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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 1, Engrossed House Bill No. 2008 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to the budgeting process for core state services for children.”

Section 1 is a legislative intent section that also makes certain findings. Statements in this section assume that this bill can ensure predictable future funding levels for several child welfare programs and services. As much as I might want that to be true, no bill can guarantee that adequate funding will always be available for a specific purpose or can prevent a future Legislature from changing policies by amending statutes.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 1 of Engrossed House Bill No. 2008.

With the exception of Section 1, Engrossed House Bill No. 2008 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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