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TO: State Agency Directors

RE: BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

We would like to notify you of the Appropriations Committee hearing schedule for the FY 2008 and FY 2009 budget. *As you know, the FY 2008 budget is projected to have a budget deficit of nearly \$1 billion, while the FY 2009 budget deficit is estimated at \$1.7 billion. Given the magnitude of this budget crisis, it is of utmost importance that this Committee and the Legislature develop solutions to these deficits in a timely manner.*

To accomplish this goal, the President and the Speaker have agreed that the Appropriations Committees will have an accelerated budget hearing schedule, with 3 meetings occurring prior to the start of the Regular Session. Those meetings are scheduled to occur on Tuesday, January 8 through Thursday January 10. These all-day meetings will address the FY 2008 budget.

During the 2nd week of session, the Appropriations Committee will meet 4 days between Tuesday, January 22nd and the 25th. These all-day meetings will focus on the FY 2009 budget. The hearing schedule for other committees will be modified accordingly.

These FY 2008 and FY 2009 hearings will occur with the full House and Senate Appropriations Committees meeting jointly. At this time, we do not plan for the subcommittees to meet.

Our current crisis requires a new way of doing business. The budget hearings will focus on options to resolve the deficit and will not be a forum for advocating increased spending. The JLBC Staff will provide an overview of possible shortfall options. With the exception of elected officials, the agencies will not make presentations at the hearings. Agencies, however, should be prepared to respond to questions from the Committee.

As you know, we have already adopted FY 2009 budgets for most smaller agencies. A few of these non-General Fund agencies may require a supplemental. We plan to use a consent agenda for the biennial supplementals. Only Appropriations Committee members can request that a budget be pulled from the consent agenda. Such requests must be filed with the Director of the JLBC Staff by January 22. Any agency pulled from the consent agenda will then be considered for a separate hearing.

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Because of our time frames, we plan few deviations from the attached schedule. As a result, we hope that you will be available at your scheduled time.

Sincerely,

Representative Russell Pearce
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
48th Legislature

Senator Robert "Bob" Burns
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
48th Legislature

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Attachments
xc: Richard Stavneak, Director, JLBC

FY 2008 BUDGET SHORTFALL OPTIONS
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE HEARING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 8, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Community Colleges
Department of Corrections
DPS
Courts
Treasurer
Biomedical Research Commission
Department of Commerce
ACJC
DEQ
GITA
State Land Department
Arizona State Parks Board
Revenue, Department of
Office of Tourism
Department of Veterans' Services
DWR

JANUARY 9, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

AHCCCS
Universities
DES
DHS

JANUARY 10, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

ADE
SFB
Capital
Lump Sum Agencies

Any agency not heard on 8th and 9th.

FY 2009
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE HEARING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 22, Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Community Colleges
Department of Corrections
Department of Juvenile Corrections
DPS
Courts
Mine Inspector
Treasurer
ADOA

JANUARY 23, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Universities
Revenue Sharing

Biennial^{1/}

Department of Agriculture
Arizona Commission on the Arts
Attorney General
Biomedical Research Commission
Board of Charter Schools
Department of Commerce
Registrar of Contractors
Corporation Commission
Cosmetology Board
ACJC
Commission on Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Dental Board
DEQ
Game & Fish Department
GITA
Department of Housing
Industrial Commission
State Land Department
Arizona State Lottery Commission
Medical Board
Arizona State Parks Board
Pharmacy Board
Revenue, Department of
Office of Tourism
Department of Veterans' Services
DWR

JANUARY 24, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

AHCCCS
DES
DHS

JANUARY 25, Friday, 9:00 a.m.

ADE
SFB
Capital
Lump Sum Agencies

Any agency not heard on 22nd - 24th

JANUARY 29/30*

Potential Adoption of Previously Heard Budgets

Consent Agenda
Financial Institutions
ADOT
Biennial Supplementals
Corporation Commission
GITA
Board of Homeopathic Examiners
Industrial Commission
AZ Navigable Stream Adjudication Comm.
Comm. on Postsecondary Education
Board of Psychologist Examiners
Arizona State Retirement System
Department of Weights and Measures

* Regular House/Senate Appropriation Meetings.

^{1/} Already have enacted 09 budget. Hearing would discuss budget shortfall options.