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## CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 21, 2011  
**TO:** Group Insurance Board  
**FROM:** Matt Stohr, Director  
Office of Communications and Legislation  
**SUBJECT:** Legislative Report

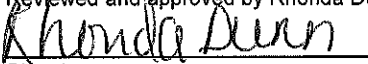
**This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is necessary.**

The regular business portion of the 2011-2012 Legislative Session began in January 2011 and is scheduled to conclude in the spring of 2012. In addition, the Legislature is in a special session to review bills that were requested by the Governor.

As of this writing, 2011 Special Session Assembly Bill 8 (SS AB 8) and its companion bill Special Session Senate Bill 8 is the only bill that will have a direct impact on the Department of Employee Trust Funds and the programs administered by the Department. SS AB 8 is the Governor's proposal to make changes to the administrative rules process. The bill language will make the changes below if it is enacted into law as written.

- It requires a statement of scope to be approved by the Governor as well as by the policy-making individual or body before the statement of scope may be sent to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) for publication.
- It requires an agency to prepare and obtain approval of a revised statement of scope if, after a statement of scope is approved, the agency changes the scope of the proposed rule in any meaningful or measurable way.
- It requires an agency to submit a proposed rule (or emergency rule) in final draft form to the Governor for approval before the rule may be submitted to the Legislature for review or filed with the LRB for publication.
- It requires an agency to prepare an economic impact analysis, rather than a report, before the agency may submit any proposed rule to the legislative council for review, which must be done before a public hearing is held on the proposed rule.

I will attend the February 8, 2011, meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Reviewed and approved by Rhonda Dunn, Executive Assistant.  
  
Signature Date 1-24-11

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