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GOVERNOR STATE OF MISSOURI

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TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 102nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY FIRST REGULAR SESSION STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 15 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for supplemental purposes for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof, and to transfer money among certain funds, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2023.

Section 15.156

I hereby veto \$25,000 for the purpose of funding audit costs. Article IV, Section 25 of the Constitution of Missouri states that, "Until it acts on all the appropriations recommended in the budget, neither house of the general assembly shall pass any appropriation other than emergency appropriations recommended by the governor." Emergency appropriations adopted but not included in the governor's recommendations would fail to follow the aforementioned constitutional article, which is why I am vetoing this funding. Also, funding for this purpose has been included in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Missouri Department of Transportation. Accordingly, an emergency supplemental appropriation for this purpose is not necessary.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$25,000 to \$0 from State Transportation Fund. From \$25,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

On May 15, 2023 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 15, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor