

April 11, 2012

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and  
Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

I am returning LB 1020 and 1020A without my signature and with my objections.

LB 1020 would authorize the use of Education Innovation Funds for grants to establish school-based health centers. The lottery proceeds of this Fund are constitutionally limited to use for education purposes. The establishment of health center facilities, even if located at or near a school, is for health care and not education. LB 1020 expands the scope of use for these funds beyond education.

School districts are currently allowed to operate school-based health centers in cooperation with sponsoring facilities within their communities. As local support is an essential component for the sustainability of these facilities, it should remain a local responsibility to establish and fund them.

For these reasons, I urge you to sustain my veto of LB 1020 and LB 1020A.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor