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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 Sec 3, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6570 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to law enforcement officer mental health and wellness.”

Section 3 of this bill directs the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to establish three pilot projects, subject to amounts appropriated for this purpose, to support behavioral health and other improvement efforts for law enforcement officers. With the rapidly changing environment related to the state's response to COVID-19 and the new economic realities the state faces, I made the difficult choice to veto the funding provided to support this pilot project in Sec 218 (17) and Sec 221 (65) of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6168.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section Sec 3 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6570.

With the exception of Section Sec 3, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6570 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Jay Inslee
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