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Members, Senate Insurance Committee

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MEMORANDUM

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Re: AB 2199 (Kehoe): Fire Insurance: Indemnity

> Senate Insurance Committee Hearing: June 16, 2004 PIFC Position: Neutral as Proposed to be Amended

Amendments Requested

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing insurers who write over 45% of the homeowners insurance sold in California, has a "neutral as proposed to be amended" position on AB 2199 by Assembly Member Kehoe.

AB 2199, among other things, extends the time period for policyholders to complete the reconstruction process following a total loss and receive replacement cost benefits. An urgency clause was added to the bill so that it could take effect immediately. PIFC did not oppose the addition of the urgency clause, however, insurers will need time to reform policy documents and bring them into compliance with the new requirements. For this reason, we have requested, and the sponsors and author have indicated they have no objection to, amendments that would provide that "Insurance policy forms shall be modified to be consistent with these requirements by no later than July 1, 2005."

With the adoption of these amendments as author's amendments, PIFC will be neutral on AB 2199. If you have any questions regarding PIFC's position or the proposed amendments, please contact Diane Colborn at (916) 442-6646.

cc: Assembly Member Kehoe, Author Brian Perkins, Senate Insurance Committee Consultant Tim Conaghan, Senate Republican Caucus Senate Floor Analyses Cynthia Bryant, Office of the Governor Scott Reid, Office of the Insurance Advisor