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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 Section 2, House Bill No. 1122 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to the retirement age for state guard members.”

Section 1 of House Bill 1122 updates the retirement age for Washington state guard members. Current law allows volunteer guard members to serve until age 64, with possible one-year extensions until age 68. This bill retains the retirement age of 64 but now allows for unlimited two-year extensions if the member is physically and mentally capable of completing assigned mission tasks and if the extension is approved by leadership. Section 2 is an emergency clause that would make this change effective immediately. I agree that allowing volunteers to serve for as long as they can complete their tasks is beneficial to our entire community. However, as important as this bill is, modifying the retirement age of volunteer state guard members is not an emergency.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 2 of House Bill No. 1122.

With the exception of Section 2, House Bill No. 1122 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jay Inslee', written in a cursive style.

Jay Inslee
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