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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 5, House Bill 1770 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to enhancing small business participation in state purchasing."

I am vetoing Section 5 because it inadvertently eliminated the ability for agencies to make purchases up to three thousand dollars based on buyer experience and knowledge of the market and is therefore in conflict with RCW 43.19.1906(2).

For this reason I have vetoed Section 5 of House Bill 1770.

With the exception of Section 5, House Bill 1770 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor