March 26, 2020

The Honorable Scott Bedke
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
Statehouse Mail

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I hereby advise you that I have vetoed on March 26, 2020 and as session has adjourned am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following House Bill, to wit:

H 487a

I did so reluctantly because I share the intent of the legislation in ensuring negotiated rulemaking for rules wherever feasible. The challenge with H 487a is that it mandates negotiated rulemaking, and therefore may preclude temporary rules when necessary. For the second straight year, the Legislature has chosen to not reauthorize fee rules, and as a result, my administration has had to republish rules as temporary to ensure they remain in full force and effect. Thus, the rules promulgated under this statute are currently being republished as temporary rules.

In Executive Order 2020-01, I outlined my requirement that every rule chapter be repromulgated over the next five years. Each agency must hold at least two public hearings that are designed to maximize public participation in the rulemaking process. I believe the intent of H 487a will be carried out through my Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

cc: Secretary of State