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AMY CARLSON

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To: Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee
From: Amy Carlson, Joe, Triem, and Stephanie Morrison

RE: LFD Upcoming Interim Work Plan for RTIC

The LFD in consultation with the LFC is developing a work plan for the 2015 interim. As you know, the LFD has seen significant staff turnover in the area of revenue estimates. We are in the process of hiring new analytical staff to work on revenues estimates and other analysis. Since training and development of the new staff is critical to the long-term success of the Fiscal Division revenue analysis, we have decided to develop a "dry run" of the revenue estimates this fall. This dry run will provide critical skill development for staff. If you are interested, we anticipate presenting the RTIC these preliminary revenue estimates at the December 2013 meeting.

In addition to the work products shown below, Director Carlson would also like to engage in a conversation with RTIC regarding the long-term direction of LFD staff work for the RTIC committee. We would like an opportunity to discuss this topic with RTIC members either individually and/or at one of your meetings. We will work with Megan Moore and the newly elected Chairman of the RTIC to discuss how the RTIC would like to engage in this discussion later this year.

The following outlines the LFD anticipated work plan for the RTIC.

June 27, 2013

- 2015 Biennium Legislative Fiscal Report Summary and General Fund Status
- General Fund Revenue Collection Update
- Work plan general discussion

September 5-6, 2013

- FYE 2013 Revenue Report
- Discussion on long-term strategic plan for the LFD

December 4-5, 2013

- Trial Run Revenue Estimate for the 2017 biennium
- General Fund Revenue Collection Update

February 20-21, 2014

- General Fund Revenue Collection Update

May 1, 2014

- General Fund Revenue Collection Update (draft only on May 1, finalized by May 8)

July 10-11, 2014

- General Fund Revenue Collection Update
- Optional: General Fund Outlook for the 2017 biennium (also known as Big Picture report)

September 4-5, 2014

- FYE 2014 Revenue Report

November 20, 2014

- General Fund Revenue Collection Update
- 2017 Biennium Revenue Estimate Recommendations

We look forward to working with the Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee in the upcoming interim. Please let us know if you would like to modify this proposed work plan or have other projects you are interested in.