



**BRAD LITTLE**  
GOVERNOR

March 30, 2020

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
Speaker of the House  
Idaho Legislature  
Boise, ID 83720

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House Bill, to wit:

**H 461, as amended in the Senate**

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 2:25 p.m. on March 19, 2020.

If a landlord obtains a favorable verdict by a jury or a favorable finding by the judge, it should be clearly stated in code that, on good cause shown for cases of old age, illness, disability, or the like, the judge can delay filing the order for a some short period. That way, in the interest of equity, the judge could give such a renter an additional few days before starting the 72-hour timeline with the filing of the order. Most renters will not be represented by counsel and likely would not know they could even request the judge delay filing the order a few additional days.

I do not oppose standardizing the process statewide for evictions once the order is filed, which is why I will allow this bill to become law. My hope is that better protection for the most vulnerable renters I outlined above can be enacted next year and in the meantime that judges will exercise discretion on the timing of filing the order in cases of old age, illness, disability, and the like.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Secretary of State Lawrence Denney