



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

April 2, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on April 2, 2025, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House bill, to wit:

HOUSE BILL 444

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 11:11 a.m. today.

I am firmly on record that the days of putting wildland fire suppression costs on a credit card are behind us. Given the trend of longer fires seasons with more acres burned, more extreme fire behavior, and a significant increase in costs, going into debt paying for fire suppression is fiscally irresponsible and creates uncertainty for wildland firefighters, contractors, and state fire managers.

This appropriations bill asks our wildland firefighters to do more with less. I look forward to working with my legislative partners next legislative session to ensure the State of Idaho has the resources to prevent, respond to, and safely suppress wildfires quickly and aggressively in Idaho.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho