



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

May 1, 2017

Honorable Brent Sanford
President of the Senate
North Dakota Senate
North Dakota State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear President Sanford,

Pursuant to Article V, Section 9 of the North Dakota Constitution, I have signed SB 2016, the appropriations bill for Job Service North Dakota, but vetoed sections 10 and 12.

The language in section 10 appropriates \$25,000 to the Office of Management and Budget for contracting with an outside entity to conduct a study of the "most cost-effective use" for the Bismarck central office located at 1000 E. Divide Ave. The section limits the analysis of the "cost savings" to general fund dollars and specifically selects only one other state agency with which to compare costs.

It is unnecessary to expend \$25,000 to narrowly study the cost-effective uses of a single state property. Further, this narrowly defined scope of the study will produce an incomplete and misleading result, ignoring federal and other special fund financial impact when determining relocation, rental and remodeling costs.

Section 12 declares section 10 to be an emergency measure. Given the veto of section 10, section 12 is no longer applicable.

Our office will instruct Job Service North Dakota to proceed with a review of its locations immediately. We will seek the input of other state agencies' potential cost savings as part of this review and will consider them as potential tenants for all vacant space.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum
Governor