

VETO MESSAGE ON 2SSB 5955

May 9, 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 3 through 6, Second Substitute Senate Bill 5955 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to educator preparation, professional development, and compensation."

Sections 3 through 6 of this bill provide for the creation of a math, science and targeted secondary reading initiative. Section 3 describes the initiative's tiered support system that provides resources and intervention to schools and districts on a grant basis depending on levels of need. Section 4 outlines specific activities. Section 5 addresses distribution of targeted assistance funds. And, Section 6 identifies certain duties of participating Education School Districts. While provisions for the initiative are well-meaning, no funding was provided for their implementation.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 3 through 6 of Second Substitute Senate Bill 5955.

With the exception of Sections 3 through 6, Second Substitute Senate Bill 5955 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor