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Governor

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The Honorable Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chair Devlin, Co-Chair Buckley and Committee members:

Nature of the Request

The Office of the Governor respectfully submits this letter in response to a budget note contained in 2013 SB 5523. The budget note reads:

The agency should review the need for positions that are funded by other agencies and create a report showing the total number of those positions, the total cost of those positions, and a proposal to reduce, eliminate, or realign those positions. The agency should also review its Key Performance Measures and prepare a report on any proposed changes. Both of these reports should be presented to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2014 session.

Agency Action

The Office of the Governor continually evaluates the staffing needs of the agency as emerging priorities and issues arise. Where necessary, the Office calls upon the agencies of the Executive Branch to provide support, leadership, guidance and advice on these emerging issues. The Office will report during the 2014 session the total number of positions funded by other agencies and the total cost of the positions. The Office is evaluating the current array of support, both internal and externally provided by Executive Branch agencies and will bring forward a policy package in its 2015-17 biennial budget request to best align the permanent and long-term staffing needs of the Office within the agency budget.

In addition, the Office of the Governor currently has 10 Key Performance Measures that have been identified by the Legislative Branch. The Office has done an internal review of the measures and will report during the 2014 session on its recommended changes.

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Action Requested

The Office of the Governor respectfully requests acknowledgment of receipt of this report.

Legislation Affected

No legislation affected.

Sincerely,



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