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## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Senator Richard W. Rosen, Senate Chair

Representative Patrick S. A. Flood, House Chair

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM:

Senator Garrett Mason, Senate Chair

Representative Gary Plummer, House Chair Law Plum

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public

DATE:

April 5, 2012

RE:

**<u>Update:</u>** Priorities for bills on Appropriations Table

We appreciate the opportunity to report back our priorities for bills on the Special Appropriations Table that fall under the jurisdiction of our committee. Now that we have a better handle on what bills will go to the Special Appropriations Table, we can provide you with our priorities. This memorandum is intended to replace our memorandum dated March 28, 2012. As of today, we have two bills on the Special Appropriations Table, LD 1514, An Act To Amend the Sex Offender Registration Laws and LD 1731 An Act To Fund the Computer Crimes Unit and Combat Human Sex Trafficking.

Of the eight members that ranked the bills, seven members rank LD 1514 as a priority (Sen. Mason, Rep. Plummer, Rep. Morissette, Rep. Sanderson, Rep. Burns, Rep. Clarke and Rep, Lajoie) and 1 (Rep. Blodgett) put LD 1731 as a top priority. As you know, there is an appropriation for the Computer Crimes Unit in the Supplemental Budget that is approximately the same amount as provided for in the committee amendment to LD 1731. The fact that this appropriation is in the budget heavily influenced the priorities of our committee members.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you on our bill priorities.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs Members, Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety