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To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 4, House Bill No. 1136 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to studying electronic monitoring as an alternative to incarceration."

Section 3 of the bill requires the Department of Corrections to operate an electronic monitoring program beginning on January 1, 2006. In its entirety, Section 4 states: "This act expires December 31, 2005." Section 4 was apparently left in the bill inadvertently after Section 3 was added. Section 3 cannot be effective if Section 4 remains in the bill.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 4 of House Bill No. 1136.

With the exception of Section 4, House Bill No. 1136 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor