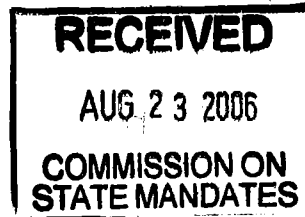


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August 23, 2006



Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
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Dear Ms. Higashi:

The Department of Finance respectfully requests an extension of time for the filing of comments on the proposed statewide cost estimate for the Test Claim No. 98-TC-25, (The Stull Act). Due to the workload associated with the end of the Legislative term, we have been unable to fully analyze the proposed statewide cost estimate. Therefore, we request a 60-day extension in order to complete our review and prepare our response.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing lists that accompanied your letter have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail or, in the case of other state agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Barbara Taylor, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-0328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Schweizer".

Nicolas Schweizer
Assistant Program Budget Manager

Attachment

PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: *The Stull Act*
 Test Claim Number: *98-TC-25*

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On August 23, 2006, I served the attached recommendation of the Department of Finance in said cause, by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to claimants and nonstate agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the normal pickup location at 915 L Street, 7th Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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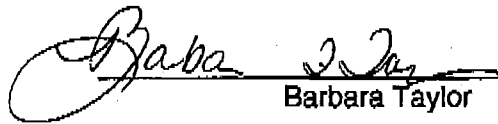
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on August 23, 2006 at Sacramento, California.


Barbara Taylor

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