



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 493 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 493, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to public retirement systems; requiring the Public Employees' Retirement Board to identify and report concerning investments of money from the Public Employees' Retirement System in certain scrutinized companies with certain business activities or connections to Iran's petroleum sector; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

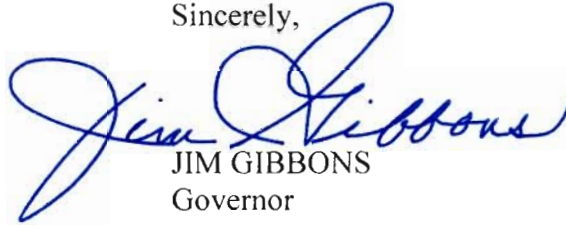
Assembly Bill 493 is a bill that relates to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). PERS is a constitutionally created trust fund. It is administered by a board of trustees for the benefit of its members and beneficiaries. In 1996, the voters of Nevada approved an amendment to the Nevada Constitution that effectively prohibits the PERS Retirement Board from basing its investment decisions on social policies, no matter how admirable.

This bill requires the PERS board to study and identify certain investments in companies that transact business with the country of Iran. Due to the constitutional issues, the finding of this study, or any study of this nature, cannot impact the investment strategy with respect to funds invested on behalf of the PERS Board. Simply put, this study is not necessary.

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For these reasons, I hereby exercise my constitutional grant of authority and veto Assembly Bill 493.

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)