



BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR

March 29, 2024

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

Dear Speaker Moyle,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 29, 2024, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House bill, to wit:

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within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 3:27 p.m. on March 27, 2024.

Idaho is the one of the fastest growing states in the country because of our strong economy, safe neighborhoods, abundant outdoor activities, and great employment opportunities. However, the rapid growth has resulted in housing shortages. Coupled with high interest rates, it has become increasingly difficult for many Idahoans to afford housing. Affordable housing continues to be one of the most important issues facing Idahoans. Elected leaders in both rural communities and larger cities are working to address their unique housing needs and challenges.

I strongly believe in Idaho's long tradition of respecting, upholding, and defending Idahoans' private property rights. We must have laws in place that protect property owners from local laws and ordinances that limit their ability to manage their property and determine their tenants. That said, I am also a strong believer in local control, where the locally elected leaders are best situated to develop solutions that fit their communities and neighborhoods.

The State of Idaho has worked hard to deliver meaningful, enduring property tax relief over the past several years to help alleviate some of the challenges in housing affordability. However, high rental costs remain a problem as our population grows and puts pressure on housing availability. I urge the Legislature to work with local leaders to ensure our state laws provide pathways to solving local housing issues.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho