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UTAH STATE AUDITOR

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President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Utah State Capitol, Suite 320
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Speaker Gregory H. Hughes
Utah State Capitol, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: Board of Examiner's Recommendations

Dear President Niederhauser and Speaker Hughes:

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-9-101 etc. seq. , this letter reports to the Legislature the recommendations of the Board of Examiners for claims filed against the State for which funds have not been provided.

The Board reviewed the report provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts for over-expenditure of the juror/witness/interpreter line item and recommends (with a 3-0 vote) payment in the amount of \$867,500. The Board also noted concerns that the current budget practice, in regards to this line item, underreports the nature of the State's structural imbalance.

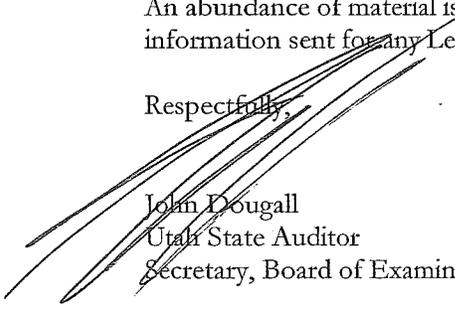
The Board reviewed the claim for additional compensation for Monica Larsen Elliot and recommends (with a 2-1 vote) payment above the governmental immunity tort limit of \$648,250 (previously paid), but no dollar amount was recommended.

The Board reviewed the claim for additional compensation for Brenden Yates and recommends (with a 2-1 vote) payment above the governmental immunity tort limit of \$620,700 (previously paid), but no dollar amount was recommended.

The Board also recommends (with a 2-1 vote) the Legislature review the statutory governmental immunity tort limits to see if they are adequate or need adjustment.

An abundance of material is associated with the above claims. Please indicate to whom you would like the information sent for any Legislative consideration.

Respectfully,


John Dougall
Utah State Auditor
Secretary, Board of Examiners

cc: Hon. Gary R. Herbert, Governor
Hon. Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General
Thom Roberts, Assistant Attorney General
Derek Byrne, Admin. Office of the Courts
Steve Allred, Legislative Fiscal Analyst