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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 2 of Senate Bill 6826.

"AN ACT Relating to subagent service fees."

This bill authorizes a fee increase to help independent vehicle licensing subagents keep up with the cost of doing business and requires the Department of Licensing to implement a rotation of public and private vehicle service office listings on the Department's website. For some time now the Department has been working with the Washington Association of Vehicle Subagents to redesign the website listings, so that the lookup function will allow a person to enter his or her zip code and receive a listing of licensing offices in order of proximity to that zip code. The Department has indicated to the Association that they will have this change completed by December 31, 2010. This proximity website feature will better serve the needs of the public and the subagents. Section 2 would not allow implementation of the proximity website feature requested by the subagents and planned by the Department.

For this reason I have vetoed Section 2 of Senate Bill 6826.

With the exception of Section 2, Senate Bill 6826 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor