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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Blatt Room 110

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly’s website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on Committee Postings and Reports, then under House Standing Committees click on Legislative Oversight. Then, click on Video Archives for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

Attendance

- I. The House Legislative Oversight Committee – Ad Hoc Committee to Study Insurance Fraud meeting was called to order by Chair Jeffrey E. “Jeff” Johnson on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. Seven ad hoc committee members (Chair Jeff Johnson; Representative April Cromer, Representative Mark Smith, Representative Russell Ott, Representative Bill Hixon, Representative William Bailey, and Representative Roger Kirby) were present for all or a portion of the meeting.

Constituent Testimony

- I. Chair Johnson recognized Lee Grenade to provide constituent testimony before the committee regarding an insurance fraud related issue. Chair Johnson informs Ms. Grenade pursuant to Committee

Rule 9.4, this Committee cannot intervene or provide resolution in any individual constituent's ongoing matter with an agency.

Discussion of Insurance Fraud

- I. Chair Johnson provides an opening statement regarding the purpose of the ad hoc committee.
- II. Director Matthew Wise, Department of Insurance, provides brief remarks regarding his agency's role and responsibilities.
- III. Joshua Underwood, Director of the Insurance Fraud Unit, gives a presentation regarding insurance fraud.
 - a. The presentation covered the following items:
 - i. Cost of insurance fraud;
 - ii. Highlights from the Insurance Fraud Division's Annual Report for 2022;
 - iii. General responsibilities of the division;
 - iv. Responsibilities of the State Law Enforcement Division regarding fraud;
 - v. Investigation and prosecution of fraud; and
 - vi. Matters of concern regarding the public perception of fraud and needed resources.
- IV. Mark Keel, Chief of the State Law Enforcement Division, provides brief remarks regarding his agency's role and responsibilities.
- V. Lieutenant Jeremy Smith, State Grand Jury and Public Corruption Unit, gives a presentation regarding insurance fraud.
 - a. The presentation covered the following items:
 - i. Statutory authority;
 - ii. Cost of insurance fraud;
 - iii. Investigating insurance fraud;
 - iv. Insurance fraud cases; and
 - v. Resources (e.g., staffing, funding, etc.)

Adjournment

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.