



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

March 25, 2020

The Honorable Scott Bedke
Speaker of the House
Idaho Legislature
Boise, ID 83720

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House Bill, to wit:

H 457, as amended

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 2:40 p.m. on March 18, 2020.

This bill is an entirely sensible policy choice. However, it is not accurate to say, as the Fiscal Note does, that this bill has no fiscal impact to the state. The assistance the Idaho Department of Correction provides for transitional housing for sex offenders upon release from prison is approximately double the cost for all other offenders because of already existing restrictions on where sex offenders can live. Because this bill further prohibits where sex offenders can live, the cost to the department for transitional housing for sex offenders will increase. At a minimum, the money currently appropriated for transitional housing will not be enough to assist as many offenders as the department currently can assist. To account for this policy change, when the department absorbs these new costs fewer offenders will receive transitional housing assistance.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Secretary of State Lawrence Denney