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C.L. “Butch” Otter
Governor
April 6, 2017

The Honorable Lawrence Denney
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved and vetoed, the following House Bill, to wit:

H274a

within the time limited by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 12:05 p.m. on March 31, 2017.

There is broad agreement in the Legislature and among everyone interested in protecting Idaho rivers, streams, lakes and reservoirs, as well as related infrastructure, that preventing an infestation of invasive quagga or zebra mussels must be among our top natural resources priorities. Count me among those for whom the fight against these and other invasive species is of paramount importance.

My veto of House Bill 274a is only about the manner in which we address the challenge. Our focus must be on putting more boots on the ground to enhance the successful boat inspection and decontamination program run by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). I appreciate the Legislature increasing ISDA’s budget to do just that. However, this legislation creating a new position within my office to coordinate our efforts does little to improve our defenses and preparedness for the potentially devastating impact of a mussel infestation.

Therefore, with this veto I also am issuing Executive Order 2017-05, formally continuing the work of Idaho’s Invasive Species Council. This interagency panel is tasked with developing and maintaining a coordinated approach among local, state, federal and tribal entities, as well as private and non-profit organizations, for preventing and controlling invasive species threats.

The Council, led by ISDA, also is responsible for outreach and education efforts for our communities and regional partners. Indeed, more states and local jurisdictions throughout the region are awakening to the pressing need for cooperative efforts toward prevention and management of the threat. But that means intensifying the work of our Invasive Species Council – not adding more bureaucracy.

As Always – Idaho, “Esto Perpetua”

C.L. “Butch” Otter
Governor of Idaho
The Honorable Lawerence Denney
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved and vetoed, the following House Bill, to wit:

H318

within the time limited by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 12:05 p.m. on March 31, 2017.

There is no need or potential application for the funding appropriated in House Bill 318 as a result of my veto of House Bill 274a. Therefore, I have vetoed House Bill 318 as well.

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C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho
The Honorable Lawrence Denney
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved and vetoed, the following House Bill, to wit:

**H202a**

within the time limited by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 3:17 p.m. on March 28, 2017.

House Bill 202a is a classic case of a solution in search of a problem, with the potential to create problems of its own in the process. The fact that this bipartisan legislation was overwhelmingly approved by both the House and Senate is outweighed by compelling opposition from law enforcement and the absence of any benefit to law-abiding citizens from its enactment.

There have been no allegations that Idaho law enforcement officers or agencies are illegally or inappropriately seizing property from alleged drug traffickers. Its sponsors contend that the measure is aimed at preventing improper forfeiture of assets in the future, but there is no evidence to suggest that such a problem is imminent.

At the same time, there is a legitimate public safety concern associated with allowing those charged with drug crimes to keep money, cars and other civil assets that may be connected with those crimes. Not the least of these concerns is the potential for evidence to disappear or be tampered with.

What’s more, it is my view that it is right and proper for drug dealers to have a healthy fear of losing their personal assets if they are caught breaking the law. But while seeking to ease those fears, this legislation goes even further by placing an annual reporting requirement on law enforcement. It is a misplaced effort to hold those responsible for protecting us from crime more accountable while relieving those charged with committing crimes of a worrisome consequence.

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C.L. “Butch” Otter
Governor of Idaho
The Honorable Lawrence Denney  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol  
Boise, ID 83702  

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved and vetoed, the following House Bill, to wit:

H139

within the time limited by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 3:17 p.m. on March 28, 2017.

House Bill 139 is a case of reasonable, consensus-driven ideas from the State Board of Cosmetology and the Board of Barber Examiners getting burned in what is supposed to be the refining fire of our legislative process.

More than a year ago, the two boards began exploring ways to allow cosmetology training to be credited to barber licensure and vice versa. The boards worked on this and other issues with interested parties to produce a legislative proposal to: 1) allow transfer of education credits between professions; 2) combine the boards to create efficiencies and save money; 3) reduce required education hours for an electrology license from 800 to 600; 4) exempt persons performing services for theatrical or other visual arts productions from licensing requirements; and 5) allow licensees to practice outside licensed establishments up to 24 days per year.

The boards’ proposal was discussed in open meetings and had broad support among stakeholders. But after it was submitted to the Legislature, the sponsors were informed that it would not get a hearing. Instead, legislators used the boards’ proposal as a starting point for drafting House Bill 139. The resulting changes – incorporated without input from the boards and stakeholders – turned a consensus plan into a controversial bill in which the original intent was largely lost.

Those changes would reduce the number of education hours required for barber-stylist and cosmetology licenses, and allow a board to reinstate an expired license retroactive to its expiration date – a misguided attempt to resolve a federal accreditation issue by creating a legal fiction in state law. I will not allow the State of Idaho to be subjected to legal liability for falsely representing the licensure status of those seeking federal student loans for their training.

However, I would invite the Legislature’s attention during its 2018 session to item No. 4 above on the list of proposals from the boards, which also was incorporated in House Bill 139. I would consider legislation exempting “event” makeup artists from existing licensure requirements, but this bill has too many other flaws.
The public, the Legislature and I expect State boards that regulate such professions as cosmetology and barbering to promulgate rules and draft proposals for legislative consideration in an open and inclusive manner. House Bill 139 was developed without input from interested parties or due regard for the health, safety and welfare of the public. Idahoans deserve better.

As Always – Idaho, “Esto Perpetua”

C.L. “Butch” Otter
Governor of Idaho