



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

April 21, 2023

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, House Bill No. 1730 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to allowing youth ages 18 and older to work in establishments traditionally classified as off-limits to persons under the age of 21 in certain specific and limited circumstances."

This bill would make permanent certain temporary emergency provisions adopted in response to the COVID pandemic, but those emergency provisions lapsed in September of 2022. Section 3 is an emergency clause, which would make this bill effective immediately. This legislation is not necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 3 of House Bill No. 1730.

With the exception of Section 3, House Bill No. 1730 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee  
Governor