



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

April 16, 2015

The Honorable Lawrence Denney
Secretary of State
Statehouse
Boise, ID 83720

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and am transmitting herewith the following bill to wit:

S1192

EXCEPT THAT said bill making appropriations of money embracing distinct items has been item vetoed and disapproved within the time limited by law, the bill having been received in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 10:45 a.m. on April 13, 2015. The item disapproved is as follows:

On page 4 of the enrolled bill, line 19, the sum of "\$3,000,000"

The Industry Sector Grant program at the Idaho Department of Labor is an innovative and important program. It is helping to train and improve the skills of Idaho workers, preparing them for more technically challenging and higher paying jobs in growth industries. That will enhance Idaho's economy and the welfare of our citizens. However, rather than accepting my recommendation that the \$3 million request be appropriated from the General Fund, the Legislature chose to take it from a reserve fund at the State Industrial Commission dedicated to the workers' compensation program. There is no logical or policy nexus between the Industrial Commission's program benefiting workers injured on the job and the Department of Labor's workforce development efforts. Such a precedent is unwise and could lead to an increase in the rates that employers pay for workers' compensation insurance. The Department of Labor will continue working to educate businesses and legislators about the importance and efficacy of Industry Sector Grants.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho