



STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

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To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 3, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5532 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to providing enhanced payment to low volume, small rural hospitals."

Section 3 is an emergency clause. However, the bill cannot go into effect until July 1, 2024. As a result, the emergency clause is not justified.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 3 of Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5532.

With the exception of Section 3, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5532 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor