

(13) Highway Commission Review and Advisory Subcommittee.

(A) Membership. The subcommittee shall consist of twenty (20) members with at least four (4) or more members of the Legislative Council from each congressional district of the state. The Legislative Council may, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum to suspend the rules, alter the membership of the subcommittee.

(B) Duties. To this subcommittee shall be referred the following matters:

(i) Proposed rules of the State Highway Commission required under Arkansas Code § 27-65-107(a)(18)(A). Proposed rules of the State Highway Commission submitted under this subdivision are not subject to approval by the Legislative Council or any of its subcommittees and shall be presented for review only;

(ii) Reports from the State Highway Commission regarding the progress of each public road construction project of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or more;

(iii) Report of the Director of State Highways and Transportation regarding draft legislation that has been approved by the State Highway Commission to be presented for filing during the next regular legislative session. This report shall be presented to the Subcommittee at its December meeting of each year immediately preceding a regular session;

(iv) Proposed rules of the State Highway Commission related to implementation of the recommendations included in the final report submitted as required under subdivision 5.(a)(13)(C)(iii) of this rule. Proposed rules of the State Highway Commission submitted under this subdivision are not subject to approval by the Legislative Council or any of its subcommittees and shall be presented for review only;

(v) Proposed contracts of the State Highway Commission, in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more, that are entered for the purpose of implementing any of the recommendations included in the final report submitted as required under subdivision 5.(a)(13)(C)(iii) of this rule. A contract shall be submitted to the Subcommittee for review prior to execution of the contract;

(iv) Other State Highway Commission matters the subcommittee considers necessary to perform its duties as prescribed by law; and

(v) Other duties as assigned to the subcommittee by the Legislative Council.

(C) In addition to the duties listed in subdivision (B), and in compliance with Act 298 of 2019, the subcommittee shall:

(i) Conduct a study of the processes and functioning of the Arkansas Department of Transportation, including without limitation the department's processes, procedures, procurement procedures, projects, expenditures, and appeals processes;

(ii) Assist the Legislative Council in the selection of one (1) or more consultants to assist the subcommittee in conducting the study; and

(iii) Provide a final written report of its activities, findings, and recommendations, including recommended legislation related to the study to the Legislative Council at its November 2020 meeting;