



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

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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 2, House Bill No. 1259 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to updating the executive team of the office of the secretary of state by adding signing authority to the chief of staff position."

This bill authorizes the Secretary of State's chief of staff to have signing authority and the power to act on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of State, expanding the number of specified senior staff who have this authority from two to three. Section 2 is an emergency clause, making this bill effective immediately. However, in light of the existing staff who have signing authority for the Office, this bill is not necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of state government.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 2 of House Bill No. 1259.

With the exception of Section 2, House Bill No. 1259 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor