

JLBC MEETING

Department of Administration – Review of HSA/HRA – The Committee decided not to take action at this time regarding the department’s report on health reimbursement accounts (HRAs) and health savings accounts (HSAs) for state employee health benefits. The Chairman appointed a subcommittee to follow up on the report from the HRAs and HSAs for state employee health benefits. HRAs and HSAs are employee accounts maintained by employers or a third party used to pay-health-related costs.

In their proposal, the Department of Administration (ADOA) outlined 4 options that would, on average, lower employer costs by 3% from current levels excluding implementation costs. ADOA anticipated that 2% of state employees would use these new plans. ADOA has not decided whether to offer these options in the future.

Auditor General – Review of ELL Modifications – The Committee gave a favorable review to the Auditor General’s modifications to the public school accounting system due to Laws 2006, Chapter 4 (the English Learner bill from the 2006 Legislative Session).

Community Colleges – Review of Dual Enrollment IGA Template – The Committee gave a favorable review to the Community Colleges uniform intergovernmental agreement template for dual enrollment.

Department of Environmental Quality – Review of Intended Use of Monies in the Indirect Cost Recovery Fund – The Committee gave a favorable review to the DEQ’s intended uses of Indirect Cost Recovery Funds in excess of \$10.8 million. DEQ anticipates spending a total of \$12.5 million for the entire fiscal year. The Indirect Cost Recovery Fund is used to pay administrative and overhead expenses for DEQ programs.

Department of Environmental Quality – Review of Water Quality Processing Times – The Committee gave a favorable review to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) report documenting water quality permit processing times for FY 2007 and FY 2008. The department is projecting average time for all types of permits will be within the specified permit processing timeframe for FY 2008.

Department of Public Safety – Quarterly Review of the Interoperability Project- The Committee gave a favorable review to the Department of Public Safety’s (DPS) FY 2008 first quarter expenditures and progress report for the statewide interoperability design project. The statewide interoperability design project is an effort to develop a statewide standard-based interoperability system that allows public safety personnel from one agency to communicate with personnel from other agencies.

Department of Transportation – Review of Third Party Progress Report – The Committee gave a favorable review of the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) semiannual progress report regarding increasing third party transactions. Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) third parties allow the public to conduct certain transactions through the private sector. With the exception of traffic survival schools, DOT continues to increase its number of third parties.