

**SB 6409-S2.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Creates the Washington opportunity pathways account.

Directs lottery account moneys toward the Washington opportunity pathways account and requires those funds to stabilize and increase existing resources for the recruitment of entrepreneurial researchers, innovation partnership zones and research teams, early childhood education, opportunity grants, educational opportunity grants, get ready for math and science scholarships, passport to college promise scholarships, college bound scholarships, the state work study program, the state need grant, Washington scholars awards, the Washington award for vocational excellence, and Washington promise scholarships.

Continues funding the education construction fund by redirecting a portion of general state revenues to that fund.

Requires the state treasurer to transfer funds from the general fund to the education construction fund.

Requires the lottery commission, in consultation with independent experts and in collaboration with the higher education coordinating board, to develop and begin implementation of a strategy and plan for actively marketing the state lottery as an essential contributor to Washington's opportunity pathways.

VETO MESSAGE ON E2SSB 6409

April 23, 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, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6409 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to creating the Washington opportunity pathways account."

This bill creates the Washington Opportunity Pathways Account and directs that beginning in Fiscal Year 2011 net revenues from in-state lottery games that are not otherwise dedicated will be placed in this new account.

Section 7 of this bill requires costly consultation and studies of areas of lottery operations that already receive significant oversight. The section directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to study the marketing and vendor expenditures and incentive payment

programs of the Commission by November 1, 2010. The estimated costs of the studies are not funded in the budget. In addition, the Executive Committee of JLARC has requested this section be vetoed and that the study take place next biennium. I agree with the need for the study and request the committee to include it in their future planning.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 7 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6409.

With the exception of Section 7 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6409 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gregoire  
Governor