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To: Legislative Council
From: Susan B. Fox, Executive Director
Re: Program 21 and Interstate opportunities for legislator participation

PNWER Proposal

There are four members on PNWER and four alternates. FY 16-17 budget can be used for members' or alternates' participation. The Council should probably clarify whether the former members who helped plan the meeting will be reimbursed or not if new members/alternates are appointed.

Legislative Council included \$24,000 in the FY 16-17 budget for additional participation at the PNWER Summit at Big Sky in July. There was a question regarding interest in participating on the Interstate committee appointment preference form. Assuming no salary and that meals are included in registration, the budget can cover approximately 17+ legislators with estimated costs per legislator being:

Registration	\$595.00
Lodging - 4 nights @ \$150.00	600.00
<u>Mileage (avg. 350 miles at \$0.565/mi)</u>	<u>197.75</u>
Total	\$1,392.75

For the current fiscal year, there is a balance in the Program 21 budget for PNWER of \$716.44. Other discretionary funding is listed below. PNWER may be willing to waive registration for legislators who are not receiving any funding.

Program 21

Program 21 balances that can be used before July 1, 2015, for PNWER, NCSL, and CSG registrations and airfare for transactions occurring before June 30, 2015.

Program 21 Carryforward	\$15,661.00
Legislative Council on River Governance	\$19,103.21
Discretionary/Emerging Issues	\$45,000.00
Council of State Governments	\$20,788.31
National Conference of State Legislatures	\$6,368.55

Direction and authorization from Legislative Council are needed in order to use funding for purposes other than what it was previously internally allocated.