

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1243-S

May 17, 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 2, Substitute House Bill No. 1243 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to teacher preparation programs."

This bill seeks to increase collaboration and interaction between teacher preparation programs in institutions of higher education and elementary and secondary schools. I heartily agree with this objective.

Section 2 of the bill, however, requires that governing boards of state universities and colleges with teacher preparation programs adopt salary policies to reward faculty that teach in elementary and secondary schools. While the provision of salary incentives is also a laudable objective, it is not appropriate for state government to dictate particular components of salary policy, nor should a particular method of ensuring increased faculty interaction with public schools be dictated.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed section 2 of Substitute House Bill No. 1243.

With the exception of section 2, Substitute House Bill No. 1243 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Booth Gardner
Governor