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April 30, 2013

The Honorable Andy Tobin
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2591 (governmental reporting; websites; budgets)

Dear Speaker Tobin,

Today, I vetoed HB 2591, which would have required state and local government entities to post the "actual budget total" in the bottom right-hand corner of their website homepage. The bill is duplicative and not adequately defined.

State and local governments already are required to publish comprehensive budget information. Additionally, the Department of Administration maintains the website openbooks.az.gov which provides both detailed and summary state expenditure data.

Finally, the publishing requirement in the bill is not clear and likely will be interpreted in a number of ways that would not result in budget transparency.

These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed House Bill 2591.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable Warren Petersen

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