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The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 2459, an Act relating to state and local finances by making appropriations, providing for legal and regulatory responsibilities, concerning taxation, providing penalties, providing for other properly related matters, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions.

House File 2459 is approved on this date with the following exceptions, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 9, in its entirety. This item states that it is legislative intent that executive branch agencies make use of an existing master contract to develop a statewide time and attendance system with the idea that it would generate savings. While I always encourage state agencies to look for ways to save money, unfortunately going about it this way is not appropriate. State agencies were not appropriated additional funds for this system, it would require the state to add to the already multiple systems for payroll, and the master contract does not have the full range of functionality provided by the current systems. Also, for transparency, if the State would choose to take such a system statewide, the contract would have to rebid to cover the increased scope of the system.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 12, subsections 2 and 3, in its entirety. This item requires Iowans who perform natural hair braiding to take an annual course and be subject to discipline and inspection by the Department of Public Health; these requirements are unnecessary. Licensing and regulations should only be mandated when necessary to serve public health or safety. Natural hair braiding does not require government mandates, regulations, or licensing. Subsection 1 of Section 12 exempts the profession of natural hair braiding from the 2,100 hours of training needed under current Iowa law for a cosmetology license and effectively ends licensing for natural hair braiding.

Since taking office in 2011, my administration has been committed to job creation and increasing family incomes. An occupational license is governmental permission to work in a particular field. According to *License to Work*, a study by the Institute for Justice, in the 1950s only one in twenty individuals needed the government's permission to pursue their chosen profession. However today, the number is almost one in three. Occupational licenses decrease incomes for working Iowans and increase costs for consumers. I have vetoed legislation mandating licensing for four new professions, signed Executive Order 71 requiring State agencies to issue a Job Impact Statement to minimize the negative impact rules and regulations have on jobs, and signed Executive Order 80 allowing for stakeholder input and involvement prior to the development and formulation of rules and regulations. While this legislation now ends licensing requirements for natural hair braiding, I look forward to continuing to work with the legislature to find other common sense solutions in reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens and licensing fees on hardworking Iowans.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 14, in its entirety. This item sunsets Iowa's online learning program on July 1, 2018. Students enrolled in the online learning program may be targets of bullying, medically fragile, or individuals who struggle in the traditional classroom setting. I have met with students enrolled in online learning programs and their parents and they informed me that these online learning programs are very helpful and it would create significant fear and anxiety if the online learning program was to end. There should be a variety of options available to students, including online learning, in order to ensure their academic success.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 2459 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry E. Branstad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD

Governor