

VETO MESSAGE ON ESHB 2072

May 15, 2009

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,  
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 19,  
Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2072 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to advancing effective  
transportation for persons with special  
transportation needs."

Section 19 of the bill makes the provisions of the legislation null and void if sufficient funding to implement the legislation is not included in the 2009-11 Transportation Budget. The 2009-11 Transportation Budget does include sufficient funding to implement portions of the legislation, but not the entire bill. I have decided to veto Sections 2, 5, 6 and 7 of the legislation that do not have sufficient funding for implementation, as well as the null and void clause in Section 19. As a result, we will be able to move forward with providing special needs transportation services in a more coordinated and efficient manner, without imposing unfunded mandates on state agencies.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 19 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2072.

With the exception of Sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 19, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2072 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gregoire  
Governor