

EXECUTIVE ORDER 82-24

CALLING FOR EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS

Revenue collections flowing to the 1981-83 state General Fund have fallen short of previous estimates. If this trend continues, barring legislative action, it will be necessary to order across-the-board cuts in allotments, as required by chapter 43.88 RCW.

The current appropriation levels are the result of numerous reductions during the past 23 months and reflect the lowest responsible level of state government services. It will be necessary to raise additional revenue to maintain that level for the remainder of the biennium, but such action is dependent upon the 1983 legislature. In the meantime, the state must operate within a budget that balances by the end of the biennium.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby direct each cabinet agency to implement immediately a freeze on hiring and to further control expenditures from the state General Fund by restricting out-of-state travel, restraining purchasing, and limiting the use of outside consulting services. Requests for exceptions to the hiring freeze are to be made in writing by cabinet agency directors to the Director, Office of Financial Management.

All other agencies, boards, and commissions subject to executive allotment control under chapter 43.88 RCW are urged in the strongest terms to reduce expenditures in a similar manner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 13th day of December A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

John Spellman
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Assistant Secretary of State
