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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I commend you and your Senate colleagues for your early action 2011 supplemental operating budget. I fully recognize the difficult decisions that had to be made in a short period of time.

As I sign this appropriations bill, there are many issues of critical importance to our state that must still be addressed. I commit to working with you to craft a swift and responsible supplemental budget early in the 2012 legislative session.

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 203(9), Substitute House Bill 2058 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters.”

Section 203(9), page 38, Department of Social and Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Program, Maintaining Maple Lane School

This proviso directs the Department of Social and Health Services to maintain the physical plant and protect state assets at the closed Maple Lane School. No additional funds were provided to perform these tasks. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 203(9). However, since the future use of the facility will be significantly affected by ceasing all maintenance, utilities, and security activities, I am directing the agency to temporarily provide minimum operating systems and security so the Legislature has the opportunity to discuss future uses for the facility. The agency will cease all support of the facility no later than April 1, 2012, unless additional legislative appropriation and direction are given.

With the exception of Section 203(9), Substitute House Bill 2058 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Christine Gregoire
Governor