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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 15, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5418 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to local government procurement modernization and efficiency.”

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5418 will help improve procurement processes for local governments. Section 15 of the bill amends RCW 87.03.435 relating to irrigation districts. Section 2 of a different bill passed by the Legislature this year, Engrossed Senate Bill 5453, contains the same amendments as well as other changes. Therefore I am vetoing Section 15 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5418 to avoid these double amendments and any confusion at the Office of the Code Reviser.

I would also note that the Legislature did not provide funding for the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board to review the public works contracting processes for local governments, including the small works roster and limited public works processes as set forth in Section 16. I am directing my Office of Financial Management to work with the Department of Enterprise Services to identify resources so they can begin this important work. In addition, I will be asking the Legislature to include full funding of this study in the 2020 supplemental operating budget.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 15 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5418.

With the exception of Section 15, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5418 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
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