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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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TO: David Schumacher, Director
Office of Financial Management

FROM:  Michael P. Sellars, Executive Director

SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR STATE AGENCY OPERATIONS ON
JULY 1

The Public Employment Relations Commission prevents or minimizes the disruption to public services through the uniform, impartial, expert and timely resolution of labor-management disputes. We have jurisdiction over 300,000 public employees in the state, including but not limited to police, fire, teachers, transit and state employees.

In examining the criteria delineated in your memorandum of June 12, 2013, none of PERC's services meet those narrow criteria. PERC's services are not funded by appropriation in the enacted transportation budget; do require an appropriation; are not directly based on a Constitutional mandate or federal law; and are not necessary for the immediate response to issues of public safety or catastrophic loss of state property.

Certainly, as with all other aspects of state government, disruption to or shut down of our services would detrimentally impact the clientele served by PERC as well as the citizens served by that clientele.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

