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## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Glenn Koepp  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capital  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Senate Bill No. 749 by Senator Edwin Murray

Dear Mr. Koepp:

Senate Bill No. 749 by Senator Edwin Murray changes the scope and purpose of the litigation subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget in an unacceptable way that will effect the operations of Executive Branch departments and agencies.

Senate Bill No. 749 expands the scope of the underlying statute by applying it to "agreements" and "negotiations," in addition to "compromise or settlement." Due to the fact that the statute fails to define "agreement" or "negotiation," the statute may now be interpreted to apply to any negotiation, agreement, compromise or settlement which any agency or department of the Executive Branch intends to sign, regardless of whether it involves litigation. Given the magnitude and number of agreements, contracts and negotiations that the agencies and departments of the Executive Branch engage in, the overly board language will be cumbersome and will severely impact their ability to conduct routine activities.

For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 749 and hereby return it to the Senate.

Sincerely,

Bobby Jindal  
Governor