



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON —

March 31, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Esteemed Colleagues:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Sections 208(30), 208(32), 215(13), and 310, page 119, lines 17-18, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6005 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to transportation fiscal matters."

Section 208(30), page 38, Department of Licensing, On-Site Auto Dealership Inspections

This section restricts \$4,050,000 from the current law Motor Vehicle Account—State appropriation so that it may be used only for oversight of auto dealers, including new work performing on-site inspections of vehicle dealerships. No additional appropriation has been provided for the Department of Licensing in the transportation budget to perform these inspections, meaning that this section would divert funding from crucial agency functions without the Legislature having identified a commensurate funding reduction to those functions. For this reason, I am vetoing Section 208(30).

Section 208(32), page 39, Department of Licensing, Parking Ticket Information

This section restricts \$300,000 from the current law Motor Vehicle Account—State appropriation so that it may be used only for improving parking ticket information provided as part of the vehicle registration renewal process. No additional appropriation has been provided for the Department of Licensing in the transportation budget to perform this work, meaning that this section would divert funding from crucial agency functions without the Legislature having identified a commensurate funding reduction to those functions. For this reason, I am vetoing Section 208(32). However, I am directing the Department of Licensing to utilize existing resources in an amount within its discretion to work toward the goals outlined in this proviso.

Section 215(13), page 57, Department of Transportation, Highway Maintenance

This section provides \$100,000 from the State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State appropriation solely for the Department of Transportation to perform facility and landscape maintenance of the State Route Number 520 eastside lids and surrounding areas at Evergreen Point Road, 84th Avenue NE, and 92nd Avenue NE.

This section moves responsibility from local jurisdictions that typically perform this work to the department. As a result, it requires the department to shift limited state maintenance workforce and resources away from existing highway maintenance priorities, affecting the department's ability to address essential maintenance tasks including replacing safety guard rails, lane stripping, repairing potholes, and much more across the transportation system.

In addition, the language also requires maintenance of both the lids and “surrounding areas,” which is undefined and could extend beyond the transportation facility. For these reasons, I am vetoing Section 215(13).

**Section 310, page 119, lines 17-18, Department of Transportation, Local Programs—
Program Z—Capital—Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation**

This section reduces the total Motor Vehicle Account—State appropriation in the Local Programs section, while a proviso in the section was not also reduced and therefore the proviso amount now exceeds the total available funds. Because the proviso was not reduced, sufficient funding is not available for the projects identified in the published legislative project list. For this reason, I am vetoing Section 310, page 119, lines 17-18.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 208(30), 208(32), 215(13), and 310, page 119, lines 17-18 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6005.

With the exception of Sections 208(30), 208(32), 215(13), and 310, page 119, lines 17-18, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6005 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Bob Ferguson
Governor