

*Chair Wm. Weston J. Newton*

*First Vice-Chair:  
Laurie Slade Funderburk*

## **Legislative Oversight Committee**

*Katherine E. "Katie" Arrington  
William K. "Bill" Bowers  
Neal Collins  
MaryGail K. Douglas  
William M. "Bill" Hixon  
Jeffrey E. "Jeff" Johnson  
Robert L. Ridgeway, III  
Edward R. Tallon Sr.  
John T. "Jay" West, IV*



*Bruce W. Bannister  
Gary E. Clary  
Chandra E. Dillard  
Phyllis J. Henderson  
Joseph H. Jefferson Jr.  
Mandy Powers Norrell  
Tommy M. Stringer  
Bill Taylor  
Robert Q. Williams*

## **South Carolina House of Representatives**

*Jennifer L. Dobson  
Research Director*

*Cathy A. Greer  
Administration Coordinator*

*Charles L. Appleby IV  
Legal Counsel*

*Carmen J. McCutcheon Simon  
Research Analyst/Auditor*

**Post Office Box 11867  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
Telephone: (803) 212-6810 • Fax: (803) 212-6811  
Room 228 Blatt Building**

*Kendra H. Wilkerson  
Fiscal/Research Analyst*

August 16, 2018

### Via Email

W. Hartley Powell, Director  
South Carolina Department of Revenue  
300-A Outlet Pointe Boulevard  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Follow up from Subcommittee's August 13, 2018, meeting with the agency

Dear Director Powell:

The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee appreciates the agency's continued partnership in the oversight process. As follow-up from the meeting on August 13, 2018, please provide the Subcommittee with the following information by Friday, August 31, 2018:

1. A summary of the results of the agency's FY16 and FY17 employee surveys, omitting any confidential data or information that identifies individual respondents. Also, please describe briefly the survey method used (i.e., was input anonymous).
2. Estimates of the following information related to filing tax liens:
  - a) Number of tax liens filed in FY18, broken down by county if readily available;
  - b) Current annual agency cost of filing tax liens with counties, including recording fees and staff time;
  - c) The counties that would currently accept electronic recording through Simplifile or similar services;
  - d) Change in annual agency cost if electronic recording with Simplifile or a similar service is implemented for the counties referenced in part (c), including the cost of an annual contract and any anticipated savings in staff time and postage; and

- e) Change in annual agency cost if the agency is no longer required to file tax liens with counties, including the cost of implementing a statewide recording system and any anticipated savings in staff time and recording fees.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process. We look forward to continuing our discussion of the Department of Revenue at the next Subcommittee meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Bannister". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Bruce W. Bannister  
Subcommittee Chair

cc: Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Members