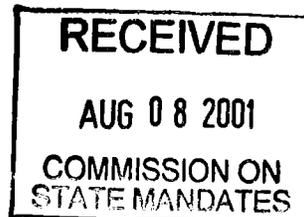


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August 8, 2001



Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Higashi:

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Finance has conducted a preliminary review of the Commission on State Mandates test claim 00-TC-15, regarding Enrollment Fee Waivers. However, due to large workload related to required analyses of legislation and staff shortages, we have been unable to complete our formal review thus far. Therefore, we respectfully request your consideration of additional time to prepare our response. We are also aware that the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office requires additional time, as they did not receive this test claim until late July.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing list which accompanied your June 7, 2001, letter have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail or, in the case of other state agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact James A. Foreman, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-0328, or Jim Lombard, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

for Randal H. Baker
Program Budget Manager

Attachment

PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Enrollment Fee Waivers
Test Claim Number: CSM 00-TC-15

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On August 8, 2001, I served the attached recommendation of the Department of Finance in said cause, by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to claimants and nonstate agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the normal pickup location at 915 L Street, 7th Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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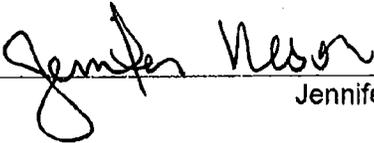
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on August 8, 2001 at Sacramento, California.



Jennifer Nelson