

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6207

March 25, 2010

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 7,
Substitute Senate Bill 6207 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to allowing local governments to
create golf cart zones."

This bill authorizes local jurisdictions to allow the use of
golf carts on public roads that have speed limits of 25 miles
per hour or less, under certain restrictions. The bill
contains some important safety precautions, including
requiring local jurisdictions to post signs identifying golf
cart zones, and requiring that golf carts have seatbelts and
proper lighting. Section 7 would exempt passengers under age
16 from the state's seatbelt and child restraint requirements.
I believe it is important these passenger safety provisions
apply to the use of vehicles transporting a child on a public
road.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 7 of Substitute Senate
Bill 6207.

With the exception of Section 7 of Substitute Senate Bill 6207
is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor