

VETO MESSAGE ON ESHB 1967

May 16, 2011

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 3,
Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1967 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to modifying provisions related to
public transportation system planning."

Section 3 of the bill would require new state facilities located within a public transportation system to be sited in areas adequately accessible by transit service. Access to public transportation is a priority when siting state buildings. However, it is not always feasible or necessary for each state building to be served by public transportation, depending on the nature of the agency or institution and who it serves. Therefore, I am vetoing Section 3 of this bill. However, I have asked the Department of General Administration to consult with transit agencies to assess the access to public transportation when siting state buildings.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 3 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1967.

With the exception of Section 3, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1967 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor