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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 1 and 4, Engrossed House Bill No. 1638 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to promoting immunity against vaccine preventable diseases.”

Section 1 authorizes an exemption for proof of immunity based on an antibody test called a titer test. This provision is written too broadly because it applies to all vaccines, not just to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (or MMR) and other conditions in which an antibody test is reliable. In addition, the Board of Health already allows the use of an antibody test for those vaccines in which the test is reliable, like MMR, so this provision is also unnecessary.

Section 4 contains a rulemaking clause that is unnecessary. Current law already permits the state Board of Health to perform these rulemaking functions, not the Department of Health as this section provides.

These minor changes will not disturb the substance of the bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 1 and 4 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1638.

With the exception of Sections 1 and 4, Engrossed House Bill No. 1638 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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