VETO MESSAGE ON SB 6781-S

March 27, 2000

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 4, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6781 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to dairy nutrients;"

This bill refines the Dairy Nutrient Management Act that was created in the 1989 legislative session. Among other things, it creates a dairy nutrient management task force consisting of legislative, executive, federal and interest group members. Section 4 of the bill would have required the Office of Financial Management to make recommendations to the task force on funding the dairy nutrient management program. Such recommendations are more properly the function of the industry.

For these reasons, I have vetoed section 4 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6781.

With the exception of section 4, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6781 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Locke Governor