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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 1, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6403 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to accountability and support for vulnerable students and dropouts, including prevention, intervention, and reengagement.”

Section 1 is an intent section including legislative findings and goals regarding the development of a dropout prevention program to serve vulnerable youth. The intent section could be read to conflict with the substantive description of the type of program to be developed as stated in Section 3. A veto of the intent section eliminates this potential conflict. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 1 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6403.

With the exception of Section 1, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6403 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor