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Washington state agencies to close July 12

OLYMPIA – The first widespread shutdown of state agencies as a result of budget shortfalls will take place Monday, July 12, 2010.

In April 2010, the state Legislature passed and Gov. Chris Gregoire signed into law Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6503. Designed to reduce state government spending for employees, the law requires that state agencies close on the 10 days specified in the bill or submit an alternate compensation reduction plan for approval by the Office of Financial Management.

The following agencies, boards or commissions will be closed July 12:

- Board of Accountancy
- Commission on African-American Affairs
- Agriculture
- Archeology and Historic Preservation
- Arts Commission
- Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
- Commerce
- Conservation Commission
- Corrections
- Council for Children and Families
- County Road Administration Board
- Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Early Learning
- Eastern Historical Society
- Ecology
- Office of Education Ombudsman
- Employment Security
- Environmental Hearings Office
- Office of the Family and Children's Ombudsman
- Financial Institutions
- Financial Management
- Fish and Wildlife
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
- General Administration
- Governor

- Growth Management Hearings Boards
- Health
- Health Care Authority
- Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- Horse Racing Commission
- Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
- Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- Information Services
- Labor and Industries
- Licensing
- Liquor Control Board
- Personnel
- Pollution Liability Insurance Agency
- Printing
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Recreation and Conservation Office
- Citizen Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
- Sentencing Guidelines Commission
- Social and Health Services
- State Patrol
- Tax Appeals Board
- Traffic Safety Commission
- Transportation Improvement Board
- Utilities and Transportation Commission
- Veterans Affairs
- Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

The law specifies exemptions to allow certain public safety, public health and revenue-generation activities to continue. Services provided by such employees as child protection workers, community corrections officers, emergency public health and patient safety workers, and State Patrol field enforcement and investigative service personnel will not be affected.

In addition, institutions of higher education were required by law to submit compensation reduction plans to avoid office closures. Most offices headed by separately elected officials (Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Auditor, Attorney General and Commissioner of Public Lands) also have submitted compensation reduction plans. However, most state agencies are scheduled to close their offices on the dates specified.

Additional closures will take place:

- 2010: Aug. 6, Sept. 7, Oct. 11, Dec. 27
- 2011: Jan. 28, Feb. 22, March 11, April 22, June 10

For a complete list of which agencies are closed July 12 and through 2010–11, go to http://ofm.wa.gov/layoff/agency_list.pdf.

The closures will save more than \$70 million in all funds in 2010–11. The temporary layoff law was passed as part of a series of measures to address an almost \$12 billion shortfall during the 2009–11 budget period.

For more information on state agency closures, visit <http://ofm.wa.gov/layoff/>.

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