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Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Ross Miller
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
101 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Senate Bill 418 of the 76th Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 418, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to health care; creating a subcommittee of the Legislative Committee on Health Care to oversee the implementation of federal health care reform in this State; prescribing the composition, powers and duties of the subcommittee; requiring state agencies to cooperate with and provide periodic reports to the subcommittee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assembly Bill 418 requires the creation of a subcommittee of the Legislative Committee on Health Care to oversee the implementation of federal health care reform in this state. The Subcommittee on Health Care Reform must consist of three members appointed by the Chair of the Legislative Committee on Health Care. The Subcommittee is required to review the implementation of federal health care reform and make recommendations concerning effective implementation.

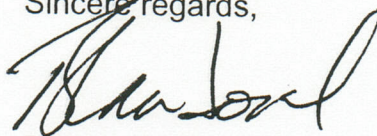
The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act constitutes major reform of the health care system in our country. Many changes to the health insurance industry take effect immediately, and other changes will not take effect for several years. While Nevada has joined several other states in challenging the law, I recognize it is prudent to plan appropriately for its implementation in the event the legal challenge is unsuccessful and prepare for the many changes that will occur under the terms of the reform bill. Therefore, two health care reform teams have been created within Nevada's

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to review the federal legislation. The Health Care Reform Policy Planning Group, a policy-level panel led by the DHHS Director, reports directly to my office with regular updates and recommendations. In addition, the Health Care Reform Implementation Working Group is examining what affect the federal legislation will have on state policies and procedures regarding Medicaid.

With oversight already assigned to an agency that has begun working on implementation of federal health care reform in this State, I must conclude that a statutorily-created subcommittee charged with similar tasks is unnecessary and redundant.

Because Senate Bill 418 would require the creation of an unnecessary and duplicative subcommittee, I veto it and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,



BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *The Honorable Brian Krolicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
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