

## JLBC MEETING

At its June 19, 2014 meeting, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee considered the following issues:

**Attorney General – Review of Quarterly Reports on Legal Settlements** – The Committee gave a favorable review of the \$9.1 million allocation of legal settlements for the third quarter of FY 2014. Of the \$9.1 million total, \$2.0 million went to the Consumer Protection – Consumer Fraud (CPCF) Revolving Fund, \$1.3 million to the Restitution Subaccount, and \$5.8 million to the Remediation Subaccount.

Monies in the CPCF Revolving Fund are used to pay for operations of the Consumer Protection Division. Monies in the Restitution Subaccount are used to compensate identifiable entities who suffer economic loss from consumer fraud. Monies in the Mediation Subaccount are deposited when there are no identifiable entities resulting from consumer fraud.

**Automobile Theft Authority – Review of the Reimbursable Program** – The Committee gave a favorable review of the proposal to spend up to \$10,000, to be donated by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), to support the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force in an ongoing investigation.

**AHCCCS/Department of Health Services – Review of Proposed Transfer** – The Committee gave a favorable review to transfer \$13.0 million from AHCCCS to the Department of Health Services (DHS) for expenditures associated with Medicaid Behavioral Health Services.

DHS projects June 2014 enrollments will exceed budgeted enrollments by 2.1%, or 27,400 enrollees. The \$13.0 million is the maximum amount for transfer permitted under the FY 2015 General Appropriation Act.

**Arizona Department of Education – Review of AELAS Expenditure Plan for FY 2015** – The Committee gave a favorable review to the Department of Education's (ADE) spending plan of \$12.0 million for the Arizona Education and Learning Accountability System.

ADE must still receive approval for spending components from the Information Technology Authorization Committee (ITAC) and the Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology (ASET).

**Department of Public Safety – Review of the GIITEM Expenditure Plan** – The Committee gave a favorable review to the Department of Public Safety's spending plan for the Gang and Immigration Intelligent Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM). Monies will be divided between 4 programs: Detention Liaison Officers Program, Border County Officers Program, Pima County Borders Crime Unit, and Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants.

**Arizona Department of Administration/Department of Environmental Quality – Review of Phase 2 Web Portal** – The Committee gave a favorable review to the spending plan with certain provisions.

The \$6.8 million will be used for myDEQ Phase 2, an automation project covering 22 business services previously done on paper.

**Department of Child Safety – Review of Transition Funding Expenditure Plan** – The Committee gave a favorable review to \$3.6 million in transition funding for the Department of Child Services (DCS) in the first quarter. While originally budgeted as a one-time expense, this funding would support 40 permanent administrative FTE Positions and on-going software licensing costs, with the following provisions:

- 1) DCS receive any necessary ADOA approvals for information technology expenses.
- 2) DCS submit a listing of all 99 administrative FTE Positions transferred from DES and a listing of all 40 new FTE Positions.
- 3) The favorable review does not reflect Committee endorsement of a particular staffing level.

**Department of Child Safety – Review of Quarterly Benchmarks and Expenditure Plan** –

The Committee gave a favorable review to DCS's quarterly benchmark and expenditure plan. The plan estimates that all of the budgeted 1,406 caseworker positions will be filled by the end of the first quarter of FY 2015. DCS also plans to determine by December 2014 whether the 13,000 backlog cases as of June 2 will need further investigation. Backlog cases are defined as those with no case action in the last 60 days. DCS plan to finish any investigation on these cases by the end of FY 2015.

**Department of Child Safety – Review of FY 2015 Intensive Family Services Expenditure Plan** –

The Committee gave a favorable review to DCS's Intensive Family Services Expenditure plan, with the condition that DCS update the Committee on the Request for Information and Request for Proposals process regarding its service delivery mechanism. DCS will spend this year's funds in the same manner as in FY 2014 by supplementing in-home services.

**Attorney General – Review of Allocation of Settlement Monies – State v. GlaxoSmithKlin, LLC.** –

The Committee gave a favorable review to the Attorney General's allocation plan for the \$3.1 million settlement in the State v. GlaxoSmithKline, LLC case. An amount of \$650,000 of the settlement will be put into the CPCF Revolving Fund and the remaining \$2.4 million will be spent on childhood obesity prevention efforts via a competitive grants process.