



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, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1736 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to requiring the department of licensing to collect vehicle odometer readings at the time of original vehicle registration and registration renewal."

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1736 directs the Department of Licensing to request drivers to voluntarily provide their vehicle odometer reading upon registration or renewal. Although voluntary, requesting this information from vehicle owners presupposes a future per-mile program as an alternative transportation funding mechanism. Yet, there is a need to consider both a per-mile fee program as well as broader options for alternative funding sources for transportation. I encourage the legislature to continue considering a variety of funding sources, including but not limited to, a per-mile fee before requesting odometer readings from vehicle owners.

For these reasons I have vetoed Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1736 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor