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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Enabling the Executive Director of the Department of Labor and Employment to Reorganize Investigation and Criminal Enforcement Efforts

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Jr. Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order enabling the Director of the Department of Labor and Employment to reorganize investigation and criminal enforcement efforts.

1. Background and Purpose

In 1994, Governor Romer issued Executive Order D 008 94, establishing the Investigations and Criminal Enforcement Section in the Department of Labor and Employment ("department"). The Investigation and Criminal Enforcement Section, a separate unit within the department, is responsible for investigating allegations of workers' compensation and unemployment insurance fraud, auditing local workforce agencies, and providing internal department security. While the section has been successful at reducing fraud and creating a secure work environment, department efficiency and program effectiveness can be improved by placing investigatory, audit, and security functions within the department programs responsible for implementing and enforcing state labor and employment law. Such improvements are consistent with state-wide efforts to improve government efficiency.

This order rescinds Executive Order D 008 94, providing the Executive Director of the department with the authority to place investigations and criminal enforcement functions within department programs, leading to more efficient and economical administration of criminal matters within the Department of Labor and Employment.

2. Directive

I hereby rescind Executive Order D 008 94. Nothing in this order modifies the investigation or criminal enforcement duties of department staff.



GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, this 29th
day of January, 2008.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor