AGENDA

1. State of Minnesota Economic Update - T. Stinson (p. 2)
Agenda Item: State of Minnesota Economic Update

Presenters: Dr. Tom Stinson, State Economist

Purpose:

Tom Stinson is the State Economist for the State of Minnesota. In addition, he is a faculty member in Applied Economics here at the University. Dr. Stinson oversees the economic forecast for the state, which is produced twice a year in November and February.

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

The November 2011 forecast will be released on December 1, 2011, and will update all revenue and expenditure data for the current biennium (2012-2013) and develop preliminary estimates for the 2014-2015 biennium. In order to develop the forecast, national economic data is reviewed and then translated into a model for the Minnesota economy. This Minnesota economic model drives the revenue estimate for the state. Projected expenditures are also forecast, especially for formula expenditure programs in K-12 education, Human Services, and Local Aids and Credits.

Background Information:

Dr. Stinson has had similar discussions with the committee in previous years.