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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 the last sentence in section 2, beginning on line 11, Substitute House Bill No. 1059 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the creation of a joint legislative oversight committee on trade policy;"

This bill creates a joint legislative oversight committee on trade policy to monitor the impact of trade agreements on Washington state laws, and to provide a mechanism for legislators and others to voice their opinions about the potential impacts of trade agreements.

The last sentence in section 2 would have provided that the speaker of the house and the president of the senate appoint certain ex officio members, including the state trade representative and representatives from the department of agriculture and the office of the attorney general. While executive branch participation in this committee is appreciated, the selection of these appointees should be left to the executive branch.

For this reason, I have vetoed the last sentence in section 2, beginning on line 11, of Substitute House Bill No. 1059.

With the exception of the last sentence in section 2, beginning on line 11, Substitute House Bill No. 1059 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Locke
Governor