



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

April 14, 2025

The Honorable Phil McGrane
Secretary of State
Idaho Statehouse
Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby file with you HOUSE BILL 482 relating to certain appropriations of public funds. Be advised that I have both signed and line-item vetoed HOUSE BILL 482 pursuant to the express authority granted to me by Article 4, Section 11 of the Idaho Constitution to disapprove of appropriations by way of line-item veto. Specifically, I disapproved and line-item vetoed the following distinct appropriation item, set forth in section 5, lines 39-1, to wit:

38 SECTION 5. GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY FUND. There is hereby appropriated and
39 the Office of the State Controller shall transfer ~~the remaining balance in~~

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1 ~~the Governor's Emergency Fund~~ to the General Fund as soon as practicable for
2 the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

The Fiscal Note for HOUSE BILL 482 states that the remaining appropriated balance in the Governor's Emergency Fund is approximately \$652,500.00. The Division of Financial Management has confirmed that the exact amount remaining in the Governor's Emergency Fund is \$652,527.22. Therefore, as set forth above and in the attached HOUSE BILL 482, I have disapproved the Legislature's appropriation of \$652,527.22. All remaining parts of HOUSE BILL 482, having not been line-item vetoed as set forth above and in the attached HOUSE BILL 482, have my approval.

The Governor's Emergency Fund has been used to address serious and unexpected situations that fall outside of a formally declared state of emergency. Such situations have recently included assisting with investigation costs in high-profile criminal cases, border security efforts, and responding to the fentanyl crisis. Thus, it is critical for the State that funds remain available in the Governor's Emergency Fund.

My signing of HOUSE BILL 482 occurred on April 14, 2025, within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 2:02 p.m. on April 4, 2025, and the Legislature having adjourned sine die on at the hour of 4:40 p.m. on April 4, 2025.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho