

Message to the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

I want to thank every member of the Kansas Legislature for your hard work during the 2014 session. This two-year supplemental budget will continue to fund the core services of state government to July 1, 2015. I am particularly pleased this bill includes a significantly improved budget for the Department of Corrections and demonstrates our commitment to these essential public safety programs.

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, I hereby return Senate Substitute for Substitute for House Bill No. 2231 with my signature approving the bill, except for the items enumerated below.

Kansas Board of Barbering

Salary Cap

Sections 14(c) and 15(c) are vetoed in their entirety.

If it is the case that there are restrictions on how agencies compensate their employees, those restrictions should be done in a consistent manner. The language in these sections impacts three state employees inconsistently from other agencies, so I therefore find it necessary to veto the limitation. The agency's budget is otherwise left as the Legislature approved it.

Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

Sweep of Tobacco Settlement Funds

Section 50(b) has been vetoed in its entirety.

The Kansas Endowment for Youth Fund was specifically established to hold and draw interest upon excess tobacco settlement revenues so that such funds could later be used for early childhood programs. The \$5 million in question in this section should remain available for such purposes in the future, so I therefore veto the transfer.

Department of Administration

Lapse of State General Fund Budget Authority

Section 52(f) has been vetoed in its entirety.

The Division of the Budget had excess funding in FY 2013 because a permanent Budget Director was not drawing a normal salary. The Interim Budget Director was dual-purposed between the Office of the Governor and the Division of the Budget. As I soon plan to appoint a permanent Budget Director, I veto the lapse of funding in the Division of the Budget to finance this position.

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Lapse of State Hospital Funds

Sections 71(g) and 71(h) have been vetoed in their entirety.

In an effort to consolidate oversight of the food service contract, my budget recommendations for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the State Hospitals transferred money from the hospitals to KDADS. The 2014 Legislature concurred with this recommendation; however, the appropriations bill as written did not technically achieve this goal. Therefore, it is necessary for me to veto this section.

State Fair Board

State Funds for Capital Improvements

Section 100(c) has been vetoed in its entirety.

As part of your deliberations on the budget, it was determined that \$400,000 from the State General Fund would be provided to the State Fair to make a variety of repairs and improvements to their facilities. When preparing the appropriations bill, two separate sections of the bill inadvertently each provided this funding. To eliminate this duplication, I veto the State General Fund appropriation contained in this particular section. A \$400,000 transfer will remain in the bill to implement the Legislature's recommendations.



Sam Brownback, Governor

Dated: *May 16, 2014*