



# LABOR COMMISSION FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS INTENT LANGUAGE

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ISSUE BRIEF

## SUMMARY

This report summarizes the Labor Commission's intent language passed by the Legislature during its 2012 General Session and provides an agency response regarding the status of each piece of passed intent language. No action is required by the Legislature regarding this issue brief. It is provided as information only, but may contribute to Legislative action taken on intent language during the 2013 General Session. Intent language is broken down by line item.

## LABOR COMMISSION:

### **Senate Bill 3, Item 69 (for FY 2013):**

*The Legislature intends that, Under Section 63J-1-603 of Utah Code that appropriations of \$143,200 from the Industrial Accidents Restricted Account, provided for the Labor Commission in Item 24, Chapter 1, Laws of Utah 2011, not lapse at the end of FY 2012; the use of these funds is limited to the Labor Commission's Electronic Data Interchange project.*

### **Agency Response:**

*The \$143,200 was spent on the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) project during FY2013. The money that was requested to be carried over came from a Restricted Account and not from the General Fund. This project, which is still not complete, involves moving Workers Compensation insurance documents into electronic databases. One facet of the project was to digitize information that had been microfilmed that dated back to 1925. State Archives was employed to scan over 2,250 rolls of microfilm and \$78,750 from this money was paid to State Archives. Another part of the project is to put paper documents currently being received into electronic format. A high-speed scanner was purchased for \$6,314 from this money. The project was also planned to enable insurance companies to submit to us information via the internet rather than on paper in the future. A consulting company, Mitchell and Associates, was engaged via a State Purchasing bidding process to consult and test our in-house programming for this electronic interchange of data and \$43,200 was paid to them from the carryover. The remaining part of the project is being performed by DTS programmers, and the programming is still in process. Additional DTS employees have been taken off other Labor Commission projects and assigned to the EDI project, and the remaining \$14,936 was used towards the charges from DTS. A project manager from DTS has also been added to assist in the management of the project.*

### **Senate Bill 3, Item 69 (for FY 2013):**

*The Legislature intends that the FY 2012 appropriation increase of \$49,000 for the Utah Occupational Safety and health Division in the Utah Labor Commission be used to expand the division's fleet by five vehicles.*

### **Agency Response:**

*The money was transferred to State Fleet Department within the month after the end of the session. It takes State Fleet several months to consolidate all the state's orders and arrange pricing before the vehicles can be ordered from the manufacturers. The vehicles were received in September and October 2012. We had worked earlier in the session with State Fleet to determine the costs so the costs turned out to be exactly as anticipated. The vehicles are being used by the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division and the federal grant has been billed for their 50% share of the cost. There are no remaining balances.*