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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 59 and 74, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5930 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to providing high quality, affordable health care to Washingtonians based on the recommendations of the blue ribbon commission on health care costs and access."

I am pleased to support Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5930, an act relating to providing high quality, affordable health care to Washingtonians based on the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Costs and Access.

Section 59 of this bill establishes a nine-member board charged with designing and managing the Washington Health Insurance Partnership (WHP). This section duplicates a comparable board established under Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1569, which passed during the 2007 legislative session. Section 74 of this bill is an emergency clause, and would allow certain sections of the bill to become effective on July 1. Section 74 is not essential to the proper and timely implementation of the bill.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 59 and 74 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5930.

With the exception of Sections 59 and 74, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5930 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor