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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 39(2), Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5564 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to decreasing the barriers to successful community participation for individuals involved with the juvenile justice system.”

This bill lowers the financial burden on juvenile offenders and their families, making it more likely that they will be able to turn their lives around and be productive members of society. Section 39(2) eliminates the legal financial obligation associated with a diversion program. The revenue from the financial obligation in section 39(2) provides substantial funding for Community Youth Services, a diversion program in Thurston county that is very successful in providing diversion services to juveniles. It is vital to continue to provide adequate funds for these diversion services.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 39(2) of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5564.

With the exception of Section 39(2), Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5564 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor