



OFFICE OF

No. HB 1917

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 31, 202013

TIME SIGNED: 1:49pm

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIRST SESSION OF THE
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 1917:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill 1917.

House Bill 1917 would require state agencies to develop a contingency plan and corresponding budget in case of a 25% reduction in federal funds. Agencies must also provide a separate, annual disclosure of all federal funds being used by the agency, the programs for which the funds are being used, and the priority or rank of the funds based upon the agency's reliance on the funds. The legislation would also require an additional annual report from state agencies detailing those federal funds for which the agency must incur costs to implement.

The state's current budget process allows for ample review of federal programs and funding by both the executive and legislative branches of government. For any current fiscal year, Oklahoma Statute Title 62, Section 34.42 requires state agencies to submit a budget to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services ("OMES"), as well as to the staff of the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget and Program Oversight. This budget includes a description of all funds available to the agency for expenditure and any allotments requested by the agency.

OMES forms and instructions also provide for a thorough review and explanation of federal programs, federal funds received by the agencies as well as any anticipated reductions in federal funding. At the beginning of this year, in preparation for the FY2014 budget, I also directed all of my cabinet secretaries and state agencies to prepare for sequestration and any potential fiscal impact to agency budgets.

One of my focuses since taking office has been to streamline government and to create a more efficient and accountable state government. House Bill 1917 would place undue burden on state agencies and may cause agencies to re-direct essential staff and resources to this project. Moreover, this information is currently being compiled by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and is available to both the executive and legislative branches. In order to increase transparency and efficiencies, I have directed OMES to make this information, which is currently being collected, easily accessible to the public by posting it on the OMES website.

While House Bill 1917 is well-intentioned, it is duplicative, burdensome to state agencies and unnecessarily creates more bureaucratic red-tape. This legislation is not consistent with my commitment to streamline state government.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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By Calvette H. Hansen
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