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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 herewith, without my approval as to Section 2, House Bill 1880 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to ballot envelopes."

This bill provides that county auditors may, but are no longer required to, provide return ballot envelopes that have a privacy flap to cover the voter's signature and optional telephone number. There is no emergent need for the bill to become effective immediately, and therefore the emergency clause in Section 2 of this bill is unnecessary.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 2 of House Bill 1880.

With the exception of Section 2, House Bill 1880 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor