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Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee of the Whole

Update on the Proposed 2004-05 Governor's Budget

AGENDA INSERT

Executive Summary: This agenda item is intended to inform the Members of the Commission on the salient points of the Commission's portion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2004-05 Governor's Budget.

Recommended Action: None – Information Item

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Introduction

This item is intended to inform the Members of the Commission on the salient points of the Commission's portion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget.

Background

In June 2004 the Budget Conference Committee took action to restore \$400,000 and 4 positions, a partial restoration of the original \$600,000 and six position reduction proposed in the 2004-05 Governor's Budget.

On July 31, 2004, the Governor signed the State budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05. Unfortunately, the Commission sustained additional reductions from the actions that were adopted by the Conference Committee, ultimately losing \$400,000 and 4 positions. Following is the veto message specific to the reduction as related to the Commission's budget:

Item 6360-001-0407—For support of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. I reduce this item from \$14,411,000 to \$14,211,000 by reducing:

- (1) 10-Standards for Preparation and Licensing of Teachers from \$14,650,000 to \$14,450,000.

I am deleting the \$200,000 legislative augmentation to fund an additional 2.0 positions to address the credential processing backlog. This augmentation is unnecessary because the Commission can reduce the credentialing backlog with the staff provided in the budget. Providing credentialed teachers for all pupils is a goal of this Administration. The Commission should adopt greater efficiencies in conjunction with the review being conducted by the State Auditor, which is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2004, in order to eliminate the credential processing backlog.

Provided below is a break-down of the final decisions:

- The Commission will absorb an unallocated reduction of \$400,000 that was originally proposed in the January 10 Governor's Budget to be \$600,000 (a difference of \$200,000 from what was adopted by the Conference Committee).
- The Certification, Assignments and Waivers Division will sustain a total reduction of 4 positions (a difference of 2 positions from what was adopted by the Conference Committee).

It is important to note that the reductions in resources and staffing will impact the Commission's capacity to address workload during the fiscal year. Commission staff will continue efforts to identify and implement strategies that will allow the Commission to successfully implement the statutory requirements of the Education Code, with ever decreasing fiscal and personnel resources.

Staff is available to answer any questions Members of the Commission may have.

