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TO: Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC)

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RE: Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers Revenues

During its January 2014 meeting, the EAIC received a chart outlining the revenues and expenditures for a number of boards within the Department of Labor and Industry including the Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide additional information on the revenues that are categorized as grant/miscellaneous.

The Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers (board) experienced a decrease in revenues supporting the board due to:

- o Active licensees transitioning to inactive status
- o Licensees not renewing licenses in part to the change in requirements for audiologist licensure

To address the resulting negative fund balance the board increased the license fees and also required licensees to pay a one-time fee of \$1,000. The one-time fee was designated as miscellaneous revenues and categorized as grants and miscellaneous revenues.