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MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Heath, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations
From: Rep. Emmons, Chair, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
Date: March 13, 2014
Subject: Review of Provisions in Governor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

As per your request, we have reviewed the proposals included in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2015 proposed budget and have proposed additional language below.

Section E.113 – Buildings and general services – engineering

Recommendation: The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions agrees with the proposal that the interdepartmental transfer of \$3,196,163 in this section shall be from the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2(c)(5).

Section E. 113.1 – Repeal

Recommendation: 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 39 directed the Commissioner of Finance and Management to establish a working group to develop criteria and guidelines for allocating engineering costs between the Capital Bill and the General Fund. The report suggested that engineering costs should continue to be eligible for general obligation debt financing and included several recommendations for the Department of Buildings and General Services for tracking these eligible costs. The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions proposes that the Department of Buildings and General Services is given some time to implement these recommendations. At the end of FY 2015, once the Department of Buildings and General Services has implemented the recommendations, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions will evaluate whether it is appropriate to continue to fund these costs from the

Capital Bill. Therefore, the Committee proposes the following language in the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget to change the effective date for Sec. 100(c)(July 1, 2014 effective date) and direct the Department of Buildings and General Services to adopt the recommendations included in the Commissioner of Finance and Management's report:

Sec. X. 2013 Acts and Resolves No.1, Sec. 100(c) is amended to read:

(c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1, 2014~~ July 1, 2015.

Sec. X. DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; ALLOCATION OF ENGINEERING COSTS

(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall implement the following recommendations from the report required by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 39, relating to accounting standards for engineering costs:

(1) initiate a process to track engineering costs to specific projects through the VTHR payroll system; and

(2) once engineering costs are tracked to specific projects, allocate these known capital costs to expenses paid from general obligation debt financing and allocate non-capital costs to expenses paid from the General Fund.

(b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall work with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to implement a project tracking procedure through the VTHR payroll system described in subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

(c) On or before January 15, 2015, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall update the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the implementation of the recommendations described in subsection (a) of this section.

Section E.338 – Public inebriates

Recommendation: The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions agrees with the proposal to change the effective date for incarceration of public inebriates in facilities operated by the Department of Corrections from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2016.