

September 4, 2013

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Ms. Julie Chapman, Director Department of Human Resources 1515 S Street, North Building, Suite 400 Sacramento, California 95811-7258

Dear Ms. Chapman:

On August 30, 2013, the Department of Human Resources (CalHR) submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) an addendum to the Bargaining Unit 8 memorandum of understanding (MOU). Bargaining Unit 8 includes state firefighters and is represented by CDF Firefighters. The JLBC determines whether MOU addenda require legislative approval.

Addendum Requires Legislative Approval. This agreement (1) increases the amount of money employees may receive as reimbursement for costs incurred while traveling on official state business and (2) makes a change to the Alternative Pre-Retirement Death Benefit consistent with an agreement reached in 1992 and in Government Code Section 21547. Your staff indicated to legislative staff that this addendum likely requires legislative approval. Because this agreement would result in an expenditure of funds not already approved by the Legislature, I agree that the agreement requires legislative approval.

Mark Leno Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Ana J. Matosantos, Director of Finance