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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TO:

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FROM:

Elizabeth M. Schneider, Senate Chair

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Members, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research & Economic

Development

DATE:

February 19, 2010

SUBJ:

Request for correction to LD 1671 Supplemental Budget language for the

Department of Economic and Community Development to reflect the increase to

ongoing savings

The Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research & Economic Development has reviewed the proposed revision from the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) regarding a correction to the proposed budget language in LD 1671 for DECD's Office of Business Development. The attached language change accomplishes the following:

- 1) Increases ongoing annual savings from \$164,033 annually to \$183,274 by:
 - a. Maintaining a Public Service Coordinator II position and, instead, eliminating a Policy Development Specialist position.
 - i. This is accomplished by changing the language to eliminate 3 Public Service Coordinator I positions and one Policy Development Specialist position.

The Committee supports the correction above in order to reflect the proper increase in ongoing annual savings. The Committee requests that the attached proposed language replace language previously submitted by our Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

ARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Business Development - 010 19A 0585 12

Reduces funding to reflect the department's reorganization through the elimination of 3 Public Service Coordinator I positions and one Policy Development Specialist position effective April 4, 2010 and moves these duties to contracted services.

Leg Count	FY10 (4.000)	FY11 (4.000)	Biennial Total
Personal Services	,	(349,643.00)	(396,574.00)
All Other	25,006.00 (21,925.00)	213,629.00 (136,014.00)	238,635.00 (157,939.00)

Information Technology - 010 19A Y07T 01

Reduces funding for information technology savings related to the department's reorganization plan and position eliminations in the Business Development program.

	FY10	FY11	Biennial Total
All Other		(4,223.00)	(4,223.00)
	0.00	(4,223.00)	(4,223.00)

Office of Innovation - 010 19A 0995 01

Reduces funding for salary savings achieved by keeping one Public Service Manager II position vacant through June 13, 2011.

		ONE-TIME	
	FY10	FY11	Biennial Total
Personal Services		(87,838.00)	(87,838.00)
	0.00	(87,838.00)	(87,838.00)
Total Savings	(21,925.00)	(228,075.00)	(250,000.00)

NOTE:

FY2011 savings include statewide reductions applied to these positions (\$43,037); FY2012 savings will be at the fully budgeted position costs (increase in attrition rate & merit freezes)

FY11 savings \$140,237; on-going savings without statewide reductions \$183,274