



Referendum Bill 31

CHAPTER 133, LAWS OF 1972
(42nd Leg., 2nd Ex. Session)

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Bonds for Community College Facilities

AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the sum of \$50,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition, construction and improvement of community college facilities; designating the state board for community college education as the agency responsible for disbursement of the bond proceeds, subject to prior legislative appropriations; and providing for payment of the bonds from unpledged state retail sales tax revenues or other means authorized by the legislature.

Vote cast by members of the 1972 Legislature on final passage:
HOUSE: (99 members) Yeas, 86; Nays, 9; Absent or not voting, 4.
SENATE: (49 members) Yeas; 37; Nays, 11, Absent or not voting, 1.

Statement for

Let's Assure Community College Education Sufficient Space!

Washington's Community College System is the only branch of education continuing to grow substantially. Our 22 community college districts provide low cost vocational education, college transfer and adult programs for more than 110,000 citizens, including persons of limited income who might otherwise be denied access to these vocational and educational opportunities.

In just four more years, community colleges must find space for one-third more full-time day students than enrolled last fall, increase vocational facilities by 50 percent and add nearly one-fourth more total space than has either been built or funded so far. Even then they will have 20 percent **less** space per student than community colleges nationally.

What Referendum 31 will Provide

Referendum 31 will provide \$50 million in bonds for construction of only the community college's highest priority space needs. First priority (over two-thirds of all funds) will be for vocational instruction, then classrooms, science laboratories, libraries, office space and student eating facilities.

Community Colleges Currently Receive No Tax Funds for Construction

Washington's Community College System is the only branch of public education receiving no tax funds for construction. Facilities are entirely underwritten with student tuition. Tuition bonds simply can't finance space to keep up with enrollments.

Who will Benefit from Referendum 31 Passage?

With primary emphasis on vocational education, community colleges in nearly every part of the state are targeted for construction aid. Bonds authorized by Referendum 31, together with Referendums 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 will require neither new taxes nor any increase in existing taxes. They will be paid off by a portion of growth in state general fund revenues from existing state taxes (not property taxes). This growth will come from project expenditures in the program itself enlarged by federal grants that otherwise could be lost for lack of matching funds, and from new jobs and business stimulated by the program.

Committee appointed to compose statement **FOR** Referendum Bill No. 31:

ROBERT C. BAILEY, State Senator; MAX E. BENITZ, State Representative; MRS. ROBERT SHEPHERD, Chairman, State Board for Community College Education.

Advisory Committee: TOM ANDERSON, Chairman of the Board, Association of Washington Business; NEALE V. CHANEY, Chairman, Washington State Democratic Committee; EARL DAVENPORT, Chairman, Washington State Republican Committee; J. ALAN DUNCAN, Chairman, Advisory Council on Vocational Education; JOE DAVIS, President, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

The Law as it now exists:

In 1967, all public community colleges in this state were transferred from the control of local school districts to the state board for community colleges and various community college district boards of trustees. Accordingly, the acquisition, construction and improvement of community college facilities is now a state function. Like other state buildings and related improvements, one source of funding for these facilities is the issuance of state general obligation bonds.

At its 1972 special session, the legislature enacted a law providing for the issuance of state general obligation bonds in an amount up to \$50,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition, construction and improvement of such community college facilities. Under the state constitutional debt limitation, however, this law cannot take effect until it has been referred to and approved by the people at a general election.

Effect of Ref. Bill No. 31 if approved into Law:

If approved, this act will authorize the issuance and sale of the general obligation bonds described above at any time prior to January 1, 1980. However, these bonds will be offered for sale during this period only after the legislature has made an appropriation of the proceeds of the bonds to be sold. No appropriation of these proceeds for the current (1971-73) biennium is made by the act.

When the bonds are sold the funds derived therefrom will be administered by the state board for community colleges. If this act is approved, the board will be required to submit to the governor for the 1973 legislature a list of projects to be financed with these bonds during a six-year period from 1973 to 1979.

The act provides for payment of these bonds from a portion of the proceeds of the state retail sales tax and from such other sources as may be authorized by the legislature. In addition, it 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: Ballot title and the above explanatory comment were written by the Attorney General as required by state law. Complete text of Referendum Bill No. 31 starts on Page 81.

Statement against

No member of the 1972 Legislature could be enlisted by the Speaker, House of Representatives, or by the President, State Senate, to write a statement against Referendum Bill No. 31 for publication in this pamphlet.

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LEGISLATIVE TITLE
(House Bill No. 381)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS

AN ACT relating to state government; authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds to provide needed community college facilities; providing ways and means for the payment of such bonds; providing for the submission of this act to a vote of the people; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

**BE IT ENACTED, By the Legislature
of the State of Washington:**

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The community colleges of the State of Washington have more than doubled their enrollment since 1966, including a three hundred percent increase in occupational education. The capital fund resources of the state community college system are not adequate to meet the facility needs of today's students. Major increments of community college facilities will be needed to serve the still growing numbers of commuting youth and adults attending the community college system. A determination of the facility needs of each college has been made through the uniform application of guidelines developed by the state board for community college education to evaluate facility needs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. For the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition, construction and improvement of community college facilities in this state, the state finance committee is authorized to issue, at any time prior to January 1, 1980, general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of fifty million dollars or so much thereof as may be required to finance the improvements defined in this act and all costs incidental thereto. These bonds shall be paid and discharged within twenty years of the date of issuance, or within thirty years, should Article VIII of the Constitution of the state

of Washington be amended to permit such longer term. No bonds authorized by this act shall be offered for sale without prior legislative appropriation of the proceeds of such bonds to be sold.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this act and any interest earned on the interim investment of such proceeds, shall be deposited in the community college capital improvements account hereby created in the general fund and shall be used exclusively for the purposes specified in this act and for payment of the expenses incurred in the issuance and sale of the bonds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The proceeds from the sale of bonds deposited in the community college capital improvements account shall be administered and expended by the state board for community college education subject to legislative appropriation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. For the purposes of this act, the term "community college facilities" shall mean and include, but not be limited to, vocational facilities, including capital equipment acquisition, and such other specific projects as approved and funded for planning purposes by the legislature which shall include general education classrooms, science laboratories, faculty offices, student dining facilities, library and media facilities, offices for student personnel services and administrative personnel, and all real property and interests therein, equipment, parking facilities, utilities, appurtenances and landscaping incidental to such facilities.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If the general obligation bond issue provided within this act is ratified at the 1972 general election, then the state board for community college education shall submit to the governor for the 1973 Legislature, a list of projects to be funded during the six-year capital program for 1973-79. Included within the project description may be the amount of necessary planning funds per project not to exceed one percent of the project cost which shall be appropriated from the general fund directly for planning purposes and shall not be derived from the proceeds of the bond issue as provided by this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. 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, 1972, 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. 8. The state finance committee is authorized to prescribe the form, terms, conditions and covenants of the bonds, the time or times of sale of all or any portion of them, and the conditions and manner of their sale and issuance. None of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than their par value.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. When the state finance committee has decided to issue such bonds or a portion thereof, it may, pending the issuing of such bonds, issue, in the name of the state, temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of such bonds, which notes shall be designated as "anticipation notes". Such portion of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds as may be required for such purpose shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on such anticipation notes which have been issued. The bonds and notes shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state of Washington and shall contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal and interest when due. The state

finance committee may authorize the use of a printed facsimile of the seal of the state of Washington in the issuance of bonds and notes.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. The community college capital improvements bond redemption fund of 1972 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 30 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 1 of each year, the state treasurer shall deposit such amount in the community college capital improvements bond redemption fund of 1972 from moneys transmitted to the state treasurer by the department of revenue and certified by the department of revenue to be retail 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. 11. 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. 12. 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. 13. Upon adoption and ratification by the people as provided for in section 7 of this act, sections 1 through 12 herein shall constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

Passed the House February 18, 1972.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1972.

Approved by the Governor February 25, 1972.

COMPLETE TEXT OF

Initiative Measure

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Initiative Measure To The Legislature

Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:

Litter Control Act

AN ACT regulating litter disposal; directing the Department of Ecology to administer its provisions and to promulgate necessary rules and regulations; establishing an ecology patrol with powers of enforcement; providing penalties and fines for littering; stating that littering from a moving vehicle is a moving violation; requiring litter receptacles marked with antilitter symbols or logos to be placed in designated public places; and providing that administration of the act shall be financed in substantial part by assessments levied against manufactur-

ers, wholesalers and retailers of goods, containers or wrappers which are reasonably related to the litter problem.

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature
of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Recognizing the rapid population growth of the state of Washington and the ever increasing mobility of its people, as well as the fundamental and unalienable right of the people of this state to enjoy a healthful, clean and beautiful environment; and further recognizing that the proliferation and accumulation of litter discarded throughout this state endangers the free exercise and enjoyment of this right and constitutes a public health hazard; and further recognizing that there has been a collective failure on the part of government, industry and the public to anticipate, plan for, and accomplish effective litter control, there is hereby enacted the "Litter Control Act".

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The purpose of this 1971 amendatory act is to accomplish litter control throughout this state by delegating to a single state agency with effective enforcement power the authority to conduct a permanent and continuous program to control and remove litter from this state to the maximum extent possible. To this end, the department of ecology of the state of Washington is hereby delegated the power, authority, and duty to carry out the provisions of this 1971 amendatory act. Every other department of state government and all local governmental units and agencies of this state shall cooperate with the department of ecology in the administration and enforcement of this 1971 amendatory act. The intent of this 1971 amendatory act is to add to and to coordinate existing litter control and removal efforts and not terminate or supplant such efforts.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. As used in this 1971 amendatory act, unless the context indicates otherwise:

(1) "Commission" means the ecological commission;

(2) "Department" means the department of ecology;

(3) "Director" means the director of the department of ecology;

(4) "Disposable package or container" means all packages or containers defined as such by rules and regulations adopted by the director of the department of ecology;

(5) "Litter" means all waste material including but not limited to disposable packages or containers thrown or deposited as herein prohibited but not including the wastes of the primary processes of mining, logging, sawmilling, farming, or manufacturing;

(6) "Litter bag" means a bag, sack, or other container made of any material which is large enough to serve as a receptacle for litter inside the motor vehicle or watercraft of any person. It is not necessarily limited to the state approved litter bag but must be similar in size and capacity;

(7) "Litter receptacle" means those containers adopted by the department of ecology and which are standardized as to size, shape, capacity, and color and which bear the state antilitter symbol or logo and a statement of the penalties available for littering in this state, as well as any other receptacles suitable for the depositing of litter;

(8) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled and which is designed for carrying ten persons or less and which is used for the transportation of persons;

(9) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or organization of any kind whatsoever;

(10) "Watercraft" means any boat, ship, vessel, barge, or other floating craft;

(11) "Public place" means any area that is used or held out for use by the public whether owned or operated by public or private interests.