May 10, 1991

To the Honorable, the House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 12, Substitute House Bill No. 1052 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to clarification of existing public assistance statutes."

This bill contains important state policy regarding implementation of new federal laws. It was amended by legislative committees after thoughtful review and receipt of public testimony.

The programs referenced are contained in the Essential Requirements Level of my proposed budget, as well as in the proposed budgets of the House and Senate.

I am vetoing section 12, the null and void clause, which would negate this bill if specific funding, referencing this bill by number, is not provided in the final budget. There is no need for a specific reference to this bill by number in the budget.

For this reason, I have vetoed section 12 of Substitute House Bill No. 1052.

With the exception of Section 12, Substitute House Bill No. 1052 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Booth Gardner Governor