June 30, 2015

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 Sections 3241 and 7044, Second Engrossed House Bill No. 1115 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the capital budget."

Section 3241, pages 158-159, Department of Natural Resources, Research on Transfer for Federal Lands to Washington State

This proviso directs the Department of Natural Resources to study the feasibility of acquiring certain federal lands for possible inclusion in the various trust lands managed by the Department. Although additional information about land acquisitions is always helpful, the negative effects of forest health, and the resulting fire danger, are well documented. The Department's primary responsibility is to support the trust beneficiaries, and this study will not support its obligation to generate revenue for school construction. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 3241.

Section 7044, pages 278-279, Office of Financial Management, Master Plan for Museums and Research Facilities

This proviso requires the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to develop a master plan to address the storage and preservation requirements of the state's historical collections by December 31, 2015. While ensuring the preservation of our state's historical and cultural collections is a priority, this proviso does not provide funding or enough time for a thorough plan to be developed. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 7044. However, I have directed OFM to work with the Washington State Historical Society and the Eastern Washington Historical Society to address this issue.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 3241 and 7044 of Second Engrossed House Bill No. 1115.

With the exception of Sections 3241 and 7044, Second Engrossed House Bill No. 1115 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor