

**SB 5608-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Establishes genetic counselors as a new health profession to be licensed by the department of health.

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 5608

April 30, 2009

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 5, Substitute Senate Bill 5608 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to genetic counselors; amending RCW 18.130.040."

Section 5 provides for an advisory committee on genetic counseling to be established under the Secretary of Health. In difficult economic times, we need fewer not more advisory committees, boards and commissions absorbing limited funding and staff time. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 5 of Substitute Senate Bill 5608.

With the exception of Section 5, Substitute Senate Bill 5608 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gregoire  
Governor