

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6781

March 29, 2006

To the Honorable President and Members,  
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6781 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to environmental remediation."

This bill would provide sales and business tax incentives for environmental remediation actions.

Cleaning up historic contamination is usually a key step in the redevelopment of our urban lands. However, past tax incentives for environmental remediation did not measurably increase the number of cleanup actions. And for cleanup actions conducted by state agencies and local governments, this bill would inappropriately shift the cost burden from the dedicated toxics cleanup accounts to the state general fund.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6781 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor