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JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, October 23, 2008
House Hearing Room 3 -- 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

Members Present

Senator Allen	Representative Brown
Senator Miranda	Representative Rios P
Senator Rios R	Representative Yarbrough
Senator Blendu, Chairman	Representative Nelson, Chairman

Members Absent

Senator Gorman	Representative Boone
Senator Bee, Ex-officio	Representative Weiers, Ex-officio

Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2007 Meeting

Senator Blendu moved that the Minutes from September 27, 2007 (Attachment 1) be approved. The motion carried.

Assignment of Sunrise Report to Committees of Reference

Kim Hildebrand, Manager, Performance Audit Division, presented item number one (Attachment 2, Tab 1) of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) report, explaining the request, in the form of a Sunrise Report from the Arizona Pharmacy Alliance for an expansion of the scope of practice to allow pharmacists to provide immunizations to patients, 18 and older, without a physician's prescription. Ms. Hildebrand further explained that JLAC is responsible for assigning this Sunrise Report to a Committee of Reference for review and that it be assigned, with Speaker Weiers' and President Bee's recommendation, to the Health Committee of Reference.

Senator Blendu moved that the Committee assign the Arizona Pharmacy Alliance Sunrise Request to the House Health and Senate Health Committee of Reference. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Consideration and Approval of Revised 2009 Performance Audit Schedule and Committees of Reference Assignments

Debbie Davenport, Auditor General, presented item number two, (Attachment 2, Tab 2), to the Committee. Ms. Davenport explained that in the last JLAC meeting, it was finalized that those agencies on the 2009 schedule that would go to a Committee of Reference for review and those that would go to the Auditor General's (AG) office for a Performance Audit and Sunset Review. Ms. Davenport continued that there were changes that occurred within the last Legislative Session that necessitate a change in the prior-mentioned audit approved schedule. Ms Davenport referred to the revised schedule in Tab 2, explaining the recommended changes. She answered questions.

Senator Blendu moved that the Committee re-assign the Board of Investment, Department of Gaming, Department of Water Resources and Arizona Department Of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division Wait Times to Committees of Reference. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Blendu moved that the Committee assign the Commission for Postsecondary Education and the Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medical Examiners to Committees of Reference. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Allen suggested that it should be considered whether or not they have the funding for these audits.

Representative Nelson agreed.

Senator Blendu moved that the Committee approve the Committee of Reference assignments for the Commission for Postsecondary Education, the Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medical Examiners and the Maricopa Integrated Health System. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Consideration of Performance Audit Schedule for 2010 – 2011

Melanie Chesney, Director, Performance Audit Division, referred to Tab 3 (Attachment 2, Tab 3) requesting the Committee's approval of the 2010 – 2011 Performance Audit Schedule.

Senator Blendu moved that the Committee approve the proposed schedule for the 2010 – 2011 Performance Audit Cycle. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Consideration and Approval of Committee of Reference Assignments for the 2010 Performance Audit Schedule

Kim Hildebrand, Manager, Performance Audit Division, addressed agenda item four (Attachment 2, Tab 4) and referred to the Auditor General handout behind Tab 4. She pointed out that they had no recommendations for the 2011 schedule because there are usually changes within the committees and they did not want to get too far ahead. She answered questions.

Representative Rios commented that these recommendations are usually made by staff for the President and the Speaker and are usually good recommendations.

Senator Blendu moved that the Committee approve the Committee of Reference assignments for the 2010 Performance Audit Schedule. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Presentation of DES Child Protective Services Audit Schedule for 2009 - 2010

Melonie Chesney, Director, Performance Audit Division, presented agenda item five (Attachment 2, Tab 5). She explained that the schedule was for the Committee's information only and that no action was required.

Presentation of Financial Audit Schedule and Consideration of Cost Reimbursement Audits for 2009

Dennis Mattheisen, Director, Financial Audit, Office of the Auditor General, referred to Tab 6 (Attachment 2, Tab 6) and explained that no Committee action was needed.

Senator Allen asked if the Federal Government actually paid back the State. Mr. Mattheisen replied that his office would bill Pinal County, for example, and Pinal County would always pay them and eventually, through grants, the Federal Government reimbursed Pinal County.

Senator Blendu moved that the Committee approve the Fiscal Year 2009 Cost Reimbursement Audits as printed. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Presentation and Status Update of School-wide Audit Team Schedule for 2009

Ross Ehrick, Division of School Audits Director, presented item seven (Attachment 2, Tab 7).

Senator Blendu suggested that there be spot checks in order for the audits to be verified.

Representative Rios asked where the results of the audits of the English Language Learners (ELL) program can be found. Mr. Ehrick explained that the Auditor General's office was required to do a bi-annual audit of the ELL program and a base line report was issued earlier this year. He continued that in 2010 there would be a report addressing the effectiveness of the program. Discussion ensued.

Consideration and Approval of Reassignment of House Environment COR Chair

Kim Hildebrand, Manager, Performance Audit Division, referred to item eight on the agenda (Attachment 2, Tab 8) explaining that Representative Reagan requested to be removed from her Chairman position on the House Environment Committee of Reference and that Representative Barnes requested to be appointed by JLAC as the new Chairman.

Senator Blendu moved that the Committee approve removal of Representative Reagan as the House Environment Committee of Reference Chairman and appoint Representative Barnes as the House Environment Committee of Reference Chairman. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Representative Nelson noted that there was no public testimony.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Sarah Griffith, Committee Secretary
October 27, 2008

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