

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5559

May 9, 1997

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

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 5559 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to exempting unassisted self-service motor vehicle wash, wax, and vacuum services rendered through coin-operated devices from sales and use taxes;"

Senate Bill No. 5559 would provide a sales and use tax exemption for coin-operated self-service motor vehicle wash and wax facilities. No other coin-operated vending machines in Washington are granted an exemption from the sales and use tax (except for pay telephones on the justification that they are a necessity). It would not be good precedent to begin creating new tax exemptions for coin-operated vending machines.

For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 5559 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor