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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 2 and 7, Engrossed Third Substitute House Bill No. 1324 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to creating the Washington rural development and opportunity zone act.”

This bill is critical for forest and fish programs and provides additional funding for tribal programs. However, Section 2, which requires the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to conduct a fifty state review on programs that incentivize job creation and private investment in rural and distressed communities, was not funded in the budget. In addition, Section 7, the null and void clause, would void the entire bill if full funding is not provided. Because this bill is critical, I want the remainder of the bill to go into effect even if no funding is provided for some of its provisions.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 2 and 7 of Engrossed Third Substitute House Bill No. 1324.

With the exception of Sections 2 and 7, Engrossed Third Substitute House Bill No. 1324 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Jay Inslee
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