

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2983-S

April 1, 1992

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 4 and 5, Substitute House Bill No. 2983, entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to job training or work experience for public assistance recipients."

Substitute House Bill No. 2983 contains a null and void clause that refers to an unfunded proviso in the budget, requiring the Department of Social and Health Services to expend at least \$1.5 million on the newly created work experience pilot program. Since the proviso is unfunded, I am vetoing the null and void clause (section 4) and directing the department to implement this program within available funds. I believe this program will provide an opportunity to learn ways to benefit persons with long-term incapacities.

Section 5 contains an effective date of April 1st that is impossible to meet. It will take time to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and it will take a reasonable period of time to contract with agencies for the work experience program.

For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 4 and 5 of Substitute House bill No. 2983.

With the exception of sections 4 and 5, Substitute House Bill No. 2983 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Booth Gardner
Governor