H 338 JUVENILE CORRECTIONS

April 9, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 44

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 338, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

The Children, Youth and Families Department has indicated language in House Bill 2 already provides the latitude the department requires to build additional juvenile corrections facilities in the most cost effective and timely manner. Overcrowding in our juvenile corrections system is one of the paramount issues facing the state. This bill, while it may be well intentioned, would stand as a hindrance to relieving this most pressing problem.

H 349 DISTRICT ATTORNEY EMPLOYEES GRIEVANCE BOARD

April 8, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 24

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 349 enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation would establish a five-member "District Attorneys" Employees Grievance Board for employees of the District Attorney's Office.

Currently, appeals are heard by either the District Attorney Personnel Review Board or a State Personnel Office Hearing Officer. This administration is opposed to the expansion of venues for addressing employee grievances within the District Attorney's office. Employees of the District Attorney's office should be encouraged to use existing options afforded them under current law.