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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Chairperson Jack Buckhorn
Handlery Hotel San Diego

Wednesday, July 27, 2016
11:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

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I. Call To Order/ Roll Call

Chairperson Jack Buckhorn called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

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

A quorum was met.

Members absent: Christopher Christophersen, Hector Velez,

II. Review/Approve Minutes – January 27, 2016

1. A motion and a second were made to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2016. All approved. The motion carried.

III. Budget 2016 - 2017

Chairman Jack Buckhorn discussed the Governor's 2016-17 Budget, as introduced, increases the appropriation for Apprenticeship by \$1,593,000; to a total of \$53,750,000. The hourly reimbursement rate for RSI increased to \$5.71. This rate is essentially

equivalent to the community college noncredit hourly rate. Further, the proposed appropriation includes \$15,000,000 (found in the community college budget schedule) for innovative apprenticeship training demonstration projects. Both colleges and K-12 entities may receive funding for this purpose.

The appropriation includes the following:

1. Funding for **K-12** increased by \$938,000 to \$21,429,000 (4.58 % increase)
2. Funding for **community colleges** increased by \$752,000 to \$31,433,000 (4.57% increase (excluding \$15,000,000))
3. An additional \$15,000,000 is included in the community college item for the second year to "...develop and implement innovative apprenticeship training demonstration projects..." Both community colleges and K-12 entities, participating in the apprenticeship program, are eligible to apply for funding under this provision.
4. The **RSI** hourly rate is increased by \$0.25 from \$5.46 to \$5.71 (4.58%).
5. No COLA was applied to Apprenticeship as well as to most, if not all, other community college programs. He advised that this came into effect July 2016.

Chairman Jack Buckhorn stated that it would be nice to see more money allocated to the expansion of existing programs especially since we are seeing an increase in the number of active apprentices. Yvonne de la Peña stated that there might be a proposal to add to this 2016-17 budget or possibly the 2017-2018 budget years due to the gathering data to support the augmentation now being received until recently.

Comments from the public were taken regarding the need for an increase in the budget and RSI funding.

DAS Chief Ravnik stated that Nick Esquivel has been taking an active role and helping with gathering the hours from the local LEA's. This data is what is needed to make our case of what our true cost of the apprenticeship RSI and what we need moving forward.

Nick Esquivel from the Chancellor's office stated that the April 2017 CAC is the most critical. Nick stated that when the recap occurs in January that he will present to the CAC in April handouts of what the shortfall is for the 2016-2017 year. He suggested that through that data and presentation that will take place at the CAC April 2017, the CAC will be able to use that information with legislators and labor agencies.

Chairman Jack Buckhorn stated that with that information being provided in April the CAC will be prepared to lobby for the increase that is need before the May revise.

Scott Lewis suggested that the Legislative committee assemble a document that goes before the CAC and submitted to the Governor. Along with this letter include the recommendations from Nick Esquivel.

IV. Review of New and Pending Bills

Chairperson Jack Buckhorn gave a short report and overview on general apprenticeship legislation and stated copies of this report were provided and are made available to apprenticeship community. (Please see the attached document).

Chairperson Yvonne de la Peña also provided 2015-16 Budget Act Trailer Bills that impact Apprenticeship programs (Please see the attached document). Yvonne de la Peña asked the attendees to send any information on issues they would like to discuss.

Jaime Robinson, SW Carpenters asked about SB54 and also stated that the work group had a question on Workers who work solely for the refinery. She stated that the question the working group discussed was could there be a change in the legislation to allow those who work in a refinery to do a 20hr refresher. She stated that there is currently no refresher in place and is this something that the community could support. Chairman Jack Buckhorn stated that it would be a great agenda item and we can take a look at this item in more detail and see if this is something that the community and the CAC could support.

V. Adjournment

A motion and a second were made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.