

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 5289

May 16, 2017

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 5,  
Substitute Senate Bill No. 5289 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to updating the distracted driving  
infraction."

The bill creates a new traffic infraction that prohibits a person from using a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle on a public highway. Section 5 creates a delayed implementation date of January 1, 2019. I am vetoing this section because public safety is better served by implementing this bill this year.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 5 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5289.

With the exception of Section 5, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5289 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay Inslee  
Governor