



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

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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, Substitute House Bill No. 1590 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the membership and subcommittees of the oversight board for children, youth, and families."

HB 1590 revises the membership of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families Oversight Board. The bill adds a new seat to the Board and requires the Governor to nominate an individual with subject-matter expertise in educating youth in juvenile institutions or educating youth in foster care. The bill also expands eligibility for three existing Board seats.

However, a separate bill passed by the Legislature this year makes the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) responsible for the delivery and oversight of basic education services to justice-involved students who are served through certain institutional education programs. Starting this year, OSPI is required to submit annual reports on its progress in developing the timeline and plan for assuming these responsibilities. Rather than adding a single subject-matter expert to the Board, it will be more productive for the Board to engage periodically with the range of experts at OSPI who will be developing the required plan and timeline.

While I am vetoing this bill, I am encouraging the Board to engage with both OSPI and the Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice around institutional education and related issues.

For these reasons I have vetoed Substitute House Bill No. 1590 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee  
Governor