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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 Sections 1, 3, and 4, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5235 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to increasing housing unit inventory by removing arbitrary limits on housing options.”

Section 3 allows cities to delay local implementation of statewide requirements around siting of accessory dwelling units until two years after their next required comprehensive plan update. Accessory dwelling units play an important role in creating additional housing options in urban areas and the state is currently facing a housing crisis.

Section 4 limits the ability for local governments to require owner occupancy on lots containing an accessory dwelling unit, but it also creates numerous exceptions to that limitation which are problematic. I am concerned that the language may allow a local government to prevent the siting and development of accessory dwelling units in perpetuity with very little justification.

Section 1 establishes the intent of the bill. Due to the vetoes of Sections 3 and 4, the original statement of intent no longer fully applies to this bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 1, 3, and 4 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5235.

With the exception of Sections 1, 3, and 4, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5235 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

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