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## Office of the Consernor

May 31, 2023

The Honorable Steve Yeager Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly Nevada Legislature 401 South Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Assembly Bill 464 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session

Dear Speaker Yeager:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 464 (AB 464), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Legislative Fund for the costs of project development and initial operating expenses relating to anticipated building renovations and construction; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assembly Bill 464 appropriates \$1,550,000 for development and initial operating expenses relating to anticipated building renovations and construction. Pursuant to testimony provided during the Senate Finance Committee on May 15, 2023, some of this funding may be used for projects related to the acquisition of property in Clark County, the purchase of which has not yet been approved by the Legislature.

The testimony provided for this bill was also not clear whether this funding is included in the Legislative Capital Improvement Program approved by the Legislature.

When the Executive Branch submits a capital improvement project, it includes a detailed breakout of costs and a summary of the project. The Legislature provides only a single line on a sheet of paper.

I believe that when it comes to the expenditure of public funds, the Legislative Branch should be held to the same standard of transparency and accountability they demand from the Executive Branch.

Until there is sufficient detail supporting the request in this bill, I cannot support Assembly Bill 464.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE LOMBARDO Governor of Nevada.

## Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Stavros Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)
The Honorable Nicole Cannizzaro, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Francisco Aguilar, Secretary of State (without enclosure)
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brenda Erdoes, Esg., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)