

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE POWERS

Minutes of the Meeting

January 22, 2021

9:30 a.m. SHR 1

This meeting will be held via teleconference software.

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here:

<https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2021011133>

Members Present:

Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita, Co-Chair*

Senator Sine Kerr*

Senator David Livingston*

Senator Martin Quezada*

Representative Gail Griffin, Co-Chair*

Representative Frank Carroll*

Representative Domingo DeGrazia*

Representative Randall Friese*

Representative John Kavanagh*

*Participated remotely via a teleconference platform.

Members Excused:

Senator Lupe Contreras

Staff:

Mike Hans, Senate Research Staff

Stephanie Jensen, House Research Staff

Co-Chair Ugenti-Rita called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. and attendance was noted.

PRESENTATIONS

Overview of Federal COVID-19 Funding to Arizona and the Executive Allocation of Discretionary COVID-19 Funding – Joint Legislative Budget Committee Staff

Lydia Chew, Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) Staff, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, electronically distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Overview of Federal and State COVID Funding January 22, 2021" (Attachment A). Ms. Chew answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on the Federal COVID Funding.

Alexis Pagel, Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) Staff, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A) on the State COVID-19 Funding and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on the State COVID Funding.

Pennsylvania S.B. 1166 – Pennsylvania State Senator Kim Ward, Majority Floor Leader

Senator Ugenti-Rita introduced the presenter, Pennsylvania State Senator Kim Ward.

Senator Kim Ward, Majority Floor Leader, Pennsylvania State Senate, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, bill sponsor, gave a brief background of the Pennsylvania S.B. 2 that mirrors to S.B. 1166 from 2019-2020 legislative session that would amend the Pennsylvania Constitution. Senator Ward answered questions posed by the Committee and offered comments.

Geri Sarfert, Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Senate, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Ward answered additional questions posed by the Committee and offered additional comments.

Senator Ugenti-Rita offered comments.

The Committee discussed their concerns and offered comments for the presentation mentioned above.

Practitioners Perspective on COVID-19 Health Affects – Doctor Cynthia Miley, MD

Dr. Cynthia Miley, Family Practice Physician, Tucson, Arizona, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, shared her background and explained her perspective regarding Practitioners on COVID-19 health affects and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed their concerns and offered comments for the presentation mentioned above.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony took place.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Senator Ugenti-Rita offered comments and requested that Representative Griffin read the potential Committee recommendations.

Representative Griffin read the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Oversight of Emergency Executive Powers recommend to the full legislature the adoption of legislation limiting the length of a state of emergency proclamation by the Governor without Legislative approval.

Senator Ugenti-Rita offered comments and opened discussion on the potential Committee recommendations.

Representative Friese suggested changes by adding new language to the potential Committee recommendations.

The Committee discussed and offered comments for the recommendations mentioned above.

Representative Griffin moved that the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Oversight of Emergency Executive Powers recommend to the full legislature the consideration and adoption of legislation limiting the length of a state of emergency proclamation by the Governor without Legislative approval.

The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Attached is a list noting the individual who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment B).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imee L. Andrew
Committee Secretary
Audio and Video Transcription

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