

VETO MESSAGE ON ESSB 5035

July 1, 2013

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 5020(3), Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5035 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the capital budget."

Section 5020(3), pages 166-168, Superintendent of Public Instruction, 2013-15 School Construction Assistance Program--Maintenance

This proviso directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to create an interagency agreement with The Evergreen State College for a study by the Washington State Institute of Public Policy. The purpose of the study is to analyze the relationship between school design and student performance and to develop recommendations for the school construction assistance program. The institute is further directed to create an advisory group to assist in the development of these recommendations. I believe this study is overly broad and an unnecessary expense. The current system of evaluating school construction projects adequately addresses school capital needs. Moreover, the 2013-2015 capital budget fully funds the state's school construction assistance program.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 5020(3) of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5035.

With the exception of Section 5020(3), Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5035 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee
Governor