

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 5718

May 8, 2007

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Sections 15 and 16,
Substitute Senate Bill 5718 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to penalties for engaging in the
commercial sexual abuse of minors."

The language establishing funding priorities for the
Prostitution Prevention and Intervention Account (Account) in
sections 15 and 16 could present technical challenges if
funding is ever appropriated for the specific purposes. The
Account was created in 1995 and has had very little historical
activity. Funding is not provided in either this legislation
or in the legislative budget. The Legislature could provide
specific direction when or if specific funding is ever
provided.

For these reasons, I have vetoed sections Sections 15 and 16
of Substitute Senate Bill 5718.

With the exception of Sections 15 and 16, Substitute Senate
Bill 5718 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor