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To the Honorable Speaker and Members,  
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 306, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1303 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to providing for the means to encourage the use of cleaner energy thereby providing for healthier communities by reducing emissions."

Section 306 of this bill adds to the existing reporting requirements of the energy Freedom Program. Given the expanded scope of that program, and the existence of the same reporting requirements for Washington State University (WSU) in Section 402 of the bill, I am vetoing Section 306. I am confident WSU will work closely with Department of Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED) to report the information the Legislature is seeking about biofuels within our state.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 306 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1303.

With the exception of Section 306, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1303 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor