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To: Senate Finance and Claims members
House Appropriations members

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Each session Senate Finance and Claims and House Appropriations agree on rules for operation of joint subcommittees. Most of these rules are standard and do not change materially between sessions, and a few are new this session.

The following rules are divided into two groups. One part is related to budget processes that benefit from consistent application such as; budget starting point, personal services, fixed costs, inflation/deflation and implementation of HB 2 related items. The second part is related to current budget issues, such as federal revenues, state special revenue examination, increased coordination between long range budget bills and HB 2 and information technology.

Application of Certain Budget issues

1. Initial Motions for Thursday January 8th: motion instructions will be available in subcommittee
    a. Starting point motion
        i. Adopt the FY 2015 legislative budget without OTO as presented in the Legislative Fiscal Division Budget Analysis
        ii. Adopt 2015 biennium lower FTE established by the boiler plate language of the 2013 session HB 2 that reduced 2015 biennium FTE as defined by the executive in their budget submission
        iii. Adopt line item for Legislative Audit in FY 2016 as a biennial appropriation at the same level as in HB 2 in the 2013 session
    b. Adopt decision points as outlined in the Legislative Fiscal Division Budget Analysis for "State Share Health Insurance" and "Fully Fund 2015 Legislatively Authorized FTE"
    c. Adopt the current federal law changes in the federal matching rates (FMAP) for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
2. Fixed Costs, Inflation/Deflation – The General Government subcommittee will examine these factors and provide direction to the other subcommittees on the adequacy of the rates and any adjustments to other all other subcommittees.
3. Internal Service Programs – The rates for internal service funded proprietary programs should be reviewed and analyzed.
4. Proposals requiring Legislation – Appropriations for items requiring statutory change should make no adjustment to HB 2 until the required legislation passes, except for K-12 inflation which is present law.
5. Companion Legislation – The chair of House Appropriations will request legislation to provide a vehicle(s) for enacting substantive language to implement specific appropriations in HB 2.