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To: Special Select Committee on State Settlement Accountability Members  
From: Susan B. Fox, Executive Director *Susan B. Fox*  
Re: Funding request

This memo is prepared in regards to funding for the Special Select Committee on State Settlement Accountability. Costs for the conference call and for staffing the April 25th meeting will be absorbed by the Legislative Services Division, however, there is no funding for legislator participation at this time. For the 10 legislative members on the committee, two, one-day meeting in Helena is estimated to cost \$9,400; three, one-day meeting is estimated to cost \$13,700 - accounting for full attendance, overnight stay, mileage, and meals. The committee will have to decide whether they want to request funding for legislators for the April 25, 2018, meeting. Travel accounts for almost two-thirds of the estimated costs and salary for the remainder. Actual costs may be lower depending on attendance and the times meetings are scheduled.

Absent an appropriation or legislation creating this committee, there are two potential funding sources. In Program 21, the emerging issues appropriation has been administered by the Legislative Council and provided upon request to committees that need additional funding or for emerging issues of statewide importance. Leaders each also receive leadership funds that are under their individual jurisdiction.

Emerging Issues has a balance of \$11,366 as of April 6, 2018. Emerging issues funds require authorization of the Legislative Council. Legislative Council's next meeting will be May 23 and 24, 2018. The leadership funds are under the authority of each leader.

Currently, the Council is anticipating a request for funding from the committee, and that request will be on the agenda for the May 23, 2018 meeting.