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GOVERNOR
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June 30, 2023

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
102nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Revenue, the Department of Transportation, and the several divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

Section 4.026

I hereby veto \$370,902 general revenue for the Office of Taxpayer Advocate. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, the Department of Revenue already provides these services. This is an unnecessary expansion of government.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety.

Personal Service from \$309,818 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

Expense and Equipment from \$61,084 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$370,902 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 4.446

I hereby veto \$5,000,000 general revenue for an environmental impact study related to improvements to U.S. Highway 63 between Cabool and Houston in Texas County. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, this project has not been prioritized in a regional planning process and was not included in the list of unfunded needs by the Missouri Department of Transportation.

For an environmental impact study related to improvements to US Highway 63.
From \$5,000,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$25,000,000 to \$20,000,000 in total for the section.

Section 4.537

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for the planning, design, and construction of a multimodal facility and extension of a rail spur to serve the facility. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, this funding is for a facility that will operate in conjunction with the planned Jefferson City port; however, final plans have not yet been developed. Additionally, this project has not been prioritized in a regional planning process and was not included in the list of unfunded needs by the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$2,000,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$2,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2023 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Parson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Parson" clearly distinguishable.

Michael L. Parson
Governor