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**To:** Chair Miadich, Commissioners Cardenas, Hatch, and Wilson

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### **General Update**

Staff is continuing to research and prepare draft language for the legislative proposals approved by the Commission at the September Commission meeting, and to reach out to potential authors and interested parties.

The Legislature is scheduled to reconvene on January 4, 2021. Prior to that, the Legislature will convene for Organizational Session on December 7, 2020.

For more information, please visit the [Commission's Pending Legislation](#) page.

### **Additional Staff Recommendation for 2021 Legislation: Behested Payment Reporting**

Section 84224 of the Government Code requires elected officers and members of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to file behested payment reports with their agency within 30 days of a behested payment or payments of \$5,000 or more in the aggregate from the same source in the same calendar year, and to subsequently disclose any additional behested payments from the same source in the same calendar year within 30 days of each payment. Within 30 days of receipt of a report, a state agency is required to forward a copy of the report to the FPPC, and a local agency is required to forward a copy of the report to the local filing officer.

This proposal would require an elected state officer or member of the PUC to electronically file directly with the FPPC, instead of with their agency, within 30 days of the behested payment, and would require an elected officer who is not an elected state officer to file directly with the filing officer, instead of with their agency, within 30 days of the behested payment. Additionally, the proposal would authorize the use of electronic filing for elected officers who are not elected state officers, as provided, and would provide that an electronically filed report is an original report.

The Law and Policy Committee voted at its meeting on October 7, 2020, to recommend to the Commission that this proposal be added to the Commission's 2021 legislative package.