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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 15, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1153 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to language access in public schools.”

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1153 provides for expanded language access programs in public schools. Funding was provided for the work at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the School for the Blind, and the Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth, but funding was not explicitly provided for the Office of Equity. Section 15 is a null and void clause, which may operate to nullify the entire bill because funding was not explicitly provided for the Office of Equity. Therefore, I am vetoing Section 15 of this bill in order to ensure that this important work occurs.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 15 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1153.

With the exception of Section 15, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1153 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jay Inslee
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