



TINA KOTEK
GOVERNOR

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Honorable LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Secretary of State
900 Court Street NE, Suite 136
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 5506

Dear Secretary Griffin-Valade:

Pursuant to Article V, section 15a, of the Oregon Constitution, I am exercising the line-item veto authority as to the following appropriations in Senate Bill 5506:

- **SB 5506, Section 32:** \$100,000 to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) for a study on the advantages and disadvantages of decriminalizing prostitution. While there is value to this study, particularly as it relates to understanding disproportionate impacts on communities of color, I believe it can and should be privately funded.
- **SB 5506, Section 74:** \$250,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for distribution to Cherriots to collaborate with state agencies and other entities to study the feasibility of developing a rail streetcar system in the City of Salem. I do not believe this study is a top priority for the state at this time.
- **SB 5506, Section 300:** \$500,000 to the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) School of Public Health to perform a public health study on the effects of current laws and policies on people in the sex trade in the state of Oregon. While there is value to this study, particularly as it relates to understanding disproportionate impacts on communities of color, I believe it can and should be privately funded.
- **SB 5506, Section 312:** \$1 million to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for distribution to the Willamette Career Academy to fund regional career and technical education programs provided by the Willamette Career Academy. While I support career and technical education programs, the funding should be distributed through a local school district or education service district.

Sincerely,

Governor Tina Kotek

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