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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 7, Substitute Senate Bill 6207 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to allowing local governments to create golf cart zones."

This bill authorizes local jurisdictions to allow the use of golf carts on public roads that have speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less, under certain restrictions. The bill contains some important safety precautions, including requiring local jurisdictions to post signs identifying golf cart zones, and requiring that golf carts have seatbelts and proper lighting. Section 7 would exempt passengers under age 16 from the state's seatbelt and child restraint requirements. I believe it is important these passenger safety provisions apply to the use of vehicles transporting a child on a public road.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 7 of Substitute Senate Bill 6207.

With the exception of Section 7 of Substitute Senate Bill 6207 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor