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THE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The Session is Over!

Legislative Wrap-Up

Appropriations

The Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund and the Pamela Atkinson Housing Trust Fund ongoing funding is cut. Pamela Atkinson is "backfilled" this year to its full ongoing funding (though loses one-time funding of \$500,000). Olene Walker is "backfilled" 1/3 of this year's cut.

The funding for the Earned Income Tax Credit/Volunteer Income Tax Assistance was restored to its usual base, but the additional \$50,000 we got last year was not restored.

General Assistance survived, though did suffer some cuts. GA originally lost \$2.2 million for FY10, and lost \$1 million from the base budget for FY09, though those dollars were with onetime money. This would have resulted in a total loss from the base budget of \$3.2 million, however, the