



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

May 18, 2021

The Honorable Janice McGeachin
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

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

SENATE BILL 1150aaH

I am primarily concerned with the constitutionality and fairness of this bill. As amended, Senate Bill 1150a provides that signatures gathered outside of Idaho may only be collected from military members and missionaries. This is discriminatory and unfair to other qualified voters who wish to participate in Idaho's initiative and referendum process but find themselves temporarily out of the state when the opportunity arises. For example, families of military members deployed overseas should be afforded the same convenience to exercise their Article III, Section 1 rights when doing so presents no concerns for the security or integrity of the process. Further, as I articulated when I signed Senate Bill 1110 earlier this session, I support efforts to increase participation of all Idahoans – not just those living in urban areas – in our initiative and referendum process. I believe Senate Bill 1150 will frustrate that laudable goal.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho