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**MEMORANDUM**

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**FROM:** Robert T. Cunningham

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**SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2016 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND REPORT**

The attached February Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report provides information on the trust fund status through the end of January 2016, revised projections for the private contributory account for 2016 through 2019 and new projections for 2020. The projections are based on the January 2016 Moody's Economy.Com forecasts as well as claims and payment activities through the end of 2015 and 2015 employer experience rates.

The report highlights include:

The January 2016 private contributory account balance was \$743.1 million, \$11.8 million more than projected in the October report due to a combination of higher than expected employer contributions and lower benefit payments in the month of January.

Revised projections for 2016 and 2017 are based on a \$15,000 contributory wage base and the recently enacted new experience rate schedule C.

The outlook for 2016 for benefit payments is \$1.398 billion; employer contributions are estimated at \$1.270 billion and the year-end private cotributory account balance is expected to be \$717 million. The projected 2016 year-end balance is \$110 million lower than the 2015 ending balance of \$827 million.

Under the current economic assumptions the projections indicate that no borrowing from the federal unemployment account will be required in the 2016 through 2020 outlook period.

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