May 8, 2019

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5573 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to domestic violence and traumatic brain injury.”

Sections 1 and 2 of ESB 5573 are duplicative of sections in SHB 1532. Since SHB 1532 has already been signed into law, there is no need to duplicate those provisions by signing this bill as well. In addition, Section 2 of both ESB 5573 and SHB 1532 will become ineffective as this same section of law is amended in SHB 1225, which amends the statute to move the relevant language to a new statute in Chapter 10.99 RCW. For these reasons, I am vetoing ESB 5573.

The Criminal Justice Training Commission will incorporate the training required in Section 1 of the bill into the existing domestic violence training conducted at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy Training. Additionally, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs will work with the sponsors of both ESB 5573 and SHB 1532 to draft a letter to their membership encouraging they provide the information suggested by the bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5573 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor