

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5770

May 16, 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 3, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5770 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to unemployment insurance claimant profiling;"

Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5770 provides the Department of Employment Security the authority to implement a federally mandated worker profiling system to identify long-term unemployed individuals and to refer them to re-employment services.

Section 3 of the bill contains language restricting training to certain classes of workers. According to the Attorney General, this change puts at risk the current training of some workers. This consequence was unforeseen and unintended when the bill was passed.

Section 3 also instructs the department to inform eligible individuals that they may receive benefits while they satisfactorily progress in training that has been approved by the commissioner of the department. This is a positive change. I will, by separate instrument, direct the department to comply with this provision.

For these reasons, I am vetoing section 3 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5770.

With the exception of section 3, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5770 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor