



Michael L. Parson

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI

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. 6 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Conservation, and the several divisions and programs thereof and for the expenses, grants, refunds, distributions, and capital improvements projects involving the repair, replacement, and maintenance of state buildings and facilities of the Department of Natural Resources 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 6.021

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for a grant program for an agronomic research farm 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, most agriculture commodity groups utilize their check-off dollars to fund research initiatives. Those or other funds should be pursued instead of state tax dollars for this project.

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.

Section 6.026

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for an adult agricultural leadership program. 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.

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.

Section 6.237

I hereby veto \$5,000,000 general revenue for planning, design, maintenance or construction of a flood wall in St. Louis City. 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 part of this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly.

For the planning, design, maintenance or construction of a flood wall in St. Louis City.
From \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$151,000 general revenue for the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District for a project to address yard flooding. 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.

For the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.
From \$151,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$565,525 general revenue for bank erosion improvements at Grantwood Village. 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.

For distribution to Grantwood Village to address bank erosion.
From \$565,525 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$75,000 general revenue for water infrastructure improvements and projects in Elsberry. 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.

For water infrastructure improvements and projects in Elsberry.
From \$75,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$69,704,693 to \$63,913,168 in total for the section.

Section 6.238

I hereby veto \$869,000 general revenue for the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District for a project to address yard flooding. 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.

For the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.
From \$869,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$1,200,000 general revenue for sewer upgrades to a nursing 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 cannot be utilized due to an incorrect reference to the

intended recipient; however, funding for this project has been appropriated to the correct facility in House Bill 20.

For maintenance, repair, and capital improvements for sewer updates for a nursing facility.
From \$1,200,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$20,584,000 to \$18,515,000 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. 6, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Parson", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael L. Parson
Governor