



March 30, 2022

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 575**

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 6:10 p.m. on March 24, 2022.

While I have signed this bill, it does give me some concern. Recall that just three years ago the state was asked by one county for special dispensation—which was ultimately granted—to replace a courthouse that dated back to the 1880s. I do not want counties coming hat in hand to the Legislature to become the norm because we have made it even more difficult to finance a jail or courthouse with this bill.

Additionally, this bill singles out only counties, while cities and other taxing districts retain the ability to enter long-term leases. I am also concerned with the unintended consequences if counties are forced to seek judicial confirmation as the sole means to comply with their statutory obligation. Given these concerns, my hope is the Legislature will follow closely the consequences of this bill to see if restricting long-term leases is, in fact, the correct policy.

Sincerely,

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Secretary of State Lawrence Denney