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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 3, Substitute House Bill 1417 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to Washington state patrol survivor benefits."

This bill reimburses the cost of health insurance premiums for survivors of members of the Washington State Patrol Retirement System who are killed in the line of duty. Section 3 amends an uncodified emergency clause from legislation passed in 2001, and could lead to confusion about the effective date of the bill. This section is not needed to provide the insurance benefits that the bill is designed to offer.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 3 of Substitute House Bill No. 1417.

With the exception of Section 3, Substitute House Bill No. 1417 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor