Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and I am returning Chapter 599, H. F. No. 1919, a bill relating to a study of manufactured home parks.

Chapter 599 requires the departments of Health, Administration and Public Safety to conduct a study of manufactured home park shelters and evacuation plans. While I appreciate the consumer protection intent of this bill, agency budgets are strained and legislative demands on these agencies continue to grow. This measure would be more appropriately considered next year in the context of the biennial budget process. Consideration should include an overdue discussion of a rationale for the hundreds of studies mandated by the legislature each year.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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I have vetoed and I am returning Chapter 601, H. F. No. 392, a bill mandating the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in certain existing buildings.

This measure would impose a huge cost on cities and would make publicly-assisted housing even more difficult to provide. I am uncomfortable when the state legislature involves itself in matters which are best handled at the local level.

It is important to note that the recent school fires in Burnsville, Minnetonka and Edina would not be covered by this legislation. I remain committed to safety in all buildings but we must not mandate costs without considering how they will be paid.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor