

VETO MESSAGE ON 2ESSB 5890

July 6, 2017

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 13, Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5890 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to [child welfare,] foster care[,] and adoption support."

Section 13 requires me to regularly acknowledge the contributions of foster parents by, at a minimum, sending them a signed letter. I am always striving to find ways to thank foster parents for what they do. I currently honor them by proclaiming the month of May as Foster Care Month and personally recognizing them at the annual foster parent application event. I will continue to identify ways to express my appreciation.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 13 of Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5890.

With the exception of Section 13, Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5890 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee
Governor