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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 Sections 3 and 4, Substitute House Bill 1287 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to compliance with the federal safe and timely interstate placement of foster children."

Section 3 of this bill amends RCW 13.34.138, which pertains to judicial review of hearings for children in dependant care. Likewise, Section 4 of this bill amends RCW 13.34.145, which pertains to court permanency plan hearings for children in dependant care. The amendments outlined in Section 3 and 4 of this bill are unnecessary as they are incorporated into the amendments of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1624.

Section 8 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1624, which passed this Legislative session, also amends and substantially reorganizes RCW 13.34.138. Section 9 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1624 also amends and substantially reorganizes RCW 13.34.145. The reorganization of RCW 13.34.138 and RCW 13.34.145 in Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1624 would likely make it difficult to incorporate the changes outlined in Sections 3 and 4 of this bill.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 3 and 4 of Substitute House Bill 1287.

With the exception of Sections 3 and 4, Substitute House Bill 1287 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor