VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2197

April 26, 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, House Bill No. 2197 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to creating the education technology revolving fund;"

I fully support HB 2197, which provides a funding mechanism to support the ongoing operations of the K-20 educational telecommunications network. However, HB 2197 is identical to SB 6004, which I signed into law on April 23, 1997.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 2197 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Locke Governor