



OFFICE OF

No. SB 2080

THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 21, 2014

TIME SIGNED: 2:23pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE  
SECOND SESSION OF THE  
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 2080:

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 Senate Bill 2080.

When the legislature is in session, Senate Bill 2080 would require select state agencies to provide the legislature with a copy of any Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement (MOU) entered into during that legislative session. The Bill would further mandate that these select state agencies publish a detailed annual report on their websites and post certain non-exempt MOU's on *documents.ok.gov*.

However, the Bill provides a total exception from MOU disclosure for any non-appropriated state agency, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the institutions of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, the State Board of Career and Technology Education, the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, technology center school districts, and public school districts. These exempted entities account for over half of the appropriated expenditures and more than one half of all Agencies, Boards and Commissions. These broad exemptions do not comport with principles of openness and transparency in government.

Further, despite the fact that every MOU which is the subject of this bill is already available through the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Senate Bill 2080 places an enormous administrative burden on these select agencies by requiring a lengthy and cumbersome annual report for every MOU, whether significant or insignificant. Senate Bill 2080's requirements for the annual report do not increase transparency but simply impose another burdensome and needless administrative mandate.

Consistent with my support of government transparency, I encourage all state agencies and entities, appropriated and non-appropriated, to post all significant MOU's on their websites and to make them available to the public upon request, but I will not impose cumbersome reporting mandates on a few state entities. Such a requirement is not consistent with the principles of efficient and better government.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
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