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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – January 23, 2013 9:00 A.M.

I. Call To Order/ Roll Call

Commissioner Yvonne de la Peña called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

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

A quorum was met.

Members absent: Les DenHerder, Aram Hodess, and Carl Goff

Review/Approval of the minutes of July 25, 2012

Commissioner Jack Buckhorn made a motion to approve the July 25, 2012 minutes and Commissioner Paul Von Berg seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

II. Update on Pending Bills

Chairperson de la Peña reported that there are no pending bills at this time.

III. New Bills

Commissioner de la Peña called on the attendees and committee members to let her know if there were any bills they would like to follow. Send your suggestions to Ms. de la Peña at ydelapena@cpf.org.

IV. Review of New Bills

- Governor's Budget Proposals
Ms. de la Peña referred the committee and attendees to a hand out *Budget Bill Timelines for 2013-2014*.
- She also handed out a summary of the Governor's Budget proposal as it relates to apprenticeship and how it can affect the apprenticeship community.
- Ms. de la Peña focused attention to the education portion of the proposal and noted that it shifts all K-12 Adult Education and apprenticeship to the community colleges "to eliminate the current bifurcated system and places the community colleges in a position to improve coordination at the regional and statewide levels." For the community colleges, the dollars are flexible and it raises the question if the dollars go to the Chancellor's Office, and does that make *them* flexible. There is twice as much money on the side of the Department of Education and this could be an issue. Also a question of the statutory, rules and regulations attached to how the dollars are distributed and does that move over to the Chancellor's Office. Ms. de la Peña also noted that

for those programs that work with the Department of Education – would they still have contracts with their LEAs, and how would that affect the relationship between the community colleges and the Department of Education as it relates to training.

- Chairperson de la Peña stated that the recommendation is coming from the Department of Finance within the proposed budget. She further stated that they need to be educated on apprenticeship and how it works.

Comments from the Public:

It was asked if the administration knows what the impact would be on apprenticeship. DAS Chief Diane Ravnik stated that it is unknown. Chief Ravnik has reached out to people at the Agency level and expressed concerns on the issue. She found that there are some conflicting themes even though they are supportive of apprenticeship she felt they did not understand the implications of what this educational proposal is doing. She will continue to convey and educate them of this issue.

Commissioner Julia Dozier stated that after reading the LAO (Legislative Analyst Office) report she understood it to be about consolidating adult education, as if apprenticeship was an afterthought and not aimed toward apprenticeship programs.

Cris McCullough, Community Colleges Chancellor's Office stated that the decision was not asked by the Chancellor's Office. In meetings with John Dunn, Department of Education, discussion brought up inconsistencies in terms of how apprenticeship is administered to the CDE and the Community Colleges, and if it does happen there will be many legislative hearings before the May revise and the final proposal. Ms. McCullough further stated that should the two systems be brought together there should be some type of waiver for rules and regulations as they currently do not align. The larger issue is how the money is allocated. Currently in the community colleges, it is fixed. Apprenticeship money is in flex of 50%. The CDE is in flex at 80%. Scott Lewis and Darell Lawrence, Northern 46 counties Drywall/Lathers JATC expressed their concern and issue that their programs' hours were dropped by the community colleges.

DAS Chief Diane Ravnik commented that the overall intent of the Governor's budget had two goals – to give local control and consolidate. She expressed the lack of understanding of how the ideas directly impact the apprenticeship community. She asked the attendees to express the importance of apprenticeship that creates jobs and adds to private sector money and send their stories to their lobbyists as a way of educating the legislators.

V. Other Items of Interest

- It was discussed that the committee should develop a white paper with talking points and call a meeting to discuss prior to next full CAC meeting.

VI. Adjournment

A motion and a second were made to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.