



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 29, 2011

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 West Washington, 7th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: SB 1497 (joint powers exercise; separate entities)

Dear Secretary Bennett:

Today I vetoed SB 1497 which would allow the Board of Regents to create a separate legal entity.

Expanding the reach of higher education to rural areas is critical to the long-term economic and social development of Arizona. I fully support creative and innovative efforts that advance our state goals in this area. However, it is unclear how SB 1497 moves Arizona down that path. My review of this bill suggests that the language is not necessary for the associated project. Because of the potential unintended consequences of providing broad authority for no clear purpose, I have vetoed the bill. I do not believe this will delay the advancement of the Payson project and if additional legislation is needed, I am willing to work with the community to develop and thoroughly vet any such legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Russell Pearce
The Honorable Andy Tobin
The Honorable Sylvia Allen
Senate Secretary
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
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