

HB 1677-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Modifies public works projects provisions with regard to local government infrastructure funding.

VETO MESSAGE ON ESHB 1677

July 6, 2017

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 3, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1677 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to local government infrastructure funding."

This bill provides targeted reforms to the Public Works Assistance Account and directs the Public Works Board (Board) to study new and innovative financing tools. This bill will help local governments in need of financial support and provide additional tools to pay for basic infrastructure needs.

I am, however, vetoing Section 3, which modifies the composition of the Board. Section 3 adds four legislators. Changes to the Board's composition should be based on a member's skill set, rather than organizational representation. I would support the addition of legislators to the Board as ex-officio [ex-officio] and non-voting members.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 3 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1677.

With the exception of Section 3, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1677 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee
Governor