

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2689-S

March 29, 1996

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 2, Substitute House Bill No. 2689 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery;"

Substitute House Bill No. 2689 clarifies the dental scope of practice to include oral and maxillofacial surgery.

This legislation includes an emergency clause in section 2. Although clarifying the dental scope of practice is important, it is not a matter necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions. 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.

For this reason, I have vetoed section 2 of Substitute House Bill No. 2689.

With the exception of section 2, Substitute House Bill No. 2689 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor