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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 herewith, without my approval as to Section 11, Substitute House Bill 2776 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to funding distribution formulas for K-12 education."

Section 11 amends RCW 28.175.010 to add the requirement that the Washington State Institute for Public Policy annually calculate savings to taxpayers resulting from improved graduation rates. Since this provision is also contained in Senate Bill 6403 which I am also signing today, I am vetoing Section 11 in order to avoid a double amendment regarding the same subject.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 11 of Substitute House Bill 2776.

With the exception of Section 11, Substitute House Bill 2776 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire Governor