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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, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2645 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to the photovoltaic module stewardship and takeback program.”

This bill makes important changes to the photovoltaic module stewardship and takeback program established in 2017. Section 2 of the bill requires the Washington State University extension energy program to convene a work group of stakeholders and submit a report to the Legislature on methodologies for the management of the end-of-life photovoltaic modules. This section was made subject to an appropriation. Although recycling of photovoltaic modules is a worthwhile goal, the report on methodologies for the management of the end-of-life photovoltaic modules can be delayed in light of the rapidly changing budget outlook due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 2 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2645.

With the exception of Section 2, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2645 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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