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January 13, 2009

TO: State Agency Directors

RE: BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

We would like to notify you of the Appropriations Committee hearing schedule for the FY 2010 budget. As you know, the FY 2010 budget deficit is near \$3.0 billion. We intend to have the Appropriations Committee develop a FY 2009 solution almost immediately, as well as develop the FY 2010 solution as quickly as possible.

Starting on the week of January 26, the Appropriations Committees will meet to hold hearings on agencies' FY 2010 budgets as follows:

- Tuesday afternoons: the Senate Appropriations Committee will meet to consider mid-sized agency budgets.
- Wednesday afternoons: the House Appropriations Committee will meet to consider these same mid-sized agency budgets.
- Thursday afternoons, the Senate and the House Appropriations Committees will meet jointly to consider the largest agency budgets.

The budget hearings will focus on options to resolve the deficit. The JLBC Staff will provide an overview of any Baseline adjustments and possible shortfall options. The agencies do not need to prepare a presentation for the hearings, but should be prepared to answer the questions from the Committee. In terms of Cabinet and other Executive Branch agencies, the Executive will determine who will represent them at the hearing.

As you can see on the attached schedule, the Appropriations Committees will have a consent agenda for some small agencies. 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 to be held on a Friday.

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 John Kavanagh  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
49<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Senator Russell Pearce  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
49<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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Attachments

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