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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 7, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1509 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the forestry riparian easement program."

This bill resolves eligibility requirements for participation and compensation in the Forest Riparian Easement Program and fine-tunes what easements to protect riparian habitat the program will purchase if funding is available. There is no emergent need for the bill to become effective immediately, and therefore the emergency clause in Section 7 of this bill is unnecessary.

For this reason I have vetoed Section 7 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1509.

With the exception of Section 7 Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1509 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor