

BRAD LITTLE GOVERNOR

March 31, 2022

The Honorable Scott Bedke Speaker of the House Idaho State House of Representatives Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 31, 2022, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House of Representatives bill, to wit:

HOUSE BILL 800

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 12:25 p.m. on March 25, 2022.

This session I proposed, and the Legislature appropriated, a historic CEC. Given the tight labor market and record inflation under President Joe Biden, this salary adjustment will be critical to recruiting and retaining top talent for state agencies.

The judicial branch is no different. Recruiting and retaining high quality justices serves Idaho well. Tying judicial salaries to House Bill 782 is unfortunate, and our judges deserve the courtesy of having their salaries considered separately from complex policy changes. I sign this appropriation bill in the hopes that judicial salaries are remedied early in the 2023 legislative session.

Sincerely,

Brad Little Governor of Idaho