

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5053

April 19, 1993

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 5053 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the local vessel excise tax."

Senate Bill 5053 requires counties to contract with the Department of Licensing for the administration and collection of the local vessel excise tax authorized under RCW 82.49.070. Currently, King County is the only county now imposing this tax.

Sections 38, and 40 through 42 of Substitute House Bill 1318, as amended by the Senate, repeal the local vessel excise tax as of June 30, 1994 and replace it with an increase in the state vessel registration fee the proceeds of which will be used for local boating safety, education, and enforcement programs. The Chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Parks has recommended that the House Concur in these Senate Amendments to Substitute House Bill 1318 and, along with the Sponsor of Senate Bill 5053 and representatives of King County, has communicated a desire for a veto of Senate Bill 5053.

The Senate amendments to Substitute House Bill 1318 will negate the need for the vessel excise tax administration and collection changes intended by Senate Bill 5053.

For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill 5053 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor