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## **2010 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE**

### **Additional reduction to bring the 2010 Operating Budget of the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar to the -5% target**

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#### **Issue / Background:**

At its meeting of March 3 2010, the Budget Committee requested the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar to identify an option to further reduce the 2010 Requested Budget to -5% from -3.8% from the 2009 Approved Budget.

#### **Key Points:**

- The Office has included a reduction of \$35.4 thousand or -3.8% in its 2010 budget submission. This -3.8% reduction was achieved through the following:
  - One-time reduction in staff costs by delaying the hiring of a Lobbyist Compliance Investigator for a year and a clerical support staff by 6 months for a total of \$149.6 thousand.
  - Reduction in non-payroll budget of \$53.2 thousand.
- An additional reduction of \$11.7 thousand will reduce the 2010 Requested Budget by 5% from the 2009 Approved Budget. This will be achieved through delaying the hiring of the Inquiry and Investigation Counsel by approximately one month.

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