

July 2, 2015

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

I hereby transmit Senate File 499, an Act relating to appropriations to the department of cultural affairs, the economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, the public employment relations board, the department of workforce development, and the state board of regents and certain regents institutions, modifying programs and duties of the economic development authority, providing for other properly related matters, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions.

Senate File 499 is approved on this date with the following exceptions, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated Division IV in its entirety. This item is related to state employee classifications. Under current Iowa Code, administrators are classified as at-will employees. The at-will designation allows for greater accountability for these managers. Subjecting administrators to the merit system would decrease accountability to taxpayers and hinder the effective management of important government functions.

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 Senate File 499 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor