VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1776-S

April 25, 1997

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, Substitute House Bill No. 1776 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to school audits;"

I fully support SHB 1776 which would improve the process for resolving school district audits involving state funding. However, SHB 1776 is identical to SSB 5394, which I signed into law on April 23, 1997.

For this reason, I have vetoed Substitute House Bill No. 1776 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Locke Governor