

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2082

May 21, 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,
House Bill No. 2082 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to district courts."

Section 2 of this bill addresses the question of sick leave
benefits for district court judges. There is confusion as to the
scope of the benefit being allowed under current law.

Section 2 attempts to clarify sick leave policy for district
court judges. I am not convinced, however, that the language used
in section 2 achieves that purpose. In fact, I believe that it
would add further ambiguity. Because of the financial implications
associated with this issue, it is important that any change in the
law be set forth with precision.

I suggest that county elected officials work with district
court judges to clarify and resolve sick leave issues before
additional legislation is proposed.

For the reasons state, I have vetoed section 2.

With the exception of section 2, House Bill No. 2882 is
approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Booth Gardner
Governor