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June 14, 2022

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director
Department of Finance
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Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated June 6, 2022, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to Provisions 3 and 6 of Item 9840-001-0494 of the *2021-22 Budget Act*, of a request from the Department of Consumer Affairs to increase special fund spending authority for unanticipated litigation costs associated with a lawsuit filed against the California State Athletic Commission. The case, *Gilbert W. Hedgpeth, et al. v. California State Athletic Commission, et al.*, began trial on June 6 and will cost an estimated \$630,000 in Attorney General legal service fees. After accounting for its current year litigation budget and savings achieved through staff vacancies, the Commission needs an increase of \$340,000 in special fund appropriation authority to cover the remaining cost of this legal work. No General Fund will be used for this case.

I have reviewed the request and concur with the increase in spending authority. My concurrence with this request is not a statement about the merits of the case – it is simply an acknowledgment that the Attorney General serves as legal counsel to state agencies, boards and commissions. In conclusion, I waive the remainder of the 30-day review period, in order to allow the Commission to reimburse the Attorney General's office.

Sincerely,



Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee