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TO: Education and Local Government Interim Committee (ELG) Members
FROM: Pad McCracken, ELG Staff
DATE: November 14, 2013
RE: Proposal to form subcommittee to review Shared Policy Goals for K-12, K-20, and MUS

At its September meeting, ELG discussed how to act on the recommendation of the 2011-2012 ELG that an in-depth review of the Shared Policy Goal and Accountability Measures for K-12, K-20, and MUS be conducted by the 2013-2014 ELG.

After reaching general agreement that the Shared Policy Goal documents (SPG's) be reviewed this interim, Rep. Hansen proposed forming a subcommittee to conduct this review. Chairman Facey indicated a desire to examine the committee budget prior to making this decision and revisit the proposal at the December 2 meeting, outlining the following elements for a possible subcommittee:

- Four committee members appointed to a subcommittee to review the SPG's
- Two or three subcommittee meetings to be held on days adjacent to scheduled ELG meetings, in order to reduce additional costs for the subcommittee
- The subcommittee convening with representatives from the Board of Public Education, the Office of Public Instruction, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, and the Board of Regents to review, update, and possibly redraft the SPG's
- The subcommittee providing regular updates and bringing its recommendations to the full ELG at either the June or September 2014 meeting for a committee decision on whether to affirm the documents

After reviewing the budget and attempting to project costs of the remaining committee budget, it appears that the subcommittee proposal outlined above is within ELG's budget.

This memo is intended to provide a review of previous discussion and a framework for further discussion at the December 2 meeting.