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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Executive Committee of Legislative Council
FROM: Charley Pike, Director
Office of Legislative Legal Services
DATE: July 8, 2009
SUBJECT: Policy on Interim Committee Timetable for Requesting Draft Legislation

Since the 2001 interim, the Executive Committee has adopted deadlines and guidelines for requesting and finalizing interim committee bills. These deadlines have been implemented by the chairs of the interim committees.

We respectfully request that the Executive Committee adopt similar deadlines and guidelines for the 2009 interim. Interim committees are formed with the goal of devoting significant time and consideration to a specific topic, culminating in the recommendation of one or more pieces of often complex legislation. Several years of experience in working with interim committees and preparing interim committee bills suggests that, in many cases, committees face a great challenge in allowing sufficient time to thoroughly consider and give adequate debate and discussion to interim bills and to ensure the bills clearly reflect the committee's intent. This challenge is compounded by the need to allow members of the Legislative Council sufficient time to review and consider proposed interim committee bills prior to approving them at the annual fall meeting. Implementation of these deadlines and guidelines seems to assist interim committee members in working with the Office of Legislative Legal Services, resulting in improved timeliness and quality of interim committee bills.

For the 2009 interim, the Office of Legislative Legal Services suggests the following deadlines and guidelines be adopted by the Executive Committee for interim committee bills:

With your approval, and with the assistance of Legislative Council Staff, we can prepare a memorandum from the Executive Committee to the chairs of the 2009 interim committees and the statutory committees, commissions, and task forces directing those chairs to implement the above policy and directives, with appropriate modifications for dates, for the 2009 interim committees and deliver the memorandum to each of these chairpersons.

If our Office can answer any questions you may have about this suggested directive, please do not hesitate to contact Charley Pike or Dan Cartin at (303) 866-2045.

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- A - First day for committees to schedule dates for making bill requests and for committee approval of bills.
- B - Last day for committees to make bill requests and provide drafting information.
- C - Last day for committees to approve final proposed legislation.
- D - Tentative meeting date for the full Legislative Council.