

VETO MESSAGE ON SHB 1257

April 29, 2011

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 19,  
Substitute House Bill 1257 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to adopting the investments of  
insurers model act."

This bill updates the statutes on insurer investments to  
increase financial security and to provide more flexibility  
for insurers to manage their investments.

Section 19 would require the Office of the Insurance  
Commissioner to submit a report to the Governor and the  
Legislature, in consultation with the Department of Financial  
Institutions and the State Investment Board, by December 1,  
2011. This is prior to the effective date of the act, July 1,  
2012. Section 19 would require the Office of the Insurance  
Commissioner to gather information that is a redundant to the  
bill analysis, overly burdensome to obtain, or difficult to  
analyze prior to implementation of the law. Further, requiring  
proposed rules to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature  
would infringe upon the role of the Insurance Commissioner and  
would blur the distinction between the Legislature and a state  
executive office with regard to the rulemaking process.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 19 of Substitute  
House Bill 1257.

With the exception of Section 19, Substitute House Bill 1257  
is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gregoire  
Governor