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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator G. William Diamond, Senate Chair
Representative Emily Ann Cain, House Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Troy Dale Jackson, Senate Chair *T. J.*
Representative John L. Tuttle, House Chair *J. L. T.*
Joint Standing Committee on Labor

DATE: January 27, 2010

RE: LD 1671

The Joint Standing Committee on Labor met and voted on LD 1671, the Governor's Supplemental Budget, on January 21, 2010. We are in support of all the initiatives, but respectfully request one amendment. We request that the cuts to the Governor's Training Initiative Program (Ref. # 1109) be one-time deappropriations from the unencumbered balance forward for 2009 and 2010. Currently, they are in the budget as ongoing.

Attached you will find a marked-up version of the section of the supplementary budget over which the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has jurisdiction.

Thank you.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Labor

Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Emergency Unemployment Benefit Reimbursement Fund Z091

Initiative: Reduces the funding authorized in Public Law 2009, chapter 33 for reimbursing certain direct reimbursement employers for extended benefits paid as a result of temporarily adding an alternative methodology for determining when extended unemployment benefits are paid.

Ref. #: 61

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote:

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND			
All Other	\$0	(\$500,000)	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$500,000)	\$0

Justification:

This initiative reduces funding that is no longer required to meet the extended unemployment benefits provisions in PL 2007, c. 33.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
DEPARTMENT TOTALS			
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$500,000)	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$500,000)	\$0

Sec. A-37. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Transfers one Office Associate II position and one Employment and Training Specialist III position from the Migrant and Immigrant Services program to the Employment Services Activity program and transfers one Office Associate II position from the Employment Services Activity program to the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired program.

Ref. #: 1092

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$50,892	\$54,004
All Other	\$0	\$298	\$316
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$51,190	\$54,320

Justification:

Transfers three positions between federal accounts to reflect current funding and the proper functional location.

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Provides funding to ensure that sufficient funds are available to provide unemployment benefits.

Ref. #: 1100

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote:

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$0	\$107,166,625	\$121,821,120
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$107,166,625	\$121,821,120

Justification:

The unemployment insurance budget is being increased to reflect the large increase in benefit payments that has occurred over the past two years. The rate of unemployment has increased from approximately 4% in the past biennium to approximately 10% today. Additional funds are requested based upon projections at current payment levels.

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocations into line with available federal resources.

Ref. #: 1103

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$0	\$1,268,750	\$3,052,196

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$0 \$1,268,750 \$3,052,196

Justification:

Current allocation is insufficient to allow full spending of ongoing federal grants.

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Transfers one Customer Representative Associate I Employment position from the Employment Security Services program to the Safety Education and Training Programs.

Ref. #: 1104

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

0.000 (1.000) (1.000)

Personal Services

\$0 (\$42,862) (\$45,530)

All Other

\$0 (\$327) (\$348)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$0 (\$43,189) (\$45,878)

Justification:

Transfers one Customer Representative Associate I Employment position from the Employment Security Administration Fund account to the Safety Education and Training Program account to reflect current funding and the proper functional location.

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocations into line with available federal resources.

Ref. #: 1111

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

All Other

\$0 \$0 \$14,700

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$0 \$0 \$14,700

Justification:

Current allocation is insufficient to allow full spending of ongoing federal grants.

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Transfers one Office Associate II position and one Employment and Training Specialist III position from the Migrant and Immigrant Services program to the Employment Services Activity program and transfers one Office Associate II position from the Employment Services Activity program to the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired program.

Ref. #: 1112

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
0.000	1.000	1.000
\$0	\$73,686	\$74,970
\$0	\$902	\$905
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$74,588</u>	<u>\$75,875</u>

Justification:

Transfers three positions between federal accounts to reflect current funding and the proper functional location.

Governor's Training Initiative Program 0842

Initiative: Reduces funding to meet departmental cost reduction targets.

Ref. #: 1109

Committee Vote:

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13-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
\$0	(\$438,000)	(\$447,957)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$438,000)</u>	<u>(\$447,957)</u>

**Recommend one-time deappropriations rather than ongoing.*

Justification:

The reduction of funding available for training under the Governor's Training Initiative Program will likely mean that fewer employers, fewer incumbent workers and fewer new hires will be served.

Migrant and Immigrant Services 0920

Initiative: Transfers one Office Associate II position and one Employment and Training Specialist III position from the Migrant and Immigrant Services program to the Employment Services Activity program and transfers one Office Associate II position from the Employment Services Activity program to the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired program.

Ref. #: 1114

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
0.000	(2.000)	(2.000)
\$0	(\$124,578)	(\$128,974)
\$0	(\$1,209)	(\$1,252)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$125,787)</u>	<u>(\$130,226)</u>

Justification:

Transfers three positions between federal accounts to reflect current funding and the proper functional location.

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted vocational services that will be used to match federal funding. Funding in the same amount that was used for the same purpose will be deappropriated from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Ref. #: 1106

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$304,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$304,000

Justification:

This initiative provides funding to the Department of Labor for vocational services which will be used to match funding from the Rehabilitation Services Administration. A corresponding deappropriation was made from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: Transfers one Customer Representative Associate I Employment position from the Employment Security Services program to the Safety Education and Training Programs.

Ref. #: 1097

Committee Vote:

OTP
13-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$42,862	\$45,530
All Other	\$0	\$416	\$442
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$43,278	\$45,972

Justification:

Transfers one Customer Representative Associate I Employment position from the Employment Security Administration Fund account to the Safety Education and Training Program account to reflect current funding and the proper functional location.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$438,000)	(\$143,957)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$1,225,552	\$3,020,987
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$43,278	\$45,972
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND	\$0	\$107,166,625	\$121,821,120
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$107,997,455	\$124,744,122

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Labor 0030

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 1086

Committee Vote: OTP AFA Vote: _____
13-0

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	\$341	\$344
All Other	\$0	(\$341)	(\$344)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

Ref. #: 1087

Committee Vote: OTP AFA Vote: _____
13-0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	\$8,224	\$5,859
All Other	\$0	\$474	\$338
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$8,698	\$6,197

Ref. #: 1088

Committee Vote: OTP AFA Vote: _____
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	\$682	\$691
All Other	\$0	\$39	\$40
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$721	\$731

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 1093

Committee Vote: OTP AFA Vote: _____
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GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	\$12,664	\$9,276
All Other	\$0	(\$12,664)	(\$9,276)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

Ref. #: 1094

Committee Vote: OTP AFA Vote: _____
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11

Personal Services	\$0	\$88,415	\$18,555
All Other	\$0	\$518	\$109
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$88,933	\$18,664

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 1107

Committee Vote:

OTP

AFA Vote:

13-0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	\$15,710	\$11,965
All Other	\$0	\$262	\$200
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,972	\$12,165

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$113,603	\$37,026
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$721	\$731
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$114,324	\$37,757