

Report of the Fiscal Committee to the Legislative Council

July 12, 2016

The Legislative Fiscal Committee held two meetings during the 2015 Interim on the following dates: November 20, 2015, and December 16, 2015.

The November 20 meeting was held at the Iowa State University. The Committee heard presentations from representatives of the Board of Regents and the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). The presentations are summarized below:

- The Board of Regents presented information on three subject areas: Enrollment projections at the three universities, Five Year Infrastructure Plan, Economic Impact of Avian Influenza.
- The LSA presented information and revised cost estimates associated with the administrative rules change that redefined the manufacturing sales tax exemption.
- LSA staff presented overviews on the status of the Iowa economy, the General Fund budget, and built-in and anticipated expenditures for FY 2017. The LSA also submitted the following reports for information purposes only:
 - FY 2015 Performance of Duty
 - FY 2015 State Appeal Board Claims

The scheduled tour of the Iowa State campus was canceled due to inclement weather conditions.

The December 16 meeting was held at the State Capitol Building. The presentations are summarized below:

- The Judicial Branch presented information on a FY 2017 budget request for costs associated with furnishing the Polk County Justice Center and the state's statutory obligation to fund equipment and furnishings in county courthouses.
- The Department of Revenue gave a presentation on the operation of the Department's Income Tax Fraud Unit and its efforts to counteract identify theft.
- The Department of Cultural Affairs presented preliminary information for a FY 2017 budget request for plans to remodel and reconstruct the State Historical Building.
- The Department of Human Services presented information on the transition of the state's Medicaid Program from a state operated enterprise to a managed care system. Information was provided to the Committee on the status of the projected costs, the selection of the managed care organizations (MCO), capitation rates, and the status of services providers under contract with the MCOs.
- LSA staff provided an update on the December estimates of the Revenue Estimating Conference, the status of the Iowa economy and the the General Fund budget, and projected built-in and anticipated expenditures for FY 2017. The LSA also submitted the following reports for information purposes only:
 - Technology and Training Carry Forward Report
 - Appropriation Transfers and Transfer Limits
 - Summary of FY 2017 Budget and Department Requests
 - Board of Regents – Follow-up Information from November 20 Meeting
 - CJJP – Results First Proposal

Materials distributed to the Committee are maintained by the Fiscal Services Division and are available upon request. These documents can also be found on the LSA website at:
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/meetings/documents?committee=704&ga=ALL>

Respectfully Submitted,

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