

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 5700

May 16, 2011

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 1,
Substitute Senate Bill 5700 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to certain toll facilities."

I am vetoing Section 1, the intent section. As outlined in an informal Attorney General Opinion, Initiative 1053 does not constrain the manner in which the legislature approves imposition or increases in fees. Section 1 could be misconstrued to constrain the form of legislative approvals. Vetoing the intent section does not impede implementation of the bill.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 1 of Substitute Senate Bill 5700.

With the exception of Section 1, Substitute Senate Bill 5700 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor