



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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April 23, 2012

The Honorable Kurt Zellers
Speaker of the House
State Office Building, Room 463
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 214, House File 1812, a bill authorizing the Department of Administration to contract for waste hauling without first determining whether there are state employees able and available to do the work.

Current Minnesota law requires the Commissioner of Administration to ensure that no state employees are able and available to perform a service before contracting out the function. This bill would waive the able and available requirement for waste hauling contracts.

Current law allows the Commissioner of Administration to enter into contracts with private providers, if the lack of personnel warrants such action. Presently, that is not the case. State employees who collect state waste also provide support in other Department of Administration functions, enabling the Department to keep multiple business units adequately staffed without additional fulltime employees.

Public employees have done remarkable jobs serving the people of Minnesota during difficult economic times. Unfortunately, there are too many in the legislature, who refuse to either recognize or appreciate the valuable work state employees perform. This bill would send a signal to them that their work is not valued.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, President of the Senate
Senator David H. Senjem, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Senate Minority Leader
Senator Paul Gazelka, Senate author
Representative Paul Thissen, House Minority Leader
Representative Kirk Stensrud, House author
The Honorable Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State
Mr. Cal R. Ludeman, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives