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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, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6409 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to creating the Washington opportunity pathways account."

This bill creates the Washington Opportunity Pathways Account and directs that beginning in Fiscal Year 2011 net revenues from in-state lottery games that are not otherwise dedicated will be placed in this new account.

Section 7 of this bill requires costly consultation and studies of areas of lottery operations that already receive significant oversight. The section directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to study the marketing and vendor expenditures and incentive payment programs of the Commission by November 1, 2010. The estimated costs of the studies are not funded in the budget. In addition, the Executive Committee of JLARC has requested this section be vetoed and that the study take place next biennium. I agree with the need for the study and request the committee to include it in their future planning.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 7 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6409.

With the exception of Section 7 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6409 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
Christine O. Gregoire  
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