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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 1, Second Substitute House Bill 2731 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to implementing a program of early learning for educationally at-risk children."

Section 1 indicates the Legislature's intent regarding the future of early learning in our state. The Legislature is undertaking a study of the optimal approach for implementing a voluntary program for early learning in Senate Bill 6759 which I am signing today. I look forward to future legislation implementing the results of that study. Because the language in this section presupposes the outcome of the study called for in Senate Bill 6759, I am vetoing this section.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 1 of Second Substitute House Bill 2731.

With the exception of Section 1, Second Substitute House Bill 2731 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor