VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2395

May 15, 2007

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 6, House Bill 2395 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to leasing state lands and development rights on state lands to public agencies."

Section 6 of this bill is an emergency clause. The Department of Natural Resources does not expect any lease transactions to occur under the new lease provisions of this bill until later in the biennium, which makes the emergency clause unnecessary.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 6 of House Bill 2395.

With the exception of Section 6, House Bill 2395 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Christine O. Gregoire Governor