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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 11, Substitute House Bill 1053 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the implementation of recommendations from the Washington state bar association elder law section's executive committee report of the guardianship task force."

Section 11 implements a fee schedule for filing of reports under RCW 11.92.040(2). The Judicial Branch has indicated support for the underlying bill, but opposition to the fee. Therefore, I am vetoing Section 11 and expect that the Judicial Branch agencies will implement the requirements of the bill within appropriated resources.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 11 of Substitute House Bill 1053.

With the exception of Section 11, Substitute House Bill 1053 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire Governor