

April 21, 2008

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

I have signed LB 1147; however, I am returning LB 1147A with a line-item reduction.

LB 1147A appropriates \$100,000 of Cash Funds to the Nebraska Investment Council for FY2008-09 to hire a contractor to conduct a study of the Council in carrying out its duties. As recently as 2006, the Investment Council conducted a study through its investment consultant with many of the same goals outlined in LB 1147, including a review of the organizational design and internal staff functions to determine best practices. While I support finding ways to improve efficiency and performance in government, I believe that these goals should be accomplished within existing agency resources. Additionally, I do not believe that it is prudent to spend additional state investment income in these uncertain economic times when invested returns are expected to be significantly lower than previous years. Therefore, I am vetoing the \$100,000 State Investment Officer's Cash Fund appropriation to the Nebraska Investment Council contained in LB 1147A.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor