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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, without my approval as to Section 16, Third Substitute House Bill 1741 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the oral history program."

Sections 1 through 15 of this bill transfer the legislative portion of the Oral History Program, now called the Legislative Oral History Project, from the Office of the Secretary of State to the Legislature. The Secretary of State will continue to conduct and record histories of the Washington state executive and judicial branches, the state's congressional delegation, and other citizens who have participated in the political history of the state under a new program called the Washington State Legacy Project.

Section 16 would declare this act null and void if funding were not provided specifically for this measure in the omnibus appropriations act. The bill provides for funding for legislative oral history projects to come from proceeds from the Legislative Gift Center. The scope of oral history projects conducted can vary depending upon the resources available.

In order to preserve the policy in the bill, I am vetoing Section 16 to permit the bill to become law even if the money is removed from the budget.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 16 of Third Substitute House Bill 1741.

With the exception of Section 16, Third Substitute House Bill 1741 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor