

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1906-S

May 9, 1995

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 9, Substitute House Bill No. 1906 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to child care licensing;"

Substitute House Bill No. 1906 clarifies that the health and safety of children is paramount over the right of any person to be licensed to provide care. Section 9 provides guidelines for the issuance of initial foster-family home licenses. Section 22 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5885 offers the same guidelines, but explicitly spells out the conditions required for issuing an initial license. Vetoing section 9 of Substitute House Bill No. 1906 gives full effect to this bill while including the greater specificity offered by section 22 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5885.

For this reason, I have vetoed section 9 of Substitute House Bill No. 1906.

With the exception of section 9, Substitute House Bill No. 1906 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor