

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1985-S

May 9, 1997

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 6, Substitute House Bill No. 1985 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to forest practices landscape management plan pilot projects;"

Section 6 of SHB 1985 contains a "null and void" clause, making this bill contingent upon funding being provided in the budget. The budget does contain full funding for implementation of this bill. However, approximately 65% of the funding requested by the agencies is provided in the budget. I believe that with good, efficient work, the majority of the important pilot projects authorized by this legislation can be completed with the limited funding.

For this reason, I have vetoed section 6 of Substitute House Bill No. 1985.

With the exception of section 6, I am approving Substitute House Bill No. 1985.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor