

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1679-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 13, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1679 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to professional licensing of private security and investigation;"

From the outset of my administration, it has been my objective to review all boards and commissions in existence in an effort to streamline state government. Where a board, commission or committee is not required, has outlived its mission, or where its functions can be achieved without statutory mandate, I have asked the legislature to eliminate it. Working together, we have significantly reduced the number of boards and commissions.

Section 13 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1679 would require that the director of the Department of Licensing establish ad hoc committees to assist in the development of policies related to the licensing of security guards. These committees would result in statutorily mandated costs to be borne by licensed security guards and would unnecessarily escalate professional license fees.

Input from security guard professionals can be sought without legislative mandate. Since such input will be vital to the development of rules by the Department of Licensing and, ultimately, for the success of the licensing program, I have instructed the director of the department to include in the rule making process those representatives of the profession as outlined in the bill on a voluntary, cooperative basis.

For this reason, I have vetoed section 13 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1679.

With the exception of section 13, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1679 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor