

CHAPTER 210.

[House Bill No. 151.]

PAYMENT OF WAGES EARNED PRIOR TO DEATH.

AN ACT requiring an employer to pay, to certain persons, wages earned by a deceased employee prior to death; and amending section 2, chapter 139, Laws of 1939 and RCW 49.48.120.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 139, Laws of 1939 and RCW 49.48.120 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 49.48.120 amended.

If at the time of the death of any person, his employer is indebted to him for work, labor and services performed, and no executor or administrator of his estate has been appointed, such employer shall upon the request of the surviving spouse forthwith pay said indebtedness, in such an amount as may be due not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, to the said surviving spouse or if the decedent leaves no surviving spouse, then to the child or children, or if no children, then to the father or mother of said decedent: *Provided, however,* That if by virtue of a community property agreement between the decedent and the surviving spouse, which meets the requirements of RCW 26.16.120, the right to such indebtedness became the sole property of the surviving spouse upon the death of the decedent, the employer shall pay to the surviving spouse the total of such indebtedness or that portion which is governed by the community property agreement upon presentation of said agreement accompanied by affidavit of the surviving spouse stating that such agreement was executed in good faith between the parties thereto and had not been rescinded by the parties prior to the death of the decedent: *Provided further,* That in all cases the employer shall require

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proof of claimant's relationship to decedent by affidavit, and shall require claimant to acknowledge receipt of such payment in writing. Any payments made by an employer pursuant to the provisions of RCW 49.48.115 and 49.48.120 shall operate as a full and complete discharge of the employer's indebtedness to the extent of said payment, and no employer shall thereafter be liable therefor to the decedent's estate, or the decedent's executor or administrator thereafter appointed.

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CHAPTER 211.

[House Bill No. 27.]

INVESTMENT OF STATE FUNDS.

AN ACT relating to the investment of state funds; and amending section 43.84.080, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.84.080.

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

RCW 43.84.080 amended.

Section 1. Section 43.84.080, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.84.080 are each amended to read as follows:

Investment of state funds.

Whenever there is in any fund or in cash balances in the state treasury more than sufficient to meet the current expenditures properly payable therefrom, the state finance committee may invest such portion of such funds or balances as it deems expedient in certificates, notes, or bonds of the United States, or other obligations of the United States or its agencies, or of any corporation wholly owned by the government of the United States, or in state, county, municipal, or school district bonds, or in