

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1471

May 21, 2013

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 3,
House Bill 1471 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to updating and aligning with
federal requirements hospital health care-
associated infection rate reporting."

This bill requires the Department of Health to update hospital reporting requirements for health care-associated infections to align with nationally recommended measures. These measures add value to the public and advance patient safety. The bill also gives the Department important rule-making authority to stay consistent with federal requirements.

However, I am vetoing Section 3 of the bill because Section 3 would make Section 1 expire in 2017. Section 1 makes needed substantive changes that I do not believe should expire, nor was that the intent of the legislature.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 3 of House Bill 1471. With the exception of Section 3, House Bill 1471 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee
Governor