

EXECUTIVE ORDER 81-19

**CALLING FOR A PLAN TO
REORGANIZE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

Washington State government now consists of more than 100 separately budgeted agencies and more than 300 boards, councils, committees, and commissions. The productivity, accountability, and cost effectiveness of state government are impaired by overlapping responsibilities, duplication of administrative services, fragmented organizational structures, and increasing numbers of small and frequently independent executive entities; and

Federal funding reductions, transfer of federal programs to the states, and state funding reductions make it essential to determine whether state government can be consolidated and reorganized so as to carry out essential functions more efficiently and responsively. A more coherent and responsive organizational structure will also improve citizen understanding and participation in state government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the state of Washington, direct the Office of Financial Management to examine the various components of state government, and prepare recommendations for legislative and administrative actions that will streamline state government and make it more responsive to its tasks. I direct all state agencies to cooperate with the Office of Financial Management and my office in carrying out this order. In order for legislative proposals to be available for the 1982 Regular Session of the State Legislature, I direct that the proposals be prepared no later than January 6, 1982.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 28th day of October A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

John Spellman
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Assistant Secretary of State
