

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1922-S

May 13, 1993

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,

The House of Representatives of the State of Washington  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 5, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1922 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to creation of a work ethic boot camp."

Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1922 directs the Department of Corrections to create a work ethic camp within an existing or soon to be completed Department of Corrections facility. This program of education and training for offenders should reduce recidivism and increase public safety.

Section 5 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1922 directs the Department to employ 100 percent of all program inmates in Class I, II, and IV correctional industries jobs programs, with limited employment allowed for Class III industries. The Department does not currently have Class I and II programs available at potential camp sites and therefore cannot comply with the requirements of this section within the timeline set out in the bill.

Additionally, section 5 imposes limitations on the employment level allowed for Class III industries such as food service, sanitation, maintenance and clerical support. While I agree with the goal of meaningful work experience, the limitations on Class III industries may prove too restrictive, forcing the Department to pay staff overtime or hire outside contractors to perform functions traditionally assigned to inmates.

While I have vetoed section 5 for the reasons stated above, the intent of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1922 will be carried out. The Department of Corrections is committed to the establishment of a successful and productive camp under this bill and to work with the legislature on the further development of the work ethic camp program.

With the exception of section 5, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1922 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Lowry  
Governor