



Office of the Governor

JIM GIBBONS
GOVERNOR

May 28, 2009

The Honorable Barbara Buckley
Speaker of the Assembly
Legislative Building
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 146 of the 75th Legislative Session

Dear Speaker Buckley,

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 146, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to business; providing for the establishment of a state business portal by the Secretary of State; revising the provisions relating to the issuance of state business licenses and transferring certain responsibilities concerning state business licenses from the Department of Taxation to the Secretary of State; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assembly Bill 146 would authorize the Nevada Secretary of State to create a business portal to facilitate transactions between the government and private businesses. The bill also transfers certain responsibilities for issuing business licenses from the Department of Taxation to the Secretary of State's office.

If this were where the bill ended, in the authorization for the Secretary of State to create this portal, I would gladly sign the legislation and be pleased the state was improving the ease of conducting business in Nevada. Unfortunately, the bill contains other provisions I do not believe improve the business climate in Nevada and, in fact, outweigh any benefits from the creation of the business portal.

Assembly Bill 146 would double the annual licensing fee the State of Nevada charges businesses. The legislation would also create a new business license fee for each additional physical location of a business in our state. It is because of these fee increases, greatly expanding the amount of money being collected from Nevada businesses, that I cannot support this otherwise sound legislation.

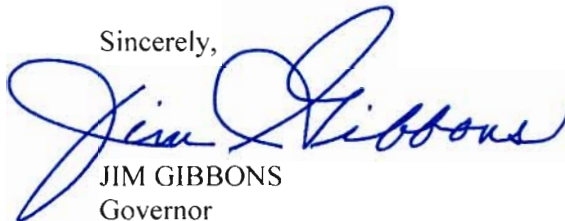
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For these reasons, I hereby exercise my constitutional grant of authority and veto Assembly Bill 146.

Sincerely,



JIM GIBBONS
Governor

Enclosure

Cc: The Honorable Steven Horsford, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Ross Miller, Secretary of State (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong Reil, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Claire J. Clift, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)