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**Legislative Update**  
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**Legislative Overview,**

The Governor's office introduced five pieces of legislation aimed at generating more revenue for the Department of Transportation. These include a new tax on rental cars, an increase in the gas tax of 2 cents a gallon per year for five years for a total of ten cents, eliminating the tax exemption for biodiesel and gasohol, and increasing the registration fee on all cars and trucks. The Governor's office projects the revenue from the proposals to generate nearly \$128 million, the bulk of the money coming from the increased registration fee on cars and trucks. On the budget side, the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee will conclude hearing agency presentations next week and then will begin setting budgets. It appears the budgets for 2009 and 2010 may be adequate with the current reductions as part of the money from the federal "stimulus" package will be given to the states retroactively. The environment remains tense, and very little legislation has been generated to date, dealing with other issues.

**Architecture Issues:**

**HB 92:** This legislation is brought by the Bureau of Occupational Licenses and the Architecture Board. The purpose is to clarify that applicants may begin the examination process upon graduation and the commencement process. Legislation is attached.

**HB 114:** This legislation is brought by the Division of Building Safety. This legislation adopts the 2006 editions of the International Building Code, and International Residential Code. It also allows the board and local governments to make such code editions effective January 1 of the year following the adoption by the board. This legislation does not include the negotiated rule making process as had been presented to the association.

I have attached both pieces of legislation here for your review and I would encourage you to give Larry and me feedback and/or direction if necessary.

Have a great week,

Kris and Larry