

July 2, 2015

The Honorable Paul D. Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 650, an Act relating to and making appropriations to state departments and agencies from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund and the Revenue Bonds Capitals II Fund, providing for related matters, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

House File 650 is approved on this date with the following exceptions, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 3, numbered paragraph 5, lettered paragraph b, in its entirety. This item funds the acquisition of software relating to the licensure and regulation of the practice of polysomnography. The Board of Respiratory Care and Polysomnography receives its revenues from licensing fees; therefore, an appropriation from this fund is inappropriate.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 3, numbered paragraph 5, lettered paragraph c, in its entirety. This item funds operational expenses for the Congenital and Inherited Disorders Registry. Iowa Code section 8.57 establishes the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). Iowa Code states this fund is to support "public vertical infrastructure projects," and expressly excludes the use of funds to offset "operational expenses." Funding ongoing operational costs from this fund is inappropriate.

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 650 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor