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No. HB 1748

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 11, 2015

TIME SIGNED: 2:35 pm

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

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 1748:

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 1748.

House Bill 1748 (Bill) would require each State agency to separately publish, either on its website or in a written report, extensive information about the federal funding it received that year, including ranking the amount of funding it received and the costs or conditions associated with receipt. This Bill is strikingly similar to House Bill 1917, which I vetoed in 2013.

My significant concerns about this Bill remain unchanged. Like House Bill 1917, this Bill will likely cause agencies to re-direct staff from essential duties or even to hire additional staff in order to meet these new and onerous reporting obligations. And although government transparency and fiscal accountability are critical, this important information is already publically available. For example, the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) currently publishes a Federal Funding Schedule at http://www.ok.gov/OSF/Budget/Federal_Funding_Schedule.html that lists federal funds received by State agencies. OMES also publishes the State of Oklahoma Executive budget book that provides data for each State agency and the source of funding, including federal funds (<http://www.ok.gov/OSF/documents/bud16.pdf>). Additionally, information regarding federal funding is presented in Oklahoma's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (<http://www.ok.gov/OSF/documents/cafr14.pdf>).

Lean, efficient government does not require its workers to repackage or reformat information that those same workers have already placed within the public domain. As with its predecessor, I cannot approve this Bill that—however well-intentioned—takes a step back from the significant gains recently made in streamlining State government.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin