CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

## HOUSE BILL 2965

Chapter 91, Laws of 1998

55th Legislature 1998 Regular Session

# CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM--DESIGNATING SPECIAL ATTORNEYS GENERAL

## EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/11/98

Passed by the House February 10, 1998 Yeas 97 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 3, 1998 Yeas 45 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved March 20, 1998

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2965** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

Chief Clerk

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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State State of Washington

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**By** Representatives Ballasiotes, Costa, Hatfield, Linville and McDonald; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Read first time 01/26/98. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections.

1 AN ACT Relating to designating special assistant attorneys general 2 for the crime victims' compensation program; and amending RCW 7.68.050.

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

4 **sec. 1.** RCW 7.68.050 and 1980 c 156 s 3 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

б (1) No right of action at law for damages incurred as a consequence 7 of a criminal act shall be lost as a consequence of being entitled to benefits under the provisions of this chapter. The victim or his 8 9 beneficiary may elect to seek damages from the person or persons liable 10 for the claimed injury or death, and such victim or beneficiary is entitled to the full compensation and benefits provided by this chapter 11 12 regardless of any election or recovery made pursuant to this section. 13 (2) For the purposes of this section, the rights, privileges, 14 responsibilities, duties, limitations, and procedures contained in RCW 15 51.24.050 through ((51.24.100 as now existing or hereafter amended)) 16 <u>51.24.110</u> apply.

(3) If the recovery involved is against the state, the lien of thedepartment includes the interest on the benefits paid by the department

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- 1 to or on behalf of such person under this chapter computed at the rate
- 2 of eight percent per annum from the date of payment.
- 3 (4) The 1980 amendments to this section apply only to injuries 4 which occur on or after April 1, 1980.

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