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Legislative Audit Committee February 8, 2022 Minutes

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on February 8, 2022, at 7:30 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, Senator Julie Gonzales, Representative Colin Larson (remote and in-person), 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; Nina Frant

Other Attendees

Department of Agriculture

Jordan Beezley, Legislative Liaison

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7:31 a.m.

Minutes

Senator Gonzales made a motion to approve the January 25, 2022, LAC hearing minutes. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

7:31 a.m.

Legislation Discussion

Office of the State Auditor Legislation Tracking

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Frant presented a summary of the legislation request and an overview of the bill draft.

Discussion ensued regarding the ability to track funds allocated to legislation, the differences between the bill and SMART act, prioritization of legislation review, current performance audit responsibilities of the State Auditor's Office, and funding costs.

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to move the bill draft to bill paper. Senator Rodriguez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion failed on a tie vote. The results were as follows:

Representative Bockenfeld – No

Senator Gonzales – Yes

Representative Larson – No

Representative Michaelson Jenet – Yes

Representative Roberts – Yes

Senator Woodward – No

Senator Rodriguez - Yes

Senator Smallwood – No

Colorado State Fair Bill HB22-1011

Representative Roberts presented an overview of HB22-1011.

Jordan Beezley (*Department of Agriculture*) discussed a possible amendment to HB22-1011.

Discussion ensued regarding the State Fair budget, and funding and expertise for exhibits.

The bill sponsors were tasked with drafting an amendment to be presented to the LAC at a later date.

7:56 a.m.

OSA Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the budget.

Senator Rodriguez made a motion to approve the *OSA Fiscal Year 2023 Budget* with authorization to make any changes as prescribed by the Executive Committee or the Joint Budget Committee. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:02 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.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for agencies to correct material deficiencies.

8:06 a.m.

Matters Regarding the Fraud Hotline Pursuant to Section 2-3-110.5 C.R.S.

Senator Rodriguez made a motion to move the hearing to Executive Session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(3)(a)(III), C.R.S., to review *Matters Regarding the Fraud Hotline Pursuant to Section 2-3-110.5 C.R.S.* Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:47 a.m.

Executive Session concluded.

Hearing adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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