

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5300

May 18, 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 No. 5300 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to economic development;"

I am a strong supporter of collaboration in policy-making in economic development as in other areas. I agree with the Legislature that economic development policy can benefit from closer collaboration between the state and the private sector, between independent officials and panels, and between the executive and legislative branches. A strong economy is in everyone's interest, and collaborative efforts to achieve it are worthwhile.

However, the coming year will present difficult management challenges for state economic development efforts. The departments of Trade and Economic Development and Community Development will be working together to establish a new Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, working with a wide range of affected parties. The budget reductions in both departments will also be quite demanding, and the budget contains no specific funding to support this bill. As a result, the process proposed in this legislation could not be undertaken in an effective manner this year.

In addition, while efforts to encourage collaboration between the Legislature and the Governor, and between the public and private sector are valuable, the process envisioned in this legislation is overly complex and would be difficult to operate effectively.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 5300 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Lowry  
Governor