

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6156

May 15, 2007

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Sections 1 and 2,
Substitute Senate Bill 6156 entitled:

"AN ACT relating to State Government."

This bill allows for the creation of Community Preservation and Development Authorities, specifically creates a Pioneer Square-International District Community Preservation and Development Authority within the city of Seattle, and establishes a method for creating additional such authorities. I strongly support the efforts of local communities to influence development of their own areas and believe this is one good way to accomplish that.

Sections 1 and 2 provide the legislative intent and findings in addition to the definitions for this act. I am concerned that these sections of the bill are overly broad and may lead to unintended consequences regarding public projects across our state. I do not believe that vetoing these sections will in any way hinder the creation of the Pioneer Square-International District Community Preservation and Development Authority provided for in Section 8. If the Legislature chooses to revisit this legislation with an eye toward expanding it beyond the Pioneer Square-International District Community Preservation and Development Authority, then I will work with interested members of the Legislature to improve this act.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 1 and 2 of Substitute Senate Bill 6156.

With the exception of Sections 1 and 2, Substitute Senate Bill 6156 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor