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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – October 23, 2013 10:00 A.M.

I. Call To Order/ Roll Call

Commissioner Yvonne de la Peña called the meeting to order at 10:08 A.M.

Members present: Yvonne de la Peña, Jack Buckhorn, Richard Harris, Scott Gordon
Paul Von Berg, Carl Goff and Chief Diane Ravnik

A quorum was met.

Members absent: Les DenHerder and Aram Hodess

Review/Approval of the minutes of July 24, 2013

Commissioner Jack Buckhorn made a motion to approve the July 24, 2013 minutes and Commissioner Scott Gordon seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. A correction to the July 24, 2014 minutes was revised in section III to read as “Solutions in Trailer Bill (AB 97). Revision was noted and changed.

II. Update on Apprenticeship Funding

Commissioner de la Peña discussed the final version of AB 97 and AB 110. Both bills were signed on September 26, 2013. Important technical changes were included in these bills, such as – eliminating provisions that directed all the apprenticeship funds to be allocated the local community colleges, and none for K-12 LEAs.

She also stated that the dollar amount per hour was not designated in the previous legislation for K-12 LEA’s

Moving forward the apprenticeship committee will be looking at the transition issues and how the legislation is implemented by the Chancellor’s Office. A committee has been formed with equal representation from the CDE (California Department of Education) LEAs and the Chancellor’s Office LEAs and DAS (Division of Apprenticeship Standards). They are to formalize processes related common administrative practices and costs.

Commissioner de la Peña provided an informational handout summarizing changes to the Education Codes applicable to the apprenticeship programs.

III. January agenda items

Commissioner de la Peña suggested discussing increasing the RSI hourly rate and bringing them back to the dollars that were lost.

Commissioner Jack Buckhorn suggested that the committee request that apprenticeship be restored to full funding and make it concurrent with the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of apprenticeship.

Commissioner Buckhorn made a motion that the committee go on record as supporting restoring full funding of apprenticeship to the 2008 levels. Commissioner Paul Von Berg seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

IV. Review of New and Pending Bills

Commissioner de la Peña stated there were no new bills. She further stated that some bills were signed into law and chaptered –SB54 re: using apprentices in chemical manufacturing and prevailing wages. DAS Chief Diane Ravnik gave a brief overview of the bill stating that it would potentially affect many of the apprenticeship community in the building and construction trades that do outside work with refineries. It was found that, approximately every two years refineries conduct a major maintenance. During that time they were not using their regular incumbent employees and would contract out for additional services from different crafts. The bill is referred to as “Advanced Safety Training”. The Chief of Division of Apprenticeship Standards is required to approve a curriculum of in-person classroom and laboratory instruction for approved advanced safety training or workers at high hazard facilities by January 1, 2016. Other provisions of the law that go into effect as early as 2014 concerning qualifications for the workforce that the various refineries would be contracting out before that time. Chief Ravnik encouraged the attendees to read the actual legislation and how would impact them.

Commissioner de la Peña also stated that SB1070 establishes the career technical education pathways program. It remodeled SB 70 which sunset in January 2013. There is funding in the bill for the career technical education pathways programs which requires the Chancellor of the community colleges and the superintendents to assist in the economic and workforce regional development.

She highly encouraged the attendees to bring bills that specifically address their trade to the attention of the CAC Legislation Committee.

Commissioner Jack Buckhorn read the signing letter written by Governor Brown regarding SB 54 and apprenticeship. The letter will be attached to these minutes on the website.

V. Adjournment

A motion and a second were made to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 A.M.