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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, Senate Bill No. 6038 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to acupuncture and Eastern medicine.”

A technical bill drafting mistake resulted in the removal of the word "diagnosis" from acupuncturists' and Eastern Medicine practitioners' scope of practice, which would unintentionally limit their practices to therapeutic treatment. Acupuncturists and Eastern Medicine practitioners have long been authorized to diagnose individuals and removing this from statute could result in insurance companies denying claims.

For these reasons I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 6038 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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