of sections 469(6)(b) and 1023, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5717 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor