



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

March 27, 2024

The Honorable Mike Moyle
Speaker of the House
Idaho Legislature
Boise, ID 83720

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 27, 2024, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House Bill, to wit:

HOUSE BILL 656

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 10:35 a.m. on March 21, 2024.

I strongly disagree with the assertion this bill will have no fiscal impact. This bill is a sea change in legislative policy that will subject every procurement award to potential litigation and lead to significant delays in implementing contracts for critical products and services.

I fully support efforts to improve transparency, accountability, and credibility in state purchasing operations. However, this bill swings the pendulum to the opposite end of the spectrum, which I fear will primarily benefit litigation attorneys and unsuccessful bidders. This bill will be counterproductive to ongoing efforts and investments to improve purchasing efficiency and will significantly impact already strained staff resources. I urge all stakeholders to closely watch how the implementation of this bill negatively impacts purchasing operations, and I fully expect ongoing delays and setbacks in the award and implementation of contracts as a result of this bill.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho