



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

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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 Section 2, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1436 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to special education funding."

Section 2 requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee and the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the state's special education system. Subsection 5 of Section 2 provides that these entities shall be considered authorized representatives of relevant state education authorities, including the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, for the purpose of accessing student records for this evaluation. This provision conflicts with policies that favor the protection of student records and individual student privacy, without a corresponding need for that confidential, personal information.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 2 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1436.

With the exception of Section 2, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1436 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee  
Governor