

VETO MESSAGE ON ESHB 1865

March 17, 2008

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 2, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1865 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to limiting the obligations of
landlords under writs of restitution."

Section 2 is an emergency clause. An emergency clause is to be used where it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety or whenever it is necessary for the support of state government. Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1865 clarifies the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants, while including new rights for tenants. Consequently, I do not believe that an emergency clause is necessary.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 2 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1865.

With the exception of Section 2, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1865 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor