



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

March 29, 2024

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 2, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 2000 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to renewing Washington's international leadership."

I am vetoing Section 2 of the bill, the intent section, because it deletes language necessary for the effective implementation of the statutory responsibilities of the Office of International Relations and Protocol in both the body of the bill and existing statute. These responsibilities include serving as the state's official liaison and protocol office with foreign governments, and also advising, coordinating, and assisting the Legislature and independently elected officials on international relations and protocol matters.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 2 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 2000.

With the exception of Section 2, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 2000 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Jay Inslee
Governor