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KENNY C. GUINN
Governor

June 17, 2005

The Honorable Dean Heller
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Secretary Heller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 274, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; restricting the authority of the State Fire Marshal in consolidated municipalities and larger counties; revising certain provisions concerning the applicability of the prevailing wage requirements; revising the provisions relating to the process of approving plans, designs and specifications for the construction and alteration of school buildings; requiring the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study of the operations of the State Fire Marshal Division of the Department of Public Safety; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

When Senate Bill 274 was initially introduced, it revised the duties of the State Fire Marshal and required the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study of the operations of the State Fire Marshal. After being introduced, Senate Bill 274 was changed so substantially during the last minutes of the legislative session that the sponsor of this legislation has requested that this measure be vetoed.

Sections 5 through 9 and 11 through 13 of this bill were added to this measure at the very end of the legislative session. These sections arguably extend the prevailing wage to private economic development projects. Similar changes to those set forth in these sections had previously been rejected by the Legislature in Assembly Bill 552, which failed to meet the May 21, 2005, deadline and received "no further action," and in Amendment number 889 to Senate Bill 426.

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Extending the scope of prevailing wage provisions constitutes a significant policy change for Nevada, and that requires significant study and public debate. This very well may be a policy the Legislature wishes to establish for Nevada. But, such a significant change should not be made without first providing developers, local government officials, and other affected parties with the opportunity to educate legislators about the potential effects such a change could have on our state's economy.

While Senate Bill 274 contains beneficial matters that had sufficient public hearings and legislative support, the last minute addition of a such a far-reaching amendment, which had been twice been rejected by the Legislature, makes it necessary for me to return the bill without my approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenny C. Guinn", written in a cursive style.

KENNY C. GUINN

Governor

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cc: The Honorable William J. Raggio, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Richard D. Perkins, Speaker of the Assembly
Nancy Tribble, Chief Clerk of the Assembly
Claire Clift, Secretary of the Senate
Brenda Erdoes, Legislative Counsel