



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

March 26, 2024

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 6, Substitute House Bill No. 2295 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to establishing a regulatory structure for licensed acute care hospitals to provide hospital at-home services."

This bill authorizes hospital at-home programs, which were temporarily authorized during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Department of Health is required to adopt rules to add hospital at-home services to the services that a licensed acute care hospital may provide. However, there is no emergent need for the bill to become effective immediately, and therefore the emergency clause in Section 6 of this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 6 of Substitute House Bill No. 2295.

With the exception of Section 6, Substitute House Bill No. 2295 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jay Inslee  
Governor