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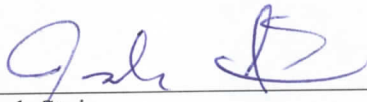
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GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 549: AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT.

House Bill 549 would grant the Auditor sweeping access to the data and records of any private corporation that accepts any amount of state funding. Giving the Auditor this intrusive power may undermine our state's efforts to recruit businesses to North Carolina. Additionally, the bill would remove the Office of State Auditor from the state's cybersecurity efforts led by the Department of Information Technology, putting North Carolinians' personal identifying information at heightened risk of a breach.

Therefore, I veto the bill.



Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 2nd day of July 2025, at 4:29 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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