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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 575 entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal sections 8.597, 21.440, 21.445, 21.450, 21.455, 21.460, 21.465, 21.530, 21.535, 21.537, 21.795, 21.800, 21.801, 21.820, 21.835, 21.850, 21.910, 21.920, 30.953, 30.954, 30.956, 30.959, 30.962, 30.965, 30.968, 30.971, 33.150, 33.850, 37.250, 135.210, 135.230, 167.042, 167.195, 191.115, 191.934, 197.291, 208.952, 208.955, 210.153, 215.261, 215.262, 217.025, 217.550, 217.567, 262.950, 301.129, 313.001, 320.092, 338.321, 348.439, 361.120, 376.1190, 383.250, 386.145, 476.681, 620.050, 620.602, 620.1300, 630.010, 630.461, and 650.120, RSMo, section 105.955 as truly agreed to and finally passed by conference committee substitute no. 3 for house committee substitute no. 2 for senate bill no. 844, ninety-fifth general assembly, second regular session, section 208.275 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill no. 555 merged with senate substitute no. 2 for house bill no. 648, ninety-sixth general assembly, first regular session, section 208.275 as enacted by senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill no. 464, ninety-sixth general assembly, first regular session, and section 476.055 as enacted by conference committee substitute for house committee substitute for senate bill no. 636, ninety-sixth general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-one new sections relating to the existence of certain committees.

I disapprove of House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 575. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 575 contains a number of worthwhile provisions that can become law with my action on other legislation. However, this legislation does not receive my approval due to the inclusion of provisions limiting the

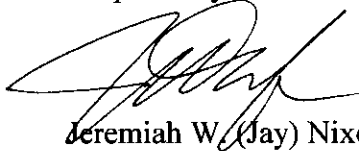
requirement for actuarial analysis of health insurance benefit mandates and repealing the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee.

House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 575 would repeal the current requirement that an actuarial analysis be conducted on any proposed legislation imposing a new health insurance benefit mandate and replace it with a more modest requirement to perform an actuarial analysis only on health insurance mandates actually enacted by the General Assembly. In so limiting the requirement for an actuarial analysis, House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 575 thwarts the original intent of the law, which was to ensure that the General Assembly fully understood the fiscal impact of such mandates *prior* to their enactment. A measure such as this that would limit the information available to policymakers before they vote to impose a new mandate does not receive my support.

In addition, the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee consists of a bipartisan group of legislators and experienced Medicaid providers. House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 575 would repeal the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee, while making permanent the Joint Committee on MO HealthNet, which is composed exclusively of legislators. The elimination of the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee would leave future responsibility for oversight of Missouri's Medicaid system without the benefit of formal representation by individuals with specialized expertise in the committee's subject matter. Oversight of a program of this significance should draw from the full spectrum of available resources and perspectives, rather than being limited to a select group of public officials.

In accordance with the above-stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 575 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,



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Governor