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Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee of the Whole

Update on the Proposed 2005-06 Governor's Budget

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 2005-06 Governor's Budget released by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on January 10, 2005.

Recommended Action: None

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Strategic Plan Goal:

Continue to refine the coordination between Commissioners and staff in carrying out the Commission's duties, roles and responsibilities.

- - ◆ Conduct periodic review of the efficiency of the day-to-day operations and financial accountability of the Commission

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Introduction

On January 10, 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger submitted to the Legislature his proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06. This agenda item is intended to inform the Members of the Commission on the salient points of the Commission's portion of the 2005-06 Governor's Proposed Budget, as well as any new updates to the current 2004-05 fiscal year budget.

Background

The State Constitution requires that the Governor submit a budget to the Legislature by January 10 of each year. Provided below is a summary of the proposed changes to the Commission's budget as proposed in the 2005-06 Governor's Budget.

Governor's Proposal for Fiscal Year 2005-06 (Budget Year)

- Proposes that all public and private colleges and universities that have teacher preparation programs accredited by the Commission submit all credentialing applications electronically for the candidates that are being recommended.
- Reduction of \$600,000 from the Commission's operating budget which includes the elimination of 6 positions (\$228,000) from the Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division to reflect the anticipated decrease in workload associated with the implementation of the Teacher Credentialing Service Improvement Project. The remainder is an unallocated reduction of \$372,000. These reductions are based on the savings generated from the proposal above and the assumption that the Commission will be able to increase the use of the on-line renewals by 50 percent.
- Proposes a \$1,900,000 loan from the Test Development Administration Account to the Teachers Credentials Fund in the budget year in order to maintain the solvency of the Teacher Credentials Fund.

Governor's Proposal for Fiscal Year 2004-05 (Current Year)

- The Governor's Budget also includes notice of a \$315,000 loan from the Test Development Administration Account to the Teachers Credentials Fund in the current year which reflects a 2 percent decrease in revenue. However, it is important to note that based on current data from the Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division the Commission revenues are down 6 percent based on current year -to- date credential volume.

Provided for your review is the complete summary of the Commission's portion of the 2005-06 proposed Governor's Budget. If you would like additional information regarding the Governor's Proposed Budget you can visit the following website: <http://govbud.dof.ca.gov/home.htm>.

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

