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To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Sections 15 and 16, Substitute Senate Bill 5718 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to penalties for engaging in the commercial sexual abuse of minors."

The language establishing funding priorities for the Prostitution Prevention and Intervention Account (Account) in sections 15 and 16 could present technical challenges if funding is ever appropriated for the specific purposes. The Account was created in 1995 and has had very little historical activity. Funding is not provided in either this legislation or in the legislative budget. The Legislature could provide specific direction when or if specific funding is ever provided.

For these reasons, I have vetoed sections Sections 15 and 16 of Substitute Senate Bill 5718.

With the exception of Sections 15 and 16, Substitute Senate Bill 5718 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor