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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 2275 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to raising funds for state parks."

This bill provides an opportunity for motor vehicle owners to make a voluntary donation of \$5 to fund state parks at the time of initial or renewal registration. Section 3 of this bill does not appear to be related to the underlying bill, as it establishes a capitol campus tourism advisory task force. I am concerned with the creation of a task force as it may duplicate the work already being done by the Department of General Administration and the State Parks Commission. In addition, the title of the bill does not appear connected to the formation of a task force.

On February 2, 2007, I wrote the directors of General Administration and the State Parks Commission and requested that they work quickly to develop a plan to better market Heritage Park as a tourist attraction. This plan, as it is developing, has a final goal of making the whole of the Capitol Campus more tourist-friendly. Director Bremer and Director Derr will gather vital stakeholder input in the development of this plan. I am looking forward to their recommendations.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 3 of Substitute House Bill 2275.

With the exception of Section 3, Substitute House Bill 2275 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor