

VE TO MESSAGE ON ESHB 2765

April 1, 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 Sections 1019, line 22; 1027; 1030; 1032; 1037; 3028 (5); and 3040, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2765 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the capital budget."

**Section 1019, page 27, line 22, Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Burley Mountain Lodge**

This item is one of two appropriations for the same project. Because the Burley Mountain Lodge and the Cispus Environmental Learning Center are the same, I am vetoing the one referred to as Burley Mountain Lodge.

**Section 1027, pages 36-37, Department of General Administration, Statewide Infrastructure: Preservation Minor Works**

Infrastructure preservation is important for maintaining state facilities in good working order. This section reduces funding for these activities by \$100,000. This veto restores funding levels to the original amount in the underlying budget so that drainage, lighting, and benches can be repaired at Heritage Park.

**Section 1030, page 38, Department of General Administration, Minor Works -- Infrastructure Preservation**

This item reduces funding for infrastructure preservation by \$204,000. I am vetoing this section to restore funding so that Capitol Campus water and sewer projects and Cascades Gateway Center Campus sewer, water, and storm water projects can proceed.

**Section 1032, page 39, Department of General Administration, Minor Works -- Program**

This item reduces funding for infrastructure preservation by \$110,000. I am vetoing this section so that Centennial Park sidewalks and the Interpretive Center restroom roof and interior tiles can be replaced.

**Section 1037, page 42, Department of Personnel, Thurston County Childcare Needs Assessment -- Predesign**

This item directs the Department of Personnel and Department of General Administration to do a predesign to determine childcare needs of state employees in Thurston County; existing licensed childcare capacity; preferred and alternate

locations based on that need and capacity; optimum size of childcare space; and project costs for these locations. This work is to be completed by September 15, 2008. I am vetoing this section because this comprehensive analysis cannot be completed within this time frame with the resources provided.

**Section 3028(5), page 68, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, High Speed Watercraft Report**

This proviso directs the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to research hazards to the public from personal high-speed watercraft, such as jet skis, and to prepare a report with recommendations for increasing public enjoyment and safety when personal high-speed watercraft and other forms of motorized and non-motorized water recreation take place together. However, because funding for this research was not provided, I am vetoing this requirement.

**Section 3040, pages 75-76, Department of Natural Resources, Recreation Capital Renovations**

This proviso would -- with a number of exceptions -- prohibit the Department of Natural Resources from constructing or expanding facilities or trails for off-road recreation vehicles on state land until after June 30, 2009. I am vetoing this proviso because the Department of Natural Resources' planning process includes public input and considers all users and uses for recreation on state-managed lands. In keeping with Substitute House Bill 2472 that I signed, the Department of Natural Resources will also convene a workgroup to improve recreation on state-managed lands and promote safe, sustainable recreation. I will appoint a representative from my office to participate in this collaborative effort and am confident the group will examine funding mechanisms, liability, and site-specific planning issues.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 1019, line 22; 1027; 1030; 1032; 1037; 3028 (5); and 3040 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2765.

With the exception of Sections 1019, line 22; 1027; 1030; 1032; 1037; 3028 (5); and 3040, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2765 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gregoire  
Governor