



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR  
March 30, 2015

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
Speaker of the House  
State Capitol  
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved and vetoed, the following House Bill, to wit:

**H126**

within the time limited by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 10:15 a.m. on March 24, 2015.

The first rule for getting out of a hole is to stop digging. Unfortunately, despite its good intentions House Bill 126 keeps digging an estimated \$1.7 million financial hole while attempting to fill another.

This legislation seeks to address the issue of how best to enable State funding to "follow the students" who move from one school to another at various points in the academic year. But the result of the measure actually will be double funding of some students while other funding priorities remain unmet.

My Task Force for Improving Education has a committee working to find a broader solution for this issue and other challenges with the public school funding formula. One of the committee's goals is to improve fiscal stability and reduce data reporting burdens wherever possible – for all our schools; not just a few.

The committee will have a recommendation for the next legislative session. We should allow this process to move forward toward a better, broader, more equitable solution. I hope such an effort can win not only legislative backing but also the support of such groups as the Idaho Association of School Administrators and the Idaho School Boards Association, both of which opposed House Bill 126.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter  
Governor of Idaho