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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 3, Substitute House Bill No. 2950 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to addressing affordable housing needs through the multifamily housing tax exemption by providing an extension of the exemption until January 1, 2022, for certain properties currently receiving a twelve-year exemption and by convening a work group.”

This bill extends the multifamily property tax exemption for certain properties through December 31, 2021. Section 3 directs the Department of Commerce to contract with a nonprofit facilitator to convene a work group to study and make recommendations on certain aspects of the multifamily property tax exemption program. The Department is also required to provide a follow-up report to the Legislature and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee by December 1, 2020.

However, the work required under Section 3 is not funded in the budget.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 3 of Substitute House Bill No. 2950.

With the exception of Section 3, Substitute House Bill No. 2950 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee  
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