

REFERENDUM BILL NUMBER 19

Chapter 148, Laws Extraordinary
Session, 1967

Official ballot title:*

STATE BUILDING PROJECTS: BOND ISSUE

AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$63,059,000; appropriating the proceeds to finance various building projects for the Department of General Administration, the Department of Institutions, and certain state institutions of higher education; and providing for payment of the bonds from unpledged retail sales tax revenues or such other means authorized by the legislature.

Vote cast by members of the 1967 Legislature on final passage:
SENATE: (49 members) Yeas, 41; Nays, 1; Absent or not voting, 7.
HOUSE: (99 members) Yeas, 76; Nays, 12; Absent or not voting, 11.

*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General.

Statement **FOR**

Educating young people: Key to the future

Shortage of college classrooms, laboratories and other training facilities for youth of all capabilities continues to be a major problem in our state. By 1975 the state colleges and universities must provide room for nearly 70,000 students; otherwise, many qualified youngsters may not get in. Their education—the key to our future—requires action NOW.

Referendum 19—if approved by the voters—will provide money for new buildings and facilities at the five existing colleges and universities. It also will provide \$15 million to start constructing the Evergreen State College, the first new four-year state college in this century.

But no building can be built there unless Referendum 19 passes

In this decade alone, the University of Washington has faced the task of providing facilities to serve an added enrollment equal to all students now attending Stanford University. Other institutions have expanded, too, but not enough.

The situation may become even more acute as the young veterans of the Viet Nam War come home, demanding their college education under the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights.

Referendum 19 helps handicapped youngsters, too

Mentally retarded, blind, deaf and emotionally disturbed children will be aided immeasurably by the Department of Institutions' share of Referendum 19 funds. These are the "voiceless ones" who have few to plead their case, yet many of them can be helped to become useful citizens.

They need and deserve the best training, counseling and care the state can provide.

The biggest single project is a residential and training hall for the severely retarded at Fircrest School near Seattle. Projects at six other institutions throughout the state are equally important to the welfare of troubled children.

How will Referendum 19 be paid for?

These 30 long-range capital improvements will be financed with borrowed money, just as you and we finance the purchase of a home. The money will be repaid out of sales tax receipts over a 20 year period. Since the bonds that will be issued tend to replace existing bond issues that are being retired, no pressure to increase the sales tax is contemplated. **REFERENDUM 19 HAS ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT ON PROPERTY TAXES.** Financing capital improvements in this way spreads the cost to a rapidly growing number of taxpayers, including the students who will benefit from the facilities.

Committee appointed to compose statement FOR Referendum Bill No. 19:

REUBEN A. KNOBLAUCH, State Senator; THOMAS L. COPELAND, State Representative; ROBERT O'BRIEN, State Representative.

Advisory Committee: JOHN RUPP, State Chairman, Citizens for Ref. 19-SJR 17; MRS. GEORGE N. PRINCE, Vice Chairman, Citizens for Ref. 19-SJR 17; DR. C. CLEMENT FRENCH, Vice Chairman, Citizens for Ref. 19-SJR 17; JOE DAVIS, President, Washington State Labor Council; A. LARS NELSON, Master, Washington State Grange.

*Explanatory comment issued by the
Attorney General as required by law*

The Law as it now exists:

The construction and improvement of buildings and other facilities for use by various state agencies is from time to time financed with the issuance by the state of general obligation bonds. The 1967 legislature passed an act authorizing the issuance of such bonds to finance various building projects for the Department of General Administration, the Department of Institutions, and certain state institutions of higher education. However, under the present state constitution, no law authorizing the state to contract debt through the issuance of general obligation bonds can take effect until it shall at a general election have been submitted to and approved by the people.

**Effect of Referendum Bill No. 19
if approved into Law:**

If approved, the act will authorize the sale of state general obligation bonds in an amount up to

\$63,059,000. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used to finance buildings and facilities for the Department of General Administration, the Department of Institutions, the University of Washington, Washington State University, Western Washington State College, Central Washington State College, and the new Evergreen State College. A detailed list of these projects and the specific amounts appropriated for each project appears in the text of the act itself, as set forth on pages 43 and 44 of this pamphlet. The act provides for payment of the bonds from a portion of the proceeds of the retail sales tax and such other sources as may be authorized by the legislature, and in addition provides that the bonds shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state for payment of the principal and interest thereon when due.

*Note: Complete text of Referendum Bill No. 19 starts on
Page 43.*

Statement **AGAINST**

Referendum Bill No. 19 was overwhelmingly approved by the 1967 Legislature and no member could be enlisted to write a statement against the measure for publication in this pamphlet.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this act shall be deposited in the outdoor recreation account of the general fund and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the act and for payment of the expense incurred in the issuance and sale of the bonds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The outdoor recreational bond redemption fund of 1967 is created in the state treasury. This fund shall be exclusively devoted to the payment of interest on and retirement of the bonds authorized by this act. The state finance committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet bond retirement and interest requirements. The state treasurer shall thereupon deposit such amount in the outdoor recreational bond redemption fund from moneys transmitted to the state treasurer by the tax commission and certified by the tax commission to be sales tax collections. Such amount certified by the state finance committee to the state treasurer shall be a prior charge against all retail sales tax revenues of the state of Washington, except that portion thereof heretofore pledged for the payment of bond principal and interest.

The owner and holder of each of the bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The proceeds from the sale of bonds deposited in the outdoor recreation account of the general fund under the terms of section 5 of this act shall be administered by the interagency committee for outdoor recreation. All such proceeds shall be divided into two equal shares. One share shall be allocated for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities on behalf of the state as the legislature may direct by appropriation. The other share shall be allocated to public bodies as defined in RCW 43.99.020 for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities within the jurisdiction of such public bodies. The interagency committee for outdoor recreation is authorized to use or permit the use of any funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized under this act as matching funds in any case where federal or other funds are made available on a matching basis for projects within the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. As used in this act, the phrase "acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities" shall be liberally construed in accordance with the broad interpretation suggested by section 1 of this act. It shall include, but shall not be limited to, acquisition of fee simple or any lesser interests in land, and the development of outdoor areas and facilities for either a single recreational use or multiple recreational uses. The preservation of land or water areas in an unspoiled or undeveloped state shall be among the alternatives permissible under this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. The legislature may provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds authorized herein, and this act shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for such payment.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. The bonds herein authorized shall be a legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and for all funds of municipal corporations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. This act shall be submitted to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the

first Monday in November 1968, in accordance with the provisions of section 3, Article VIII of the Constitution of the state of Washington, and in accordance with the provisions of section 1, Article II of the Constitution of the state of Washington, as amended, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. Upon adoption and ratification by the people as provided for in section 11 of this act, sections 1 through 10 herein shall constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

Passed the House April 28, 1967.

Passed the Senate April 28, 1967.

Approved by the Governor May 3, 1967.

COMPLETE TEXT OF

REFERENDUM BILL NUMBER

19

(CHAPTER 148, LAWS 1967, EX. SESSION)

Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:

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LEGISLATIVE TITLE

(Senate Bill No. 532)

STATE BUILDING AND HIGHER EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION—BONDS

AN ACT relating to state government and the support thereof; authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds to provide for needful land acquisition and buildings for the department of general administration, institutions of higher education and the department of institutions; providing ways and means to pay said bonds; making appropriations; and providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature
of the State of Washington:*

NEW SECTION. Section 1. For the purpose of providing needed capital improvements for the department of general administration, the institutions

of higher education and the department of institutions, the state finance committee is authorized to issue, at any time prior to January 1, 1972, general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of sixty-three million fifty-nine thousand dollars or so much thereof as shall be required to finance the capital projects set forth in section 6 of this act, to be paid and discharged within twenty years of the date of issuance.

The state finance committee is authorized to prescribe the form of such bonds, and the time of sale of all or any portion or portions of such bonds, and the conditions of sale and issuance thereof: *Provided*, That none of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than the par value thereof, nor shall they bear interest at a rate in excess of six percent per annum.

The bonds shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state of Washington and contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal and interest when due. The committee may provide that the bonds, or any of them, may be called prior to the due date thereof under such terms and conditions as it may determine. The state finance committee may authorize the use of facsimile signatures in the issuance of the bonds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized herein, together with all grants, donations, transferred funds and all other moneys which the state finance committee may direct the state treasurer to deposit therein shall be deposited in the state building and higher education construction account created in the state general fund.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The state building and higher education bond redemption fund is created in the state treasury, which fund shall be exclusively devoted to the payment of interest on and retirement of the bonds authorized by this act. The state finance committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet bond retirement and interest requirements, and on July 1st of each year the state treasurer shall deposit such amount in the state building and higher education bond redemption fund from moneys transmitted to the state treasurer by the tax commission and certified by the tax commission to be sales tax collections; and such amount certified by the state finance committee to the state treasurer shall be a prior charge against all retail sales tax revenues of the state of Washington, except that portion thereof which has been heretofore pledged for the payment of bond principal and interest.

The owner and holder of each of the bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require and compel the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The legislature may provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the interest and principal of the bonds authorized herein and this act shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for such payment.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The bonds herein authorized shall be a legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and all funds of municipal corporations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated from the state building and higher education construction account: *Provided*, That the legislature may reappropriate the unexpended balance from any project for other projects within the scope of section 1 of this act.

For the Department of General Administration	
Construct and equip addition to state library	\$ 562,113
For the Washington Correction Center	
Construct and equip honor housing for 270 inmates	\$ 1,875,630
For the Maple Lane School	
Construct and equip treatment security unit	\$ 264,970
For the Spruce Canyon Youth Camp	
Construct and equip vocational-gymnasium building	\$ 194,411
For the School for the Blind	
Construct and equip student residence hall	\$ 373,000
For the School for the Deaf	
Construct and equip field house	\$ 150,000
For the Rainier School	
Construct and equip training and service building	\$ 650,000
Construct and equip volunteer services building	\$ 150,000
For the Fircrest School	
Replace Redwood Hall, Phase II	\$ 2,550,000
For the University of Washington	
Construct and equip law school center	\$ 5,100,000
Construct and equip psychology building	\$ 3,500,000
Construct and equip performing arts building	\$ 3,700,000
Construct and equip computer center addition	\$ 1,300,000
Construct and equip electrical engineering addition	\$ 650,000
Enlarge plant services building	\$ 1,900,000
Expand and equip radiation therapy and hospital clinic	\$ 2,050,000
For Washington State University	
Construct and equip agricultural services building	\$ 3,934,775
Construct and equip physical sciences building	\$ 3,148,630
For Western Washington State College	
Construct additional instruction facilities	\$ 1,883,500
Construct and equip physical education addition	\$ 490,000
Construct and equip administration building	\$ 1,650,000
Renovation of Old Main	\$ 975,000
Complete construction and equipping of education-psychology building ..	\$ 850,000
For Central Washington State College	
Construct and equip instructional center	\$ 3,009,500
Construct and equip library addition	\$ 2,070,000
For Eastern Washington State College	
Construct and equip health and physical education building	\$ 1,125,000
Construct and equip classroom building	\$ 1,500,000
Construct and equip radio-television building	\$ 500,000
Construct and equip drama building	\$ 800,000
Construct and equip art building	\$ 1,090,000
For the Fourth State College	
Construction Phase I	\$15,000,000
For the Finance Committee	\$ 62,471

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The words "capital improvement" or "capital project" used herein shall mean acquisition of sites, easements, rights of way or improvements thereon or appurtenances thereto,

construction and initial equipment, reconstruction, demolition or major alteration of new or presently owned capital assets.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. This act shall be submitted to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1968, in accordance with the provisions of section 3, Article VIII of the state Constitution; and in accordance with the provisions of section 1, Article II of the state Constitution as amended, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

**NEW SECTION.* Sec. 9. Anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding, if the constitutional amendment proposed in Senate Joint Resolution No. 17 shall be adopted by the electorate in the 1967 general election

(1) the sum of sixty-three million fifty-nine thousand dollars authorized for issue as general obligation bonds in section 1 of this act shall be reduced to the sum of twelve million six hundred seven thousand five hundred ninety-five dollars, and

(2) each of the following capital projects shall be deleted from section 6 of this act:

<i>For the University of Washington</i>	
Law school center	\$ 5,100,000
Psychology building	\$ 3,500,000
Performing arts building	\$ 3,700,000
Computer center addition	\$ 1,300,000
Electrical engineering addition	\$ 650,000
<i>For Washington State University</i>	
Agricultural sciences building	\$ 3,934,775
Physical sciences building	\$ 3,148,630
<i>For Western Washington State College</i>	
Additional instructional facilities	\$ 1,883,500
Physical education building	\$ 490,000
Administration building	\$ 1,650,000
<i>For Central Washington State College</i>	
Instructional center	\$ 3,009,500
Library addition	\$ 2,070,000
<i>For Eastern Washington State College</i>	
Health and physical education building	\$ 1,125,000
Classroom building	\$ 1,500,000
Radio-television building	\$ 500,000
Drama building	\$ 800,000
Art building	\$ 1,090,000
<i>For the Fourth State College</i>	
Construction Phase I	\$15,000,000

Passed the Senate April 29, 1967.

Passed the House April 28, 1967.

Approved May 10, 1967 with the exception of Section 9, which is vetoed.

DANIEL J. EVANS
Governor of Washington

*Words in italics vetoed by the Governor.

GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT EXPLAINING PARTIAL VETO:

I am filing herewith to be transmitted to the Senate at the next session of the legislature, without my approval as to one section, Senate Bill No. 532, entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to state government and the support thereof and authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds to provide for needful land acquisition and buildings."

This bill submits to the voters of the State of Washington for their approval or rejection a proposed state general obligation bond issue of \$63,059,000 to provide necessary new facilities at certain state institutions, the state library, the three

state colleges and the two state universities. The bill also would provide the funds for first phase construction at the fourth state college authorized by the 1967 legislature. I approve of this bond issue and trust that the voters of the state will ratify it at the election to be held in November, 1968.

However, Section 9 of the bill is unnecessary, and may prove confusing to the voters if it remains in the measure when it is submitted at the 1968 general election. Section 9 provides conditionally that the bond issue be reduced to \$12,607,595, by eliminating from the bill all funds for institutions of higher education. The condition specified is the ratification of a constitutional amendment proposed in Senate Joint Resolution No. 17 at an election to be held in November, 1967. This proposed constitutional amendment would eliminate the need for many statewide bond issues by authorizing a State Building Authority to lease buildings to state agencies and finance the construction or acquisition cost through the sale of revenue bonds. If the State Building Authority were activated later this year, it would finance construction of needed higher education facilities, including the new four-year college, approximately a year sooner than will be possible under Senate Bill No. 532.

Section 9 is meaningless, because no state general election will be held in November, 1967.

A bill authorizing annual state elections was introduced during the 1967 legislative session at my request. It was passed by the House of Representatives, but failed to emerge from the Senate Rules Committee. It is unfortunate that the people will not have the benefit of annual state elections in order to vote promptly on vital issues facing the state, such as proposed constitutional amendments, matters relating to a constitutional convention and other measures referred to the people. Since this is not possible, I believe Senate Bill 532 will be less confusing to the voters if references to a proposed 1967 general election are eliminated.

Therefore, I have vetoed Section 9. The remainder of Senate Bill No. 532 is approved.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL J. EVANS
Governor

COMPLETE TEXT OF

INITIATIVE MEASURE

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TO THE LEGISLATURE

Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:

LOCAL PROCESSING OF STATE TIMBER

AN ACT establishing a state agency to be known as the Full Employment Commission; providing for a procedure whereby timber sold by the state to any "responsible bidder" and removed from state-owned or administered lands will be branded, and will receive