VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 5360

April 30, 2009

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 3, Substitute Senate Bill 5360 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to community health care collaborative grants."

Section 3 requires the administrator of the Health Care Authority to produce a report every two years. In difficult economic times, producing additional reports will only further strain limited funding and staff time. If legislators or governors require further information on the performance of the grant program, they can simply request such information from the Health Care Authority. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 3 of Substitute Senate Bill 5360.

With the exception of Section 3, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5360 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Gregoire Governor