

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6234

March 28, 2006

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 18,
Substitute Senate Bill No. 6234 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to insurance fraud."

Part of SSB 6234 creates a new exemption for certain documents under the Public Disclosure Act. Section 17 adds the exemption to the new public disclosure act section, RCW 42.56.400. Chapter 42.56 RCW takes effect July 1, 2006.

Section 18 also adds the same exemption as a new section to Chapter 42.17 RCW. Chapter 42.17 RCW, however, expires on July 1, 2006. Consequently, we should not add a new statutory exemption to that Chapter. Pursuant to Section 17 of SSB 6234, the new exemption will be in the proper Chapter. Therefore, to avoid duplication and the inadvertent creation of a technical problem, Section 18 must be vetoed.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 18 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6234.

With the exception of Section 18, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6234 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor