

JLARC Meeting

May 13, 2019 – MINUTES

JLARC Members Present:

Senator Thomas K. Norment: Chairman, Delegate R. Steven Landes: Vice-Chairman, Delegate Terry L. Austin, Delegate Betsy B. Carr, Speaker M. Kirkland Cox, Senator, Emmett Hanger, Delegate Charniele Herring, Senator Janet Howell, Delegate Chris Jones, Senator Ryan McDougle, Delegate Kenneth Plum, Senator Frank Ruff, Delegate Christopher Stolle.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Senator Thomas K. Norment. Senator Norment recognized Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director, who introduced three new JLARC staff members, Kate Hopkins, Tess Hinteregger and Jessica Sabbath.

JLARC Impacts: Actions Taken on Report Recommendations

Mr. Greer gave a presentation on JLARC Impacts: Actions Taken on Report Recommendations.

2019 JLARC Workplan

After Mr. Greer's presentation, Mr. Justin Brown took the podium and introduced the 2019 workplan. Mr. Brown gave a summary of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries study. Mr. Brown then introduced Mr. Jamie Bitz, who gave an overview of the Office of the Inspector General study. At the conclusion of his summary, Mr. Bitz introduced Mr. Mark Gribbin who presented an overview of the Office of the Attorney General study. Mr. Gribbin then replied to questions from Commission members.

Senator Norment then introduced Ms. Tracey Smith who gave an overview of the Workers' Compensation study. After responding to several questions from Commission members, Ms. Smith introduced Mr. Jeff Lunardi, who gave an overview of STEP-VA study. Mr. Lunardi responded to a question and then Joe McMahon gave a presentation of the Gaming study. Following his presentation, Mr. McMahon answered several questions from Commission members.

Next to take the podium was Ms. Kimberly Sarte who discussed her areas of oversight. Ms. Sarte then introduced Ms. Ellen Miller. Ms. Miller gave a presentation on the ongoing evaluation of economic development incentives. There were no questions. Following Ms. Miller, Ms. Lauren Axelle presented JLARC's current oversight studies for VRS, VA529 and VITA. At the conclusion of her presentation, there were no questions. Ms. Kimberly Sarte then addressed the Commission regarding JLARC's new oversight of Cardinal and the fiscal analysis services that JLARC provides to the General Assembly.

Mr. Justin Brown again took the podium and presented the proposed meeting schedule for 2019. Mr. Brown gave the final dates chosen for the June 2019 through November 2019 JLARC Commission meetings and mentioned that December's date is still pending. Mr. Brown also mentioned the need for a Topic Selection Subcommittee meeting at some point in the future, possibly September. There was a motion to approve the JLARC Workplan. The motion to approve was confirmed.

FY 2020 APA Annual Workplan

Mr. Justin Brown then introduced Ms. Martha Mavredes who summarized details of the APA office update and proposed salary scales. She then introduced Ms. Staci Henshaw who gave a presentation on the 2020 workplan and their prior workplan results. Both Ms. Mavredes and Ms. Henshaw answered several questions from the Commission members.

There was a motion to approve the APA 2020 workplan and salary scale. The motion was approved.

Ms. Mavredes then discussed the APA prior workplan results. Following the presented results, Commission members asked several questions.

Adjournment

Mr. Greer then took the podium and announced the next JLARC Commission meeting will be June 17th at 1:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 12:23 p.m.

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