



OFFICE OF

No. HB 3824

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 19, 2020

TIME SIGNED: 4:36 pm

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTY SEVENTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 3824:

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 3824.

Oversight and accountability have remained a top priority to me and my administration as it is crucial that state government remain accountable for taxpayer dollars. State agencies, as well as the Legislative and Judicial branches, are called to manage those dollars in a responsible and efficient manner. This is why our state entities are appropriated funds to pay for services they consume and provide.

House Bill 3824 would exempt the Legislative and Judicial branches from fees and costs of services rendered by appropriated state agencies. While I understand the Legislature and Judiciary provide vital functions to the state, this specific exemption is shifting responsibility from one state entity to another, while all other state entities are required to manage their own costs of services directly. In addition, House Bill 3824 contains no language guaranteeing additional appropriation to cover the cost of services to be provided to the Legislature and Judiciary, which could result in a costly negative fiscal impact in the future. This is an unnecessary shift in responsibility with no statutory guarantee of future appropriations to those providing the services.

For the aforementioned reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 3824.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

By Callette H. Nauder

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a. Cantor @ 4:49 pm