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Red Tape Review Group Issues Report

The Red Tape Review Group, chaired by Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, presented its final report to Governor Chris Christie and released it to the public this week. The Red Tape Review Group included Senator Steve Oroho, Assemblyman John Burzichelli, Assemblyman Scott Rumana, Senator Barbara Buono, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs Lori Grifa, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection Bob Martin, and Chief Counsel to the Governor Jeff Chiesa. Senator Buono refused to sign the report because of concerns regarding recommendations dealing with public notice and comment.

The Report made legislative, regulatory and policy recommendations, including the withdrawal or modification of 16 of the 128 rules that were frozen when Governor Christie signed Executive Order 1 upon taking office. A full copy of the report can be found at www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/552010/pdf/20100419_rtr_final_report.pdf.

Christie Outlines Renewable Energy Plan

Governor Chris Christie this week outlined an energy policy for the state of New Jersey that emphasizes in-state production of renewable and traditional energy sources. In remarks to the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Sustainable Energy Forum in New Brunswick, Governor Christie directed BPU President Lee Solomon to revisit the New Jersey Energy Master Plan to work toward following goals: reducing the cost of energy for families and businesses; applying "Made in NJ" to our energy needs and marketing New Jersey for renewable energy production.

Legislative Action

This week, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reviewed the budgets of the Department of State, the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Banking and Insurance on April 20 and the Department of Transportation, NJ Transit and Motor Vehicle Commission and the Department of Corrections/State Parole Board on April 22. The Assembly Budget Committee reviewed the budgets of the Department of Treasury and Interdepartmental Accounts, the Department of Law & Public Safety and the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs on April 21 and held a public hearing on the budget on April 19. Next week, the Assembly Budget Committee will review the budgets of the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation, NJ Transit and Motor Vehicle Commission on April 26 and the Department of Children & Families, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Department of Banking & Insurance on April 28. The Senate Budget and

Appropriations Committee will review the budgets of the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture on April 27 and the Department of Community Affairs and Higher Educational Services on April 29.