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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 21, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5601 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to health care benefit managers.”

This bill requires health care managers to register with the Insurance Commissioner, and it also imposes requirements on health care benefit managers and pharmacy benefit managers. Section 21 of the bill establishes a work group on pharmacy contracts to review fee structures and the use of performance-based contracts. This section was made subject to an appropriation. However, no funding was provided in the budget for this work group.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 21 of Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5601.

With the exception of Section 21, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5601 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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