

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6498

March 10, 2016

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6498 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to testimonial privileges for alcohol and drug addiction recovery sponsors."

This is a worthy bill, but it has preceded the passage of the 2016-2017 supplemental operating budget, which is a greater legislative priority. Until a budget agreement is reached, I cannot support this bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6498 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee
Governor