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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 446. The bill would limit the Secretary of the Department of Administration's authority to determine the date of inter-fund transfers, when none is specified, by requiring that the transfer take place during the fiscal year in which the law takes effect.

At best, this bill is unnecessary. The DOA Secretary's authority to determine the date of a transfer pertains only if a date is not otherwise specified. If the Legislature wants to specify a date, it can do so.

At worst, this bill would needlessly restrict the Secretary's obligation to manage the state's finances in a prudent manner. Managing the finances of an enterprise with over \$25 billion in annual funding is inherently complex and not all circumstances can be anticipated. The flexibility granted the Secretary of Administration in determining fund transfers allows the DOA to adjust to changing circumstances.

As a practical matter, SB 446 may not be workable in the context of a biennial budget. Non-statutory provisions such as transfers could easily be effective the date of publication or the first year of the biennium. In executing a two-year budget, a transfer in the second year could be the better option to comply with legislative intent for a balanced budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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