

SIXTY FIFTH LEGISLATURE - THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

TWENTY SECOND DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, July 12, 2017

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker.

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the third order of business.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**PARTIAL VETO**

July 6, 2017

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 3, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1677 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to local government infrastructure funding."

This bill provides targeted reforms to the Public Works Assistance Account and directs the Public Works Board (Board) to study new and innovative financing tools. This bill will help local governments in need of financial support and provide additional tools to pay for basic infrastructure needs.

I am, however, vetoing Section 3, which modifies the composition of the Board. Section 3 adds four legislators. Changes to the Board's composition should be based on a member's skill set, rather than organizational representation. I would support the addition of legislators to the Board as ex-officio and non-voting members.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 3 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1677.

With the exception of Section 3, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1677 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee, Governor

PARTIAL VETO

July 6, 2017

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 Sections 106, 607, 819, and 1003, Engrossed House Bill No. 2242 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to funding fully the state's program of basic education by providing equitable education opportunities through reform of state and local education contributions.'

Section 106 limits school districts' use of late start and early release days to seven occurrences each school year. Educators use this time to develop new competencies, collaborate with other educators, receive mentoring from senior teachers, and analyze student data to inform instructional practices. Research shows that this time for job-embedded professional learning and collaboration is linked to student success. Limiting practices that improve student achievement goes against the intent of this bill and our goals.

Section 607 requires the Caseload Forecast Council (Council) to convene a technical working group to determine the feasibility of developing a model to aid in school district four-year budget plans. Timely data does not exist to predict school district-level enrollments that factor in business growth and other local factors. The work required in this section is outside the scope of expertise for the Council. No funding is provided in the 2017-19 omnibus appropriations act; therefore, the Council is unable to contract for this work.

Section 819 ends reporting requirements for school employee health insurance benefits, effective December 1, 2018. House Bill 1042, which I am signing today, removes these reporting requirements. Moreover, funding to support these requirements was not included in the budget, so the Office of the Insurance Commissioner will be unable to produce the report.

Section 1003 repeals, among other things, the statutes that govern approved training and continuing education clock hours for the purpose of credit on the salary schedule, effective for the 2017-18 school year. These statutes are essential to compensation in the upcoming school year.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 106, 607, 819, and 1003 of Engrossed House Bill No. 2242.

With the exception of Sections 106, 607, 819, and 1003, Engrossed House Bill No. 2242 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee, Governor

PARTIAL VETO

July 7, 2017

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 5, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1341 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to professional certification for teachers and school administrators. "

Section 5 requires the formation of a collaborative of at least 12 members, monthly meetings, and an extensive contracted study. But the 2017-19 omnibus appropriations act does not provide funding for the Professional Educator Standards Board to contract for this work.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 5 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1341.

With the exception of Section 5, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1341 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee, Governor

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., July 14, 2017, the 24th Day of the 3rd Special Session.

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk