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DATE: June 7, 2021

TO: Senator Kenneth Bogner
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FROM: Rep. Dan Bartel, Chair, Section A, Interim Budget Committee

RE: Interim Budget Committees & Economic Affairs Interim Committee

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please consider the opportunity to work closely with the newly formed interim budget committees, particularly the [Section A General Government Interim Budget Committee \(Section A IBC\)](#). This interim budget committee is appointed to study the following topics as directed by [HB 497](#):

- Oversee budget activities of the department of administration (including banking and financial divisions), Department of Commerce, Department of Labor and Industry, State Auditor's Office, as well as, other general government agency budgets
- Review new and existing programs provided by general government agencies
- Report budget observations and recommendations
- Forward any recommendations for proposed legislation to the relevant interim committee (in this case, Economic Affairs) or the Legislative Finance Committee

Working together during the interim provides an opportunity to bridge gaps between policy and fiscal issues. By developing collaborative relationships during the interim, more work may be achieved during regular legislative sessions. Please consider joining the Section A IBC for at least one if not more joint meetings during the interim.

Although the interim budget committee meeting dates are directed in statute (HB 497, section 4), please consider any of the set dates as potential joint meetings of the Section A IBC and Economic Affairs. The

IBC meeting schedule is below for your convenience. If interested, please work with our legislative staff to organize the joint meeting(s).

Thank you and we look forward to working together during the interim.

IBC meeting dates:

Sept. 15, 2021

Dec. 15, 2021

March 16, 2022

June 15, 2022

Sept. 14, 2022

Dec. 7, 2022