

SIXTY FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

TWENTY FOURTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, May 17, 2017

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Robinson presiding).

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the third order of business.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 16, 2017

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, Substitute House Bill No. 1905 entitled:

‘AN ACT Relating to the volume limitation for certain vessels exempt from the pilotage act.’

Substitute House Bill 1905 increases the maximum vessel volume that can be exempt from the mandatory use of licensed pilotage within most of the Puget Sound and Grays Harbor. This measure would allow more modern and fuel-efficient passenger vessels to enjoy Washington's waterways. However, Substitute House Bill 1905 is identical to Substitute Senate Bill 5262, which I signed into law on April 20, 2017. It is not necessary to enact duplicate legislation.

For these reasons I have vetoed Substitute House Bill No. 1905 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor

May 16, 2017

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, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1504 entitled:

‘AN ACT Relating to rail dependent uses for purposes of the growth management act and related development regulations.’

I am committed to supporting economic development across Washington State so all areas and communities thrive. This commitment includes working with legislators and stakeholders on how we better develop rural and other underserved areas.

At the same time, I remain committed to fully supporting the Growth Management Act, which has created the framework for thoughtful growth and comprehensive development plans while protecting vital resource lands.

While this bill might help rural counties to develop adjacent to short line railroads in designated counties, it would undermine our longstanding commitment to preserve working farms and promote our agricultural economy.

The Growth Management Act provides for a process to redesignate resource lands and convert the use of those lands. As part of a broader review of the Growth Management Act, it would be appropriate to reexamine how we provide additional flexibility for encouraging economic development in rural areas. It is my understanding that such a review is proposed in the Senate and House budgets, and I would support that review.

For these reasons I have vetoed Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1504 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor

May 16, 2017

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, House Bill No. 1578 entitled:

‘AN ACT Relating to irrigation district authority.’

This bill provides new opportunities to develop infrastructure projects that support the economy in Eastern Washington and encourages investments in hydroelectric facilities. However, this bill is identical to Senate Bill 5261, which I signed into law on April 19, 2017. This duplicate bill is therefore unnecessary.

For these reasons I have vetoed House Bill No. 1578 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., May 19, 2017, the 26th Day of the 1st Special Session.