



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON —**

April 4, 2025

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

Esteemed Colleagues:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 2, Senate Bill No. 5577 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to medicaid coverage for HIV antiviral drugs."

The funding for the medications addressed in this bill are already covered in the Health Care Authority's base expenditures. Accordingly, there will be no gap in coverage, so there is no need for an emergency clause.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 5577.

With the exception of Section 2, Senate Bill No. 5577 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Ferguson  
Governor