



Washington State Legislature

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Arun Raha, Executive Director
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Dear Dr. Raha:

In light of the current revenue situation, we believe it would be helpful to have a earlier estimation of our revenues. To that end, we ask that you schedule a meeting of the Council during the week of February 18th to provide the legislature with a preliminary forecast of the states' revenue for the current year and subsequent two years. We are concerned that the economic picture may have changed significantly since your November forecast. This forecast should not be considered a replacement for a formal forecast in March. We understand that you will be lacking the input of the work groups and the Governor's panel of economic advisors and the details of the various federal and state stimulus packages may be unknown at that time. We believe it would be useful in our legislative work if you could provide us a range of the possible change that we might expect.

Sincerely,

Senator Craig
Pridemore
District 49

Senator Joseph
Zarelli
District 18

Representative
Ross Hunter
District 48

Representative
Ed Orcutt
District 18