

## **VETOES 4 & 5**

### **For: Adding New Employees to State Museum Commission Programming**

**Taxpayer Cost: \$75,000**

**Veto 4** – New Position at State Museum Commission (Program Coordinator I): \$35,000

**Veto 5** – New Position at State Museum Commission (Program Coordinator II): \$40,000

#### **Background Information:**

- These line items would add two more employees for programming at the State Museum.
- **The State Museum has a unique business model where it gets funding from both the government and the private sector. To protect taxpayer dollars, we have to be careful who pays for what.**
  - Public: The Governor recommended and the General Assembly provided in this year's budget funds for improved physical security at the State Museum. The Mills Building also continues to receive support from DOA.
  - Private: Creating new employee positions and growing its programming should be supported by its successes – from earned revenues through memberships, private donations, and special event revenues.
- The State Museum has had some great attractions recently – great science and art exhibits for adults and children – so it is understandable that they would be busy.
- It is reasonable for state taxpayers to take care of capital costs, and it is likewise reasonable for the private sector to take care of expanding programming costs.