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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 11, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5304 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to providing reentry services to persons releasing from state and local institutions.”

Section 11 of E2SSB 5304 amends RCW 72.09.270 as it pertains to county of origin for individuals releasing from total confinement in the Department of Corrections. I support the policy changes made to this section, but some of these changes conflict with another bill that amends the same statute. Specifically, this bill changes the word “offender” to “person” in RCW 72.09.270, whereas E2SHB 1044 changes the word “offender” to “incarcerated individual” in the same statute. At the request of the prime sponsor, I am vetoing this section to remove the conflict.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 11 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5304.

With the exception of Section 11, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5304 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
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