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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 9, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5664 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to forensic competency restoration programs.”

Section 9 adds an emergency clause to the bill. Two sections of this bill require additional resources or processes to be in place in order to implement the bill, therefore I am vetoing the emergency clause in order to ensure our state agencies can effectively implement the important provisions of this legislation. The substance of this bill remains the same but it will take effect in 90 days instead of immediately, allowing our agencies the time needed to operationalize these policies.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 9 of Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5664.

With the exception of Section 9, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5664 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jay Inslee
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