

SB 1096

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 1063, 1064, 1075, 1077, and 1096, S.D. 1

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Senate Bill Nos. 1063, 1064, 1075, 1077, and 1096, S.D. 1, provide appropriations for Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13 for salary increases for public employees negotiated in collective bargaining agreements.

We oppose these bills. The State is not in a position to fund general salary increases for public employees at this time. The titles of these bills are too restrictive to serve as vehicle bills for cost items other than salaries. Other more appropriate vehicle bills are available to fund collective bargaining cost items should those be negotiated.