May 16, 2017

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, Substitute House Bill No. 1905 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to the volume limitation for certain vessels exempt from the pilotage act.”

Substitute House Bill 1905 increases the maximum vessel volume that can be exempt from the mandatory use of licensed pilotage within most of the Puget Sound and Grays Harbor. This measure would allow more modern and fuel-efficient passenger vessels to enjoy Washington's waterways. However, Substitute House Bill 1905 is identical to Substitute Senate Bill 5262, which I signed into law on April 20, 2017. It is not necessary to enact duplicate legislation.

For these reasons I have vetoed Substitute House Bill No. 1905 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor