

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5693-S

May 18, 1999

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 sections 3 and 6, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5693 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to establishing a public/private endowment for developmental disabilities services;"

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5693 creates a developmental disabilities fund that is funded through private contributions and state appropriations. Its intent is to encourage and assist families engaging in long-range financial planning for the lifetime care of family members with disabilities by seeking private contributions to a state managed endowment.

While I agree with this intent and understand the desire of parents to make sure that they have planned for the lifetime care of a family member with disabilities, there are many fundamental policy issues unanswered in this bill: