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TO: Members, Compensation Council

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RE: Other Salaries Affected by Salaries within the Council's Jurisdiction

Salaries within the jurisdiction of the compensation council affect salaries of other public officials whose salaries are established or limited by law.

State Executive Agencies

The Governor's salary affects various other state government salaries:

- ▶ The compensation of the executive director of Minnesota Business Finance, Inc. may not exceed 95 percent of the Governor's salary (Minn. Stat. § 116S.03, subd. 1). The compensation of the executive director of the Northern Technology Initiative, Inc. may not exceed 85 percent of the Governor's salary (Minn. Stat. § 116T.03, subd. 1).
- ▶ For the administrator of the Minnesota Zoo, any salary in excess of 95 percent of the governor's salary must be paid with nonstate funds (Minn. Stat. § 85A.02, subd. 5a).
- ▶ The salary for the lottery director is established at 95 percent of the governor's salary (Minn. Stat. § 349A.02, subd. 1).
- ▶ For directors of the three statewide public pension funds, the governing board of the applicable pension system sets the salary, with the statutory limit of 133 percent of the governor's salary (Minn. Stat. §§ 352.03, subd. 5; 353.03, subd. 3a; and 354.06, subd. 2).

Executive Branch Judges and Judicial Branch Positions

The compensation council recommends salaries for judges in the judicial branch. Salaries for certain judges in the executive branch are tied to salaries of judges in the judicial branch. These relationships are established in Minnesota Statutes, section 15A.083.

Position	Salary
Tax court judge	98.52% of district court judge
Chief tax court judge	98.52% of chief district court judge
Chief administrative law judge	98.52% of district court judge
Asst. chief administrative law judge and administrative law judge supervisors	93.60% of district court judge
Administrative law judge	88.67% of district court judge
Workers compensation court of appeals judge	98.52% of district court judge
Chief judge, workers comp court of appeals	98.52% of chief district court judge
Compensation judges	88.67% of district court judge

Additional statutes provide that:

- ▶ A referee or administrative law judge employed by a court may not receive a salary of more than 90 percent of the salary paid a judge of the employing court.
- ▶ The salary of the state public defender (set by the Board of Public Defense) cannot exceed the salary of a district court judge.

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