

## STATE OF WASHINGTON — Office of Governor Jay Inslee

May 12, 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 1, Engrossed House Bill No. 1846 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to addressing vessel procurement at the Washington state ferries."

Section 1 is an intent section that expresses the environmental and labor values of our state. The bill includes a 13 percent in-state credit which is designed to reflect the environmental and labor values of our state in the procurement process. As a result, Section 1 is not necessary.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 1 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1846.

With the exception of Section 1, Engrossed House Bill No. 1846 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

And

Jay Inslee Governor