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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 5 Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5073 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to watershed management;"

This bill provides a number of mechanisms that will assist local governments to cooperate among themselves in watershed planning efforts.

With the concurrence of the prime sponsor, I have vetoed section 5, which contains some confusing language.

With the exception of section 5, I am signing Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5073.

For this reason, I have vetoed section 5 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5073.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Locke Governor