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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 8, House Bill No. 1841 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.”

This legislation establishes minimum crew size requirements for certain railroad carriers, with exceptions for class III carriers traveling under 25 mph. The bill authorizes the Utilities and Transportation Commission to issue monetary penalties for violations as well as establish higher crew minimums for high risk railroad carriers.

Section 8 makes this legislation effective immediately by declaring that the act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, or support of state government and its existing public institutions.

However, given the complexity of this legislation, the Utilities and Transportation Commission needs time to engage stakeholders in a rule making process, which is necessary in order to implement the safety requirements of the bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 8 of House Bill No. 1841.

With the exception of Section 8, House Bill No. 1841 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jay Inslee
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