

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1197-S

April 28, 2005

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Sections 26-30,
Substitute House Bill No. 1197 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to insurance."

Sections 26-30 of Substitute House Bill No. 1197, which concern Medicare supplemental insurance, are redundant and already covered in Senate Bill 5198 (Implementing changes to Medicare supplemental insurance requirements as mandated by the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 and other federal requirements). I signed Senate Bill 5198 on April 13, 2005.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 26-30 of Substitute House Bill No. 1197.

With the exception of Sections 26-30, Substitute House Bill No. 1197 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor