

VETO MESSAGE ON ESB 6166

May 8, 2009

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am approving, except for Section 6, Engrossed Senate Bill 6166 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the sale of timber from state trust lands."

Section 6 requires the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a report for which no funding was provided in the budget. In these challenging economic times, state agencies are already struggling to meet their existing obligations. This requirement places a large, unfunded burden upon the agency. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 6 of Engrossed Senate Bill 6166.

With the exception of Section 6 of Engrossed Senate Bill 6166 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor