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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 Sections 220(16); 301(3); 302, page 70, lines 33-37 and page 71, lines 1-2; 303(2); 305(35); 307(2); 308(11); 309(17); 310(26); 207(15); 208(35); 208(22); 208(23); 208(24); 208(25); and 208(27), Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2322 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to transportation funding and appropriations.”

Section 220(16), page 60, Department of Transportation, Public Transportation, Program V;

Section 301(3), page 70, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board;

Section 302, page 70, lines 33-37, and page 71, lines 1-2, County Road Administration Board;

Section 303(2), page 71, Transportation Improvement Board;

Section 305(35), page 86, Department of Transportation, Improvements, Program I;

Section 307(2), page 91, Department of Transportation, Traffic Operations, Program Q;

Section 308(11), page 94, Department of Transportation, Washington State Ferries, Program W;

Section 309(17), page 99, Department of Transportation, Rail, Program Y; and

Section 310(26), page 107, Department of Transportation, Local Programs, Program Z

These sections include language declaring the Legislature’s intent that the projects in these sections should not be eliminated or substantially delayed due to revenue reductions taken in the budget as a short-term solution to balance the budget. In light of the economic downturn due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it may be necessary to delay or eliminate projects. For this reason, I have vetoed Sections 220(16); 301(3); 302, page 70, lines 33-37, and page 71, lines 1-2; 303(2); 305(35); 307(2); 308(11); 309(17); and 310(26).

Section 207(15), pages 21-22, Washington State Patrol, Agreement for Utility Connection and Reimbursement of Water Extension Expenses

This section requires the Washington State Patrol to terminate an agreement with the city of Shelton that requires latecomers to reimburse the Washington State Patrol if they connect to water and sewer

infrastructure paid for with gas tax funds. Under the 18th Amendment to the state Constitution, infrastructure funded with gas taxes cannot be used by any entity for non-highway purposes unless the gas tax fund is reimbursed. Canceling the agreement would create a risk of unconstitutional use of the infrastructure without reimbursement. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 207(15).

Section 208(35), page 30, Department of Licensing, Office Relocations

This section directs the Department of Licensing to relocate or finish relocating the Lacey, Tacoma and Bellevue-Redmond licensing services offices, and to finish emergency repairs at the Vancouver office. Not enough funding was provided in the budget to complete all of these office moves and repairs to the Vancouver office. I am directing the department to initiate the office moves with the funding provided and seek emergency capital funds for the Vancouver office repairs. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 208(35).

I have vetoed the following sections related to bills that did not pass the Legislature, resulting in the lapse of funding. My veto of these sections will serve to clean up these unnecessary sections of the bill.

Section 208(22), page 28, Department of Licensing, SHB 1255, Patches Pal Special License Plate

Section 208(23), page 28, Department of Licensing, E2SHB 2050, Washington Wine Special License Plate

Section 208(24), page 28, Department of Licensing, ESHB 2085, Mt. St. Helens Special License Plate

Section 208(25), page 28, Department of Licensing, SHB 2187, Women Veterans Special License Plate

Section 208(27), page 29, Department of Licensing, SHB 2353, Fire Trailer Vehicle Registration License Plate Registration License Plate

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 220(16); 301(3); 302, page 70, lines 33-37 and page 71, lines 1-2; 303(2); 305(35); 307(2); 308(11); 309(17); 310(26); 207(15); 208(35); 208(22); 208(23); 208(24); 208(25); and 208(27) of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2322.

With the exception of Sections 220(16); 301(3); 302, page 70, lines 33-37 and page 71, lines 1-2; 303(2); 305(35); 307(2); 308(11); 309(17); 310(26); 207(15); 208(35); 208(22); 208(23); 208(24); 208(25); and 208(27), Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2322 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Inslee
Governor