



C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

April 11, 2013

The Honorable Brad Little
President of the Senate
Idaho Legislature
Statehouse Mail
Boise, ID 83720

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I am returning to you, without my approval, disapproved and vetoed, the following Senate Bill, to wit:

S1080a

within the time limited by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 1:55 p.m. on March 29, 2013.

I agree with this legislation's intent, and I appreciate Senator Rice's efforts to collaborate with the Office of the Attorney General in its development. Unfortunately, the decision by the House of Representatives not to take up the trailer appropriation in S1195 makes my veto necessary.

S1195 would have provided \$212,600 from the General Fund for the Attorney General to hire a deputy and an investigator to carry out the intent of Senator Rice's bill – eliminating the conflict of interest that occurs when county prosecutors must represent county elected officials while also addressing allegations of misconduct by those same elected officials.

The Attorney General was willing to take on that additional responsibility, but the failure of S1195 makes that impossible. Therefore, I must veto S1080a while strongly encouraging Senator Rice to return in 2014 with the appropriate legislation – including a request for appropriation – to realize the goals of S1080a.

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

Cc: Secretary of State