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BRIEFING: January 2012 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM # 5
TO: Chairman Umberg and Committee Members
FROM: Karen Greene-Ross: Deputy Director- Legislation
DATE: January 12, 2012
RE: Agenda Item # 5 – Legislative Update

This will be an informational report on the status of legislation currently pending in the second year of the two year 2011-2012 session as well as a discussion on Board policy for legislative issues.

Important 2012 Legislative Dates:

January 10 - Governor must submit Budget
January 13 – Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report bills introduced in 2011
January 20 – Last day for any committee to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house on 2011.
January – Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
January 31 – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2011.
February 24 – Last day for bills to be introduced
April 27 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.
May 11 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.
May 25 – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house.
June 1 – Last day to pass bills out of house of origin
June 15 – Budget bill must be passed by midnight.
July 6 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills
Aug. 17 – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to floor.
Aug. 20-23 – Floor session only
Aug. 24 – Last day to amend bills on the floor
Aug. 31- Last day for any bill to be passed
Sept. 30 – Last day for Gov to sign or veto bills
Oct. 1 – Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2013

Information on pending legislation will be discussed at the Board meeting.