April 21, 2009

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2075

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on page 1249 of the Senate Journal and page 1155 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2075 be amended as follows:

- Page 1, line 2, after "home" insert "and a geothermal heating system", replace "and" with "to provide a contingent appropriation;", and after "section" insert "; and to declare an emergency"
- Page 1, line 5, replace "\$1,118,134" with "\$734,067"
- Page 1, line 9, remove the second "and" and after the fifth comma insert "and upon approval from the office of management and budget, providing matching funds necessary to secure federal emergency management agency assistance"
- Page 1, line 10, after the period insert "The veterans' home shall report to and receive approval from the office of management and budget prior to spending any funds appropriated under this section to match federal emergency management agency funding.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL FISCAL STIMULUS FUNDS.

There is appropriated from federal fiscal stimulus funds made available to the state under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,039,414, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the veterans' home for the purpose of installing a geothermal heating system in the new veterans' home facility, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 3. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION. If federal funds appropriated under section 2 of this Act are not available to provide the sum of \$3,039,414, there is appropriated out of moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,039,414, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the veterans' home for the purpose of installing a geothermal heating system in the new veterans' home facility, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2011. The veterans' home may spend the general fund moneys appropriated under this section only to the extent that federal funds appropriated in section 2 of this Act are not available for these purposes."

- Page 1, line 13, remove "status of the" and replace "project" with "projects"
- Page 1, line 15, remove "total expenditures for"
- Page 1, line 16, replace "project" with "projects" and replace "exceed \$500,000" with "are complete"
- Page 1, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment provides an appropriation of federal fiscal stimulus funds received through the Department of Commerce for the geothermal heating system in the new Veterans' Home facility, provides a contingent general fund appropriation if the federal funds are not available, allows the Veterans' Home, upon approval from the Office of Management and Budget, to use funding provided in the bill to match Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance funds, and reduces funding for the exterior projects from \$1,118,134 as approved by the Senate to \$734,067. The House provided a total of \$350,000. The amendment also requires the Veterans' Home to report to the Budget Section regarding the construction projects when they are complete, rather than when total expenditures exceed \$500,000, the same as the House version.