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REPRESENTATIVE PEGGY WILSON HOUSE DISTRICT 2

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 14, 2012

To: Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair, Finance Committee
Representative Bill Thomas, Co-Chair, Finance Committee

From: Representative Peggy Wilson

RE: **CHANGES to HB 216 "Regulations: Informative Summary/Bills"**

Since the original version of HB 216 was drafted, it has had several amendments and language changes, but the basic premise of the bill has not changed.

The State Affairs committee passed two amendments that clarified the informative summary language.

The Judicial committee met several times and finessed additional changes that helped to make this bill very clear. We also worked with the Department of Law to incorporate some of their suggestions.

A summary of the changes made since the bill was introduced include:

- The deadline for adopting changes will now be stated in the fiscal note, rather than in the bill itself. This change necessitated a change in the title.
- Language stating that the agency, and not the legislature, sets the deadline - is clarified.
- The AHFC, AIDEA, AEA, APOC, and AOGCC are expected to comply with the requirements of Section 1, but all other state boards and commissions are exempted.
- Agencies must now report to the Legislative Regulatory Review committee if a deadline is not met; and set a new deadline for adoption of the regulation.
- The brief descriptive summaries will accompany **new** regulations, as well as changes and repeals of regulations.
- Changes in Section 2 clarify that the 'posted notice' should not be confused with the formal 'notice'.
- Language was changed to target the brief descriptive summaries to online and email notification, rather than to print media.
- Protection from legal action is provided to agencies, should the clarity or readability of the brief descriptive summary be misinterpreted or questioned.
- An effective date was added.

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