

October 31, 2007

Today I have signed Enrolled Senate Bill 229, the fiscal year 2008 General Government budget bill, which provides funding for the departments of Attorney General, Civil Rights, Information Technology, Management and Budget, State, Treasury, the Executive Office, and the Legislature. Also included is \$1.1 billion in funding for revenue sharing grants. However, I am returning it to you because of items of which I disapprove pursuant to Article V, Section 19, of the Michigan Constitution. The specific vetoes are contained in the attached copy of this bill, which has been filed with the Secretary of State.

My action today includes vetoes of three items with which I do not concur. I have vetoed the carry forward provisions in section 307 because the language effectively authorizes general fund spending in excess of the funding target for the Department of Attorney General.

Due to a requirement of up-front costs, I have vetoed boilerplate section 724b, which requires the Department of Management and Budget to conduct an extensive inventory of all of the state's personal property to evaluate asset monetization proposals.

I have vetoed boilerplate section 919(2), which requires the Department of Treasury to pay annual dues to the national Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, as the department is not a member of the organization.

This action completes the fiscal year 2008 General Government appropriation and assures continuation of essential operations of various agencies in the executive and legislative branches of government.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Granholm

Governor