

VETO MESSAGE ON E2SSB 5841

May 9, 2007

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Sections 6 and 7,  
Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5841 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to enhancing student learning  
opportunities and student achievement."

Sections 1 through 5 of this bill addresses changes to the basic education act goals and authorizes new programs to further student learning opportunities. Specifically, all day kindergarten, primary grade foundational programs, English language learners, and community learning opportunities are addressed. Each of the new programs are provided with implementing resources in the biennial operating budget.

Sections 6 and 7 of the bill, however, cannot be implemented. Those sections create a new career pathways program and a world languages supervisor within the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Neither the program nor the OSPI supervisor were provided with financial support in the biennial operating budget. Additionally, a proposed duty supervisor to implement memoranda of understanding with ministries of education in other countries and conduct other related activities raises concerns about proper international relations protocol.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 6 and 7 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5841.

With the exception of Sections 6 and 7, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5841 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor