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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF IDAHO

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

April 21, 2015

The Honorable Lawrence Denney
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Mr. Secretary,

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

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within the time limited by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 3:45 p.m. on April 8, 2015.

The scope and complexity of daily life today suggests the need for sign language interpreters to be licensed to ensure they are qualified and capable of faithfully and competently assisting the deaf or others with speech-related disabilities.

But I also understand why the Senate would have killed this legislation but for the tie-breaking vote of the President.

Stakeholders have made it clear that this legislation could be a severe strain on already very limited resources.

In vetoing this bill, I commit my administration, through the Bureau of Occupational Licensing, to work with all stakeholders to address the concerns that have surfaced with this legislation to make sure we achieve the policy of certified interpreters. My hope is to respond constructively to this needed public service without also creating any undue burdens.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter". The signature is stylized and includes a large flourish at the end.

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho