



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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June 2, 2006

The Honorable Representative Steve Sviggum
Speaker of the House
Minnesota House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Representative Sviggum:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 282, House File 4162, with the exception of line-item vetoes listed below.

I have exercised a line item veto of the following appropriations:

1. Page 23, Lines 23.12 – 23.25: A \$1,000,000 grant in FY 2008 for the NorthStar Quality Improvement and Rating system. The appropriation for the NorthStar Quality Improvement and Rating System has been line-item vetoed. This system considers input driven indicators, rather than measuring meaningful outcomes. For the past ten years, the state has been moving to an accountability system that measures results and outcomes in K-12 public schools. If the objective for quality child care is to ensure that young children are ready for kindergarten, then a child care rating system should be aligned with the K-12 accountability system. An input-driven rating system is not the best way to provide parents with meaningful results regarding the quality of the child care facility.

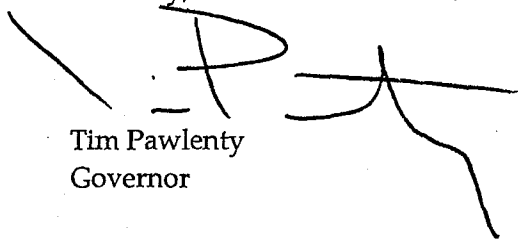
Therefore, I am directing the Departments of Education and Human Services to collectively review the concept of a Quality Rating System, and to make recommendations on what would be the necessary components to better align kindergarten readiness of a child to the rating of a child care facility.

2. Page 103, lines 103.4 – 103.19: A \$37,000 appropriation in Chapter 282, Article 14, Section 2 to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for improving legislative effectiveness and financing a legislator's international forum. These are worthy activities, but they should be funded from the Legislature's existing appropriations

or its unexpended balance of \$4.8 million. In the end, real reform will be achieved when the Legislature adopts my performance pay for politicians' proposal, not from additional self-funding.

3. Page 255, lines 255.12 – 255.18: A \$5,000 increase in FY 2006 and 2007 for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners in Article 22 Section 5 Subdivision 2. This appropriation duplicates funding included in separate legislation (Chapter 267) which I have already signed into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Pawlenty', is written over the typed name and title.

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate
Senator Dean Johnson, Majority Leader
Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader
Senator Richard J. Cohen
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