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To the Honorable President and Members,  
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 3, Senate Bill No. 5503 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to state board of health rules regarding on-site sewage systems.”

I am vetoing Section 3 of this bill. This section is unnecessary and precludes local health jurisdiction staff from conditioning an on-site septic permit once an easement for the system has been granted. The granting of an easement should not eliminate the ability of an inspector to correct problems of a system that they are inspecting. The new section of this bill (Section 2) significantly increases protections for homeowners and provides assurance that on-site inspections will be done properly and fairly.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 5503.

With the exception of Section 3, Senate Bill No. 5503 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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