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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 Sections 5, 13, 14 and 15, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 3178 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to creating efficiencies in the use of technology in state government."

Section 5 requires the Information Services Board to develop standardized contracts and to review state agency information technology budgets. I am vetoing Section 5 because the Department of Information Services already has the authority to standardize its contracts and has already implemented many standardized contracts. In developing a statewide enterprise-based information technology strategy, the Office of Financial Management and Department of Information Services can determine if additional contract standardization is required. In addition, it is premature to vest additional authority and staff in the Information Services Board prior to the information technology governance review called for in Section 16 of this bill. Finally, no funding was provided to implement these subsections.

Section 13 requires the Office of Financial Management to develop and execute a pilot program to contract with private providers for the delivery, support, maintenance, and operation of information technology projects and report on the findings. I am vetoing this section because funding has not been provided for this purpose in the omnibus appropriations act and the Office of Financial Management cannot absorb the cost.

Section 14 requires the Department of Information Services to report on the efforts to develop a centralized project management office by November 1, 2010. I am vetoing this section because it codifies a requirement for the Department to produce a one-time report on the status of the establishment of a Centralized Information Technology Project Management Office that was funded as part of the 2007 Supplemental Budget. The Department has already completed the report and will submit it to the Legislature.

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Section 15 requires the Office of Financial Management to contract with an independent consultant to conduct a technical and financial analysis of the state's plan for the Consolidated State Data Center and Office Building and to develop a business plan outlining the various options for use of the site. I am vetoing this section because funding was not provided for this purpose in the omnibus appropriations act and the Office of Financial Management cannot absorb the cost.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 5, 13, 14 and 15 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 3178.

With the exception of Sections 5, 13, 14 and 15, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 3178 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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