

TO MEMBERS OF THE 79th LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

The Governor's Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2005 represents our state's 115th year of a balanced budget. The report is designed to give an accurate and timely reflection of the financial conditions of the state and the proposals for spending the taxpayer's money. It culminates budget activities by the agencies and the Governor's Office which began early this summer.

The budget document contains a great deal of financial and program information, including the following: financial statements for the general fund and other funds; a history of the record of expenditures of the past two fiscal years; proposed funding by program for the coming fiscal year; statements of goals, objectives, and missions for the various programs, divisions, and departments; a listing of revenues generated by each program; and, various informational charts and graphs.

Funding for each program is presented as general funds, federal funds, and other funds. In addition, expenditures for each program are broken down into personal services and operating expenses. Staffing levels for each program are expressed in terms of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs).

It is our hope that the information contained in this book will be useful to you in your deliberations during the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

Jason C. Dilges, Commissioner
Bureau of Finance and Management