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TO: Legislative Finance Committee

FROM: Lorene Thorson

RE: LFC Committee Bill for De-earmarking State Special Revenue and Creating/Removing Statutory Appropriations

Attached is a copy of the bill drafted in response to the Legislative Finance Committee's request regarding de-earmarking state special revenue fund and changes to statutory appropriations. The bill:

- 1) statutorily appropriates the amount from the timber harvest on common school trust lands that goes to the technology acquisition fund;
- 2) statutorily appropriates the transfer of money segregated by county in the hard-rock mining impact trust account following allocation to the hard-rock mining impact trust reserve account;
- 3) de-earmarks to the general fund the revenues received by the Department of Environmental Quality from fines and penalties due to violations of metal mine reclamation laws; and
- 4) de-earmarks to the general fund and removes the statutory appropriation of the revenues received by the Department of Livestock from the proceeds of the sale of property used for the theft or transportation of stolen livestock.

The LFC did not vote on the removal of the statutory appropriation for item 4 above (see page 7, item (2) of the draft bill LC 270). Because the funds were de-earmarked to the general fund, a statutory appropriation no longer seemed appropriate. This item will be discussed at the LFC meeting for a committee vote. This item and any other changes the committee may determine are appropriate can be incorporated into the draft bill.

Attachment