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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 302, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1883 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to modifications of the higher education coordinating board."

This bill focuses on minor changes to the responsibilities of the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The emergency clause in Section 302 of this bill is unnecessary. Emergency clauses should be restricted to bills that address public emergencies.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 302 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1883.

With the exception of Section 302, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1883 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire Governor