

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6804

March 21, 2008

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval, Substitute Senate Bill 6804 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to capital grants for integrated long-term care worker training labs in the community and technical college system."

If it had been funded, this bill would have established a capital grant program for up to four long-term care worker training labs in the community and technical college system. However, the bill includes a clause stating that the proposed pilot grant program is null and void unless funding for the program is included in the 2008 supplemental budget. The Legislature did not include funding in either the operating or capital supplemental budgets. By simultaneously including the null and void clause in the bill while not appropriating funding, the Legislature did not intend the bill to become effective.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Substitute Senate Bill 6804 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor