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To: Economic Affairs Interim Committee
From: Bart Campbell
Re: Dec/Jan rule review

Dept. of Agriculture

Amending, repealing, and adopting new rules to pertaining to the Growth through Agriculture Program creating a unified application process and establishing the minimum amount of information to be submitted by applicants necessary for the council to make decisions on grants and loans.

Dept. of Commerce

Adopting one new rule to incorporate by reference the federal regulations governing the state's administration of the FFY 2010 and FFY 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which describe federal and state requirements with which local governments must comply.

Establishing public hearing dates throughout the state pertaining to a new rule implementing by reference guidelines establishing requirements with which public school districts must comply in order to apply for, receive, and administer Quality School Project Grant Funds.

Board of Barbers Cosmetologists

Increasing certain instructor license, salon, shop, and inspection fees to keep fees commensurate with costs.

Board of Medical Examiners

Generally revising rules. Some proposed amendments are technical such as renumbering and punctuation while others include updating terminology for current language processes, deleting unnecessary or redundant sections, and amending rules and catchphrases for accuracy, grammar, consistency, and better organization.

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State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner

Amending existing rules and adopting new rules to conform with NAIC model regulations regarding financial reporting for insurers to promote uniformity, transparency , and reliability of the financial reporting. The proposed changes will allow the commissioner to achieve more uniformity with insurance regulators in other jurisdictions.

State Compensation Insurance Fund

Amending ARM 2.55.320 to reflect the updates to the state fund's underwriting manual that are now available up to July 1, 2009. The updates are made each year to reflect changes to the classifications of employments. Amending ARM 2.55.408 to reflect the 2009 edition of the National Council on Compensation Insurance Retrospective Rating Manual.