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MEMORANDUM

To: Laura Rose of Leg. Council

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Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2011 SB-450** (LRB-3952/1) by **DWD**

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file.

If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

Technical memo to attach to Fiscal Estimate for SB 450:

Three technical issues are identified with respect to this bill:

1. Although, as noted in the fiscal estimate, the bill will impose significant costs on the Department of Workforce Development, it does not appropriate any funding to cover these costs. Because the department cannot meet these added costs out of available resources, an appropriation equal to the total annualized cost indicated in the fiscal estimate will be necessary to fulfill the requirements of the legislation.
2. Although, as noted in the fiscal estimate, the bill will require additional staff, the bill does not provide for any additional position authority. The bill should provide position authority commensurate with the staffing needs described in the fiscal estimate.
3. The bill does not specify an effective date. The next set of health care professionals affected by this bill is pharmacists, who must renew their licenses prior to June 1 of each even-numbered year. Should this law take effect prior to June 1, 2012, there would not be adequate time to develop a survey to support the requirement that a survey be completed by pharmacists renewing their licenses. The bill should either specify an effective date after June 1, 2012 or otherwise stipulate that the requirement does not apply to pharmacists until 2014, the next even-numbered year.
4. The bill requires a report of survey findings every two years but does not specify a deadline. Under current law, a similar report on nursing survey data is due by September 30 of each odd-numbered year. The bill should clarify whether the findings on the eight additional occupations affected by this bill are to be due on the same date as, and be integrated with, the nursing survey report on the schedule specified under current law. In that case the first such date on which data on all eight occupations would be available would be September 30, 2015.