

## **H 357 HEALTH PROVIDER TAXES AND HEALTH PLAN CONTRACTS**

April 5, 2001

### **HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 68**

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 357 enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This legislation would make unenforceable any contract term between a health care provider and health care plan that does not allow the provider to pass gross receipts taxes to the plan. Such a bill interferes with the right of private citizens to freely negotiate business contracts, and would place such a burden on managed care organizations that they would be forced to decrease the amount of funds available for patient care.

## **H 379 AMEND SEVERANCE TAX BONDING ACT**

April 6, 2001

### **HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 93**

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 379 enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

The bill, like Senate Bill 190, which I have already vetoed, proposes changing the statutory test for issuance of supplemental severance tax bonds. The effect of the change would be to increase supplemental bond capacity at the expense of the transfer to the severance tax permanent fund. This proposal would continue a trend of diverting money from the permanent fund to increase current spending. This trend must stop because the permanent fund is an important source of future year funding to the General Fund. In addition, the permanent fund corpus is already being eroded by the deterioration in stock values.