

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5019

May 1, 1995

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

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 2, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5019 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to industrial developments;"

This legislation establishes a careful and appropriate process to allow counties to site large industrial facilities and to locate natural resource dependent facilities outside of urban growth areas. The process will be advanced by a county in collaboration with its cities and requires an inventory of available land and a finding that there is not sufficient land available for such development. It provides for infrastructure and environmental protection and establishes safeguards to prevent these developments from contributing to sprawl.

This bill includes an emergency clause in section 2. This section is ill advised when establishing a process of this nature. The process established will take many months to complete and will require the collaborative efforts of counties and cities. Preventing this bill from being subject to a referendum under Article II, section 1(b) of the state Constitution unnecessarily denies the people of this state their power, at their own option, to approve or reject this bill at the polls.

With the exception of section 2, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5019 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor