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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, 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