

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2374

March 26, 1992

To the Honorable, the House
of Representatives of the
State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 3 and 4, House Bill No. 2374 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to
senior volunteers."

House Bill No. 2374 establishes a statutory formula for distributing funds to local retired senior volunteer programs. The legislation will provide a solid framework for funding these activities. Senior volunteer programs provide important assistance to respond to a wide range of social concerns and local needs.

I am concerned, however, with the possible confusion which may occur with the enactment of sections 3 and 4. These sections direct the Department Community of Development to act immediately to implement the bill, delay implementation of sections 1 and 2 until July 1 of this year, and enact section 3 of the bill at an intermediate date. While I believe it is important to implement this legislation rapidly, the language in these sections is contradictory and unnecessary.

For this reason, I have vetoed sections 3 and 4 of House Bill No. 2374.

With the exception of sections 3 and 4, House Bill No. 2374 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Booth Gardner
Governor