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**To:** Chairman Schnur and Commissioners Garrett, Hodson, Montgomery, and Rotunda

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**Current Legislation**

The Legislature convened on December 6, 2010 to begin the 2011-2012 legislative session. Several proposals that may affect the Political Reform Act have been introduced. Staff anticipates significant amendments in the next few weeks and recommends that, at this time, the Commission postpone the adoption of bill positions. Summaries of the proposals are below.

**SB 50 (Correa)**

**Conflicts of Interest Disqualification – High Speed Rail Authority Members**

This bill would add members of the High Speed Rail Authority to the list of specified offices in Government Code Section 87200 who must publicly identify a financial interest giving rise to a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, and recuse themselves accordingly.

**Status: Introduced in the Senate.**

**SB 46 (Correa)**

**Disclosure of Local Government Compensation**

This bill, in its current form, does not affect the Political Reform Act. It would require local officials who are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests to annually file a government compensation disclosure form, which shall be developed by the Secretary of State's office. The filing deadline shall be the same as the deadline established for the annual Statements of Economic Interests.

**Status: Introduced in the Senate.**

**SB 19 (Blakeslee)**

**Campaign Telephone Calls**

Spot bill. This bill in its current form states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation regulating automated and prerecorded telephone calls regarding candidates and measures. There is no substantive language yet.

**Status: Introduced in the Senate.**

**SB 18 (Blakeslee)**

**Gifts from Lobbyist Employers**

Spot bill. This bill in its current form states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would further limit the ability of special interest groups (including lobbyist employers) to give gifts to Legislators. There is no substantive language yet.

**Status: Introduced in the Senate.**

**AB 71 (Huber)**

**Lobbying Interests**

This bill amends the Political Reform Act to require the Secretary of State, within 90 days following the end of each calendar quarter, to post on its web site a list of all reported lobbying interests and a list of all lobbyist employers who reported each of those interests.

**Status: Introduced in the Assembly.**

**AB 65 (Gatto)**

**Ballot Pamphlet**

This bill amends the Political Reform Act to require that, if the Legislative Analyst determines that an initiative measure on the ballot would have a fiscal impact on the State General Fund for which additional revenues in an amount that meets or exceeds the net increase in costs are not provided, a statement be included in the ballot pamphlet that the initiative will have an impact on the General Fund, which will affect the ability of the Legislature to provide funding for enumerated General Fund purposes.

**Status: Introduced in the Assembly.**

**AB 41 (Hill)**

**Conflicts of Interest Disqualification – High Speed Rail Authority Members**

In its current form, this bill language is identical to SB 50 (Correa), above. It would add members of the High Speed Rail Authority to the list of specified offices in Government Code Section 87200 who must publicly identify a financial interest giving rise to a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, and recuse themselves accordingly.

**Status: Introduced in the Assembly.**