H 86 RAISE EXPENDITURE CAP ON STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FUNDS

March 15, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 19

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 86, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill raises the State Highway and Transportation Department's spending cap on road funds that may be earmarked for public transportation projects. Although I favor increased executive agency flexibility, I do not believe it is wise to encourage the depletion of funds from needed highway and road projects in our state.

H 87 STATE FINANCIAL CONTROL AND AUDITS

April 6, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 111

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 87, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill proposes significant increases in the authority of the State Auditor's Office. It would require detailed reporting by State agencies to the Office of the State Auditor. These reporting requirements are either duplicative of current procedures or unnecessary. House Bill 87 would allow the State Auditor to use contract auditors to jointly conduct audits. Other changes proposed in the bill, such as the implementation of the procurement card, are already being implemented and require no further changes to statute.