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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 7, Substitute House Bill 2129 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to geothermal resources."

Section 7 of this bill extends the Department of Natural Resources' authority to recover costs for activities related to permits and leases. This authority has already been extended by other legislation previously enacted during the 2007 legislative session. Accordingly, section 7 of the bill is not needed. In addition, the subject of this section is beyond the scope of the bill title.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 7 of Substitute House Bill 2129.

With the exception of Section 7, Substitute House Bill 2129 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor