

VETO MESSAGE ON ESSB 6206

March 10, 2016

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6206 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to authorizing the growing of
industrial hemp."

This is a worthy bill, but it has preceded the passage of the 2016-2017 supplemental operating budget, which is a greater legislative priority. Until a budget agreement is reached, I cannot support this bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6206 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee
Governor