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To the Honorable President and Members, The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 4, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5809 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to workforce employment and training."

I am vetoing Section 4 of this bill. The policy intent of the bill can be accomplished without the Legislature directing how the Governor's discretionary Workforce Investment Act 10% fund is used. Although federal law does not prohibit the state Legislature from directing the Workforce Investment Act 10% funds, the approach taken by this bill would set an undesirable precedent.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 4 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5809.

With the exception of Section 4, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5809 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire Governor