

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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The Honorable Jerome M. Hughes President of the Senate State of Minnesota 328 State Capitol Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Hughes:

Today I have signed into law Chapter 286, Senate File 774/House File 1243, a bill relating to residential chemical dependency programs and nursing home transfers and discharges.

Additionally, Chapter 286 carries a \$130,000 General Fund appropriation in Section 19 to continue a health screening and intervention program for herbicide and fumigant application. This appropriation, which is directed to the Commissioner of Health for pass through to the University of Minnesota, I have line-item vetoed.

The Department of Health has stated that this program and the appropriation are not a priority. With this understanding and the knowledge that the Legislature's proposed budget is not in balance, it is not appropriate to proceed with this type of expenditure.

Sincerely,

ARNE H. CARLSON

Governor

c: Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader
Senator Duane Benson, Minority Leader
Senator Linda Berglin, Senate Chief Author
Representative Robert Vanasek, Speaker of the House
Representative Terry Dempsey, Minority Leader
Representative Lee Greenfield, House Chief Author
Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
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