

VETO MESSAGE ON ESSB 5288

May 6, 2009

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 18, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5288 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the supervision of offenders."

I am vetoing the emergency clause in Section 18. I have spoken with the Department of Corrections, and have been informed that they need time to implement the changes of the bill. They have begun preparing and will be ready to implement the changes August 1, 2009, but are not able to make these changes immediately. The elimination of the emergency clause will not affect the fiscal assumptions of the bill.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 18 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5288. With the exception of Section 18, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5288 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor