

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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May 15, 2010

The Honorable James Metzen President of the Senate 322 State Capitol Building St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Metzen:

I have received, approved, signed, and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 347, Senate File 2510, the omnibus economic development bill with the exception of line item vetoes listed below.

The following items of appropriation are vetoed for the reasons outlined below:

- Page 23, lines 23.10 23.13: "\$2,000,000 for a grant to the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority for renewable energy projects." There is currently a process in place for approval of these types of projects involving the Iron Range Resources agency and board. Because this project has not been fully vetted or approved by either of these entities, this appropriation simply should not have been made by the Legislature.
- <u>Page 154, lines 154.7 154.8:</u> An appropriation of 2.706 cents per ton to the Virginia Regional Medical Center for operating room equipment and renovations. Again, projects of this nature should be approved by the Iron Range Resources agency and board before they receive funding.

Sincerely,

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

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