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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**S.C. HOUSE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES AN  
ONLINE SURVEY SEEKING CITIZENS' INPUT ON FOUR AGENCIES UNDER STUDY BY THE COMMITTEE**  
*Adjutant General's Office, Commission for Minority Affairs,  
Department of Natural Resources, and Patriots Point Development Authority*

**Columbia, SC** - Speaker Jay Lucas and the South Carolina House of Representatives' Legislative Oversight Committee are pleased to announce an online survey seeking public input on the next four agencies under study by the House Legislative Oversight Committee. These agencies are the Adjutant General's Office, Commission for Minority Affairs, Department of Natural Resources, and Patriots Point Development Authority. The public is encouraged to use the survey to share with the Committee any comments, concerns, or suggestions citizens may have about these four agencies. It can be found at this link: <https://www.research.net/r/June2017PublicSurvey>. There have been thousands of responses to previously conducted surveys. While this survey will only be open until July 28, 2017, citizens may contact the Committee anytime to share comments, concerns, or suggestions about state agencies.

Input and observations from people who interact with these agencies are important because they may help direct the Committee to potential areas for improvement with these agencies. The Committee's vision is for South Carolina agencies to become, and continuously remain, the most effective state agencies in the country through processes which eliminate waste and efficiently deploy resources thereby creating greater confidence in state government.

The specific task of the House Legislative Oversight Committee is to conduct legislative oversight studies on agencies at least once in a seven-year period. The purpose of a legislative oversight study is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed or even eliminated. Also, the Committee recognizes that a legislative oversight study of an agency serves the purpose of informing the public about an agency. Any legislator may file legislation, which will go through the normal legislative process, to implement recommendations this Committee may have relating to the agencies being studied.

**What:** Online survey seeking citizen's input  
**When:** June 27, 2017 until July 28, 2017  
**Where:** Online; from home, school or public library  
The link to take the survey is <https://www.research.net/r/June2017PublicSurvey>  
**Who:** Entire public and agency personnel are encouraged to take the survey

Suggestions for additional ways to inform the public about this survey and the House Legislative Oversight Committee's process are welcomed.

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