



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2024

The Honorable Mike Moyle
Speaker of the House
Idaho House of Representatives
Hand Delivery

Dear Speaker Moyle,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 28, 2024, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House bill, to wit:

H 691

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 12:10 p.m. on March 22, 2024.

I am fully supportive of reasonable efforts that improve transparency in high-value transactions. Most – if not all – transactions that agencies intend to enter are already subject to statutory public notice requirements and funded through public legislative appropriation hearings.

It is not clear what types of agreements this bill is attempting to cover and whether this policy will prove to be simply redundant of existing obligations. Notwithstanding, I am concerned that language in this bill will undermine confidence in those who endeavor to do business with the state and open too many doors for unsuccessful bidders to legally challenge an award. I believe the people of Idaho are best served when those entering into transactions with the state have confidence that the state will honor agreements and not change course mid-stream or at the 11th hour.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho