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Legislative Audit Committee February 22, 2022 Minutes

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on February 22, 2022, at 8:02 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Jim Smallwood called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present:

Committee Members

Representative Rod Bockenfeld (excused), Senator Julie Gonzales, Representative Colin Larson, Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Representative Dylan Roberts, Senator Rob Woodward, Senator Robert Rodriguez (Vice Chair), Senator Jim Smallwood (Chair)

The following Office of the State Auditor (OSA) staff and others attended:

OSA

Kerri L. Hunter, State Auditor; Michelle Colin, Deputy State Auditor; Marisa Edwards, Deputy State Auditor; Jenny Atchley, Adrien Kordas, Jenny Page

Other Attendees

Department of Agriculture
Jordan Beezley, Legislative Liaison

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Department of Education

Alyssa Pearson, Deputy Commissioner

Marcia Bohannon, Chief Information Officer

Danielle Ongart, Executive Director, Student Pathways Unit

Department of Human Services

Minna Castillo Cohen, Director, Office of Children, Youth and Families

Regional Transportation District

Vince Buzek, Board Chair

Debra A. Johnson, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer

Michael Ford, Chief Operations Officer

Doug MacLeod, Chief Financial Officer

8:03 a.m.

Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Foster Care Education Initiative, Performance Audit, February 2022

Senator Rodriguez made a motion to release the *Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Foster Care Education Initiative, Performance Audit, February 2022*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colin introduced self and staff.

Ms. Pearson (*Department of Education*) introduced self and staff.

Ms. Castillo Cohen (*Department of Human Services*) introduced self.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Department of Education.

Discussion ensued regarding the overall status of the foster youth system, hiring of a foster care education coordinator, and data reporting requirements.

Recommendation 2 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Department of Education and Department of Human Services.

Discussion ensued regarding the responsibility for foster youth within the Department of Human Services, and the interaction between the databases utilized by both departments.

8:46 a.m.

Minutes

Senator Rodriguez made a motion to approve the February 8, 2022, LAC hearing minutes. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:47 a.m.

Regional Transportation District, Performance Audit, December 2020, Status Report

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Page presented an overview of the report, noting that one-third of the recommendations were fully implemented, while the rest were partially implemented, with plans to have them fully implemented within the next few months.

Ms. Johnson (*Regional Transportation District*) introduced the Board Chair, self, and staff, and presented the status update.

8:52 a.m.

Colorado State Fair Bill HB22-1022 Amendment

Representative Roberts presented an overview of Amendments L001 and L002.

Jordan Beezley (*Department of Agriculture*) discussed the proposed amendments.

Discussion ensued regarding the amendments' language, and the funding and expertise for exhibits.

Representative Roberts made a motion to approve Amendment L002 be adopted in the House's second reading. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 7 – 0, with one excused. The results were as follows:

Representative Bockenfeld – Excused

Senator Gonzales – Yes

Representative Larson – Yes

Representative Michaelson Jenet – Yes

Representative Roberts – Yes

Senator Woodward – Yes

Senator Rodriguez - Yes

Senator Smallwood – Yes

9:08 a.m.

Reports Released Without a Hearing

Senator Rodriguez made a motion to release the *Reports Released Without a Hearing*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the reports.

Hearing adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor