

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Friday July 24, 2020**

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The Arkansas Legislative Council met at 9:00 a.m., Friday, June 19, 2020, in Committee Room A of the Big Mac Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Jeff Wardlaw called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum of members present. The members present are listed on the sign-in sheets.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Co-Chair Wardlaw referred the members to the minutes of the last Legislative Council meetings on May 15, 2020 and May 27, 2020 (Exhibit C) and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

**Representative Jeff Wardlaw moved that the minutes of the May 15, 2020 and May 27, 2020 meeting of the Legislative Council be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

**Revenue Report**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Mr. Richard Wilson to present the May 2020 Arkansas Revenue Report (Exhibit D). Mr. Wilson began by reporting, after eleven (11) months of the fiscal year, the state is approximately \$209 million less than the previous fiscal year in total collections with a growth rate of -3.2%. The net collection is down \$106 million with a growth rate of -2%. Mr. Wilson continued reporting, since the revision on March 23, 2020, the state is about \$288 million ahead of the revised forecast. The revised forecast is \$5.384 billion, and after May 2020, the state is at \$5.164 billion in net. In order to meet the forecast, a net of \$220 billion is needed for June 2020.

Mr. Wilson further reported that in June 2019, the net was \$652 million. The June 2020 estimate from Department of Finance & Administration (DF&A) is \$508 million. Mr. Wilson stated the May 2020 gross receipts were negative 3.3%, but the year is still positive at 2.27%. The fiscal year will end with a positive growth rate in gross receipts, but a negative growth rate in income taxes, at about 6%. Mr. Wilson stated, every month the revenue report is created based on treasury reports that are sent, which are basically bank statements. The agencies and institutions of the state are the depositors into that account. He further stated that, over the past decades, it has always been set up that constitutional officers, if they so choose, send money to the general fund.

Mr. Wilson continued, stating he had a question last month from Senator Will Bond about the split of growth receipts that is going to online purchases versus the brick and mortar, mom and pop stores in the state of Arkansas – in response, inquiries were made to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and DFA, but replies have yet to be received. Senator Alan Clark asked about sector by sector and revenue losses in Arkansas and the United States – in response, Mr. Wilson stated, the sector for “leisure and hospitality” has been hit the hardest financially.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Jim Hendren for questions. After questions, this concluded the revenue report.

### **Report of the Executive Subcommittee**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Co-Chair Cecile Bledsoe to present the report of the Executive Subcommittee (Exhibit E). Co-Chair Bledsoe reported that the Executive Subcommittee met on June 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. The subcommittee reviewed and approved an emergency rule for Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) regarding the Rural Connect Broadband program for applications and funding to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The review and approval of the rule would be effective upon adjournment of the ALC meeting (June 19, 2020).

In addition, a motion was adopted to move the July ALC and ALC subcommittee meetings back one week, to the week of July 20-24, 2020, due to conflicts with the American Legislative Exchange Conference (ALEC) meeting dates.

This concluded the report of the Executive Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

**Co-Chair Bledsoe moved that the report of the Executive Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

### **Reports of the Standing Subcommittees**

#### Administrative Rules Subcommittee

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Lance Eads to present the report of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee (Exhibit F.1). Senator Eads reported that the Administrative Rules Subcommittee met on June 17, 2020. The subcommittee adopted reports of the Executive Subcommittee concerning its approval of emergency rules, and reviewed and filed quarterly reports that were submitted by the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) and the Arkansas Parole Board (APB) in accordance with Act 1258 of 2015. The Department of Agriculture's garbage feeding rule was withdrawn by the agency from consideration at the meeting. The subcommittee voted not to approve two (2) Division of Environmental Quality rules (Rule 5, Rule 6), while all other rules on the agenda were reviewed and approved as indicated in the report. The subcommittee also reviewed and filed letters concerning agency updates on delinquent rulemaking, under Act 517 of 2019.

This concluded the report of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

**Senator Lance Eads moved that the report of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

#### Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Fredrick Love to present the report of the Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee (Exhibit F.6). Representative Love reported that the subcommittee met on June 18, 2020, and heard testimony regarding the following items:

- State Medicaid programs;
- Emergency Response planning;
- COVID-19 modeling;
- Retaining healthy medical professionals with adequate personal protection equipment; and
- Hospital capacity, revenue loss, and family visitation at the Human Development Centers (HDC's).

Representatives from the following entities provided testimony: 3M Health Information System; Arkansas Department of Health, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS); Washington Regional Medical System; Baptist Health; St. Bernard's Healthcare; and Department of Human Services (DHS).

This concluded the report of the Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

**Representative Fredrick Love moved that the report of the Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

#### Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Bruce Maloch to present the report of the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee (Exhibit F.8). Senator Maloch reported that the subcommittee met on June 16, 2020, and approved the following items: reallocation of resources request from the Department of Human Services (DHS), various appropriation transfers, various temporary appropriation requests, a C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation request, a restricted reserved funds transfer, and maintaining the 2.1% deduction for the State Central Services fund.

The subcommittee also approved the Shared Services appropriation transfer requests, with the exception of spending authority associated with positions of the State Plant Board within the Department of Agriculture, positions of the Bank Department, State Securities Department, and State Insurance Department within the Department of Commerce. The subcommittee reviewed several other items and received monthly reports. This concluded the report of the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee.

Senator Maloch informed members that his motion would not be consistent with the report.

**Senator Bruce Maloch made a motion to approve the PEER report with the exception of allowing positions requested by the Department of Agriculture, State Plant Board, to go into the Shared Services appropriation.**

Senator Maloch stated the motion would allow the State Plant Board to go into Shared Services.

Co-Chair Wardlaw made a comment to members that however the motion is passed or changed, the changes would also have to be made in the Personnel Subcommittee report, because the positions for the agency go through both subcommittees.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Bart Hester for questions. Senator Hester requested for the agency to come forward to give an opinion on the PEER request. Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized

Mr. Jake Bleed, Director, DFA- Office of Budget to respond. Mr. Bleed stated that working with Senator Jimmy Hickey and others who had concerns, the agency is in support of allowing the State Plant Board to continue with Shared Services.

There were no further questions.

**The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Jim Wooten to present the report of the Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee (Exhibit F.11). Representative Wooten reported that the Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee met on June 16, 2020, and received and discussed various reports that required no action. The subcommittee reviewed new requests, as well as continuation requests made by institutions of higher education and executive branch agencies and departments, listed as Items 5-16 on the report. The subcommittee also suspended the rules to take up a supplemental agenda item that required approval to transfer positions from their existing division level appropriations to their department level shared services appropriations. The request was with the exception of those positions that had been requested for the State Bank Department, Arkansas Securities Department, the Insurance Department, and the positions of the Department of Agriculture that are tied to the State Plant Board. This concluded the report of the Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee.

**Representative Jim Wooten moved that the report of the Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee be adopted.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Bruce Maloch for a substitute motion.

**Senator Maloch moved to approve the Personnel Subcommittee report with the exception of pulling out the Department of Agriculture, State Plant Board positions, and allowing them to move the positions to Shared Services.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Fredrick Love and Senator Jason Rapert for questions. After discussion by members and Mr. Jake Bleed, Co-Chair Wardlaw, requested a second to the motion.

**The motion was seconded, and passed by voice vote.**

Policy-Making Subcommittee

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Linda Chesterfield to present the report of the Policy-Making Subcommittee (Exhibit F.9). Senator Chesterfield reported that the Policy-Making Subcommittee met on June 17, 2020, and discussed the proposed committee fund allocations for mileage and per diems for FY2021. The subcommittee recommended approval of the committee fund allocations that are set forth in the attachment to this report. The balances will be effective July 1, 2020. This concluded the report of the Policy-Making Subcommittee.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Jim Dotson for a motion. Representative Dotson stated he asked BLR staff to pull committee expense records from the past 5 years (*Handout*). The handout reflected FY19-20 reductions shown in red and amounts shown in green were recommended amounts. Representative Dotson stated the new amounts he recommended would cover all the expenses of FY20-21.

**Representative Jim Dotson made a motion to adopt the recommended amounts, except for Line Item 1 – Economic and Tax Policy Committee, increasing it to \$10,000, and Line Item 12 – Joint Performance Review Committee, leaving it at the \$90,000 that was approved for the committee to operate under in FY19-20, and approve the remainder as recommended.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Chesterfield to speak to the motion. Senator Chesterfield stated that she (as Co-Chair of Policy-Making Subcommittee) and Representative Ken Bragg, Co-Chair, Policy-Making Subcommittee, reviewed the balances from last year in comparison and found that some committees had not met at all last year, thus the recommendations to reduce the amounts.

**Senator Linda Chesterfield made a substitute motion to adopt the original recommendation of the Policy-Making Subcommittee report.**

Senator Chesterfield further stated it was disclosed in the Policy-Making Subcommittee meeting that if a committee had insufficient monies, that any committee could come before the Policy-Making Subcommittee to request more money when needed.

**The substitute motion was seconded, and passed by voice vote.**

#### Review Subcommittee

Co-Chair Bledsoe recognized Representative Andy Davis to present the report of the Review Subcommittee (Exhibit F.10). Representative Davis reported that the Review Subcommittee met on June 16, 2020, and reviewed a property purchase, various methods of finance, grants and service contracts. No items were held and all was reviewed. This concluded the report of the Review Subcommittee and there were no questions.

**Representative Andy Davis moved that the report of the Review Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

#### Lottery Oversight Subcommittee

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Joyce Elliott to present the report of the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee (Exhibit F.12). Senator Elliott reported that the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee met on June 18, 2020, and reviewed activities and operations, the FY20-21 annual operating budget, and business plan and consulting services for the Office of the Arkansas Lottery. Subcommittee reviewed a second amendment, by and between the Office of the Arkansas Lottery and Camelot Global, to its agreement for Contractual Services for Business Plan and Consultancy Services, to extend the contract two years, as was allowed in the original contract. This concluded the report of the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Terry Rice for questions. Senator Rice asked if there was any discussion or concerns on the extension of the contract. Senator Elliott gave a short synopsis of what transpired in the Lottery Oversight meeting.

**Senator Joyce Elliott moved that the report of the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Highway Commission Review and Advisory Subcommittee

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Ron McNair to present the report of the Highway Commission Review and Advisory Subcommittee (Exhibit F.13). Representative McNair reported that the Highway Commission Review and Advisory Subcommittee met on June 17, 2020. The subcommittee received a recommendation report on the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) from ALC's consultant, Guidehouse, LLC. This concluded the report of the Highway Commission Review and Advisory Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

**Representative Ron McNair moved that the report of the Highway Commission Review and Advisory Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded, and passed by voice vote.**

Occupational Licensing Review

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Missy Irvin to present the report of the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee (Exhibit F.15). Senator Irvin reported that the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee met on June 15, 2020, to receive reports on occupational authorizations from: Office of Long Term Care, Division of Provider Services, Arkansas Department of Human Services; Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training; Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy; Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers; Arkansas Department of Agriculture; and Arkansas State Board of Nursing. This concluded the report of the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

**Senator Missy Irvin moved that the report of the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded, and passed by voice vote.**

**Review of Communications**

Co-Chair Wardlaw referred members to the communications listed as Item H.1(a) and H.1(b) on the agenda, and noted that action by the Legislative Council is needed for those items.

**Co-Chair Bledsoe made a motion to batch and file as reviewed Items H.1(a) and H.1(b) for Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw referred members to the communication listed as Item H.4.

**Senator Linda Chesterfield made a motion to approve Item H.4.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Missy Irvin for questions. Senator Irvin asked if radio advertisements were an allowable expense under the Arkansas Ready for Business program.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Mr. Jim Hudson, General Counsel, Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to respond to questions. Mr. Hudson responded, yes, radio advertisements were an allowable expense, as well as newspaper ads.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Linda Chesterfield for questions. Senator Chesterfield asked if there were any other grant programs for small businesses or if the Arkansas Ready for Business Grant program was still accepting applications. Mr. Hudson responded that the Arkansas Ready for Business Grant program has closed, but there are other options for small businesses, including the PPE program, which currently will take applications up to June 30, 2020, as well as disaster loans given by the Small Business Administration (SBA). That concluded questions.

**The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw referred members to the communication listed as Item H.6(c). Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Jim Dotson for questions. Representative Dotson asked why the Department of Finance & Administration (DF&A) requested \$495,000 to replace a cooler tower on the campus of Southern Arkansas University (SAU) using the COVID-19 Rainy Day funds instead of using regular Rainy Day funds.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Mr. Jake Bleed, DF&A, to respond. Mr. Bleed stated that after talking to the University, it was confirmed that this was initially a project that the University planned to pay for this fiscal year, but due to the corona virus and the impacts it has had on the school's finances, and the \$2.4 million in budget cuts, the school made this request. Mr. Bleed further stated that DF&A agreed to the use of the COVID-19 Rainy Day fund, although there were other funds that could've been utilized. He expressed that since the financial situation of the university was due to the corona virus, the COVID-19 Rainy Day fund would be best utilized for this project.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Bart Hester for questions. Senator Hester expressed his concerns with allowing one higher education institute to request funds from the COVID-19 Rainy Day funds and not others for planned projects. Mr. Bleed responded that all institutions, as well as agencies, were informed that COVID-19 Rainy Day funds were available to them to offset any costs or lost revenue due to the corona virus. He further responded that other higher education institutions, such as UAMS and Henderson State, have requested funds of such.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Bruce Maloch for questions. Senator Maloch stated, that according to his records, SAU's budget was cut more than 10% in Category B in comparison to the next school in line, whose budget was only cut by 2%. Mr. Bleed responded that from what he could remember, those numbers are about right.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Lane Jean for questions. Representative Jean stated that this request is not unusual, as it is a capital improvement request from a state institution to improve a state institution, using Rainy Day funds.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Missy Irvin for questions. Senator Irvin asked DF&A why COVID-19 Rainy Day Fund was chosen over the regular Rainy Day fund. Mr. Bleed stated the COVID-19 Rainy Day Fund was created for two reasons: to pay for direct costs due to corona virus and to back fill budget shortfalls of agencies and institutions.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Jim Hendren for a statement. Co-Chair Wardlaw then recognized Senator Jonathan Dismang who expressed his concerns with not using the regular Rainy Day Funds instead of COVID-19 Rainy Day funds for a capital expenditure. Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Gary Stubblefield for questions. Senator Stubblefield asked what criteria has to be met before an agency is approved for a capital expenditure. Mr. Bleed responded it would require the necessary appropriation, and depending on the size and scope, it may require a method of finance which would go through the Review Subcommittee and maybe some other criteria depending on the project.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Alan Clark and Senator Breanne Davis for questions. Senator Davis asked what is the balance of the COVID-19 Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Bleed responded that there is about \$150.7 million, and if all the current requests are approved it would drop to about \$148.1 million. Senator Davis continued, asking if all the monies in that fund would be returned by June 30, 2020 if it was not spent. Mr. Bleed stated, yes, under the law, whatever the balance is in that fund would revert back to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve. Senator Davis further expressed her concerns for allowing one school to make a capital improvement request from a fund that was reserved for financial issues specifically related to COVID-19, and then not inform other schools that they can, too, if necessary, make a capital improvement request using this fund – and now that the information is known, it would be too late to submit a request because the monies have to be returned by June 30, 2020, which is before the authoritative body meets again to review the request(s).

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Joyce Elliott, Senator Bruce Maloch, Senator Breanne Davis, and Senator Jim Hendren for further questions and statements. Senator Hendren asked what is the process of retrieving monies from the General Revenue Allotment Fund, once the remaining COVID-19 Rainy Day funds are placed into that fund. Mr. Bleed responded that when the funds from the COVID-19 Rainy Day Fund is placed into the General Revenue Allotment Fund after June 30, 2020, the monies will be locked into that fund and remain there until the legislative body takes action in January 2021.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative DeAnn Vaught, Representative John Payton, and Senator Linda Chesterfield for questions. Senator Chesterfield asked of the Co-Chair, if any of the universities need emergency money, as deemed necessary by administration, is there anything that would preclude a special meeting of Legislative Council. Co-Chair Wardlaw stated, no, the universities would only have to submit a request to DF&A and to the Governor, and DF&A would submit the request to ALC. Legislative Council could suspend the rules to hold a meeting within a six (6) day period.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Will Bond for questions. Senator Bond asked what is DF&A's projection of how much money the General Revenue Allotment Reserve fund would be over, in the reduced forecast, at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Bleed responded that it would be in excess of funds around \$300 million by the end of June 2020. Senator Bond continued, asking, if there will be more money in the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund, why not fund the Productivity Funding formula out of the extra money. Mr. Bleed stated the COVID-19 Rainy Day Fund would be the only legal mechanism to fund that fund.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Robin Lundstrum for questions. Representative Lundstrum expressed her concerns about the SAU cooling system issue not being COVID-19 related.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Hendren for questions. Senator Hendren stated he would like to make a motion. Co-Chair Wardlaw asked that Senator Hendren hold his motion until all questions have been answered.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Missy Irvin for questions. Senator Irvin requested information on the current unreserved educational and general fund balance for the FY2018-2019 for SAU. Mr. Bleed responded that DF&A can get that information to her and the members.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Jonathan Dismang for questions. Senator Dismang stated SAU had multiple requests for appropriations in funds. In Senate Bill 417, \$3.7 million was appropriated for HVAC replacement and \$1.8 million for deferred maintenance, of which \$500,000 was already funded to SAU. Senator Dismang asked Mr. Bleed if he knew what SAU used those funds for. Mr. Bleed stated he did not know, but can get that information to Senator Dismang and members.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Jim Wooten for questions. After questions, Co-Chair Wardlaw explained that the request from SAU is for ALC to send a *recommendation* to the 6-person, House and Senate Leadership for them to vote on the item.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Jim Dotson for questions. Representative Dotson asked what dollar amount would fully fund the Productivity Funding. Mr. Bleed responded he did not have that information available, but the amount of \$8-10 million would be fairly accurately.

After discussion from members, Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Hendren for a motion.

**Senator Jim Hendren made a motion for the Arkansas Legislative Council to recommend to the Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Higher Education, to submit a request to fund the Performance Funding, so it could be approved by the Leadership Committee as specified in the statute.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Jim Wooten for a substitute motion.

**Representative Jim Wooten made a substitute motion to table the SAU item for further consideration.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw stated that by the rules, a tabled motion has to be taken up before any other motions on the floor.

**The substitute motion was seconded, but did not pass by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Larry Teague and Representative John Payton for a statement and questions on the motion.

Co-Chair Wardlaw asked Senator Hendren, if his motion passed, and the Performance Funding was funded, would that null and void the current SAU request. Senator Hendren responded that it would be up to certain proponents of SAU if they would want to continue with the request.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Dismang, Senator Kim Hammer, Representative Robin Lundstrum, and Representative Fredrick Love for questions on the motion. Representative Love asked if DF&A had information on which schools were getting the Performance Funding and which schools were not. Mr. Bleed stated he would get that information to Representative Love, as it is in the Revenue Stabilization Act, Category B of Institutions.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Missy Irvin for questions. Senator Irvin expressed her concerns for making sure that the General Revenue Allotment Reserve is not funded twice.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Hendren for statements. Senator Hendren stated he would withdraw his motion based on information he received during the meeting, after speaking with Mr. Kevin Anderson, Assistant Director, Fiscal Division, Bureau of Legislative Research.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Mr. Anderson to present the information to members. Mr. Anderson stated Allocation B is performance funding for institutions of higher education. What will happen is they will not be able to spend "B" because the forecast cuts them off at "A". However, monies will continue to roll into the RSA fund and will fund all of Category B. Once the money flows into Category B, the institutions will keep it. They can't spend it until the next fiscal year, under the law. In conclusion, Mr. Anderson stated, the institutions would get the funds in Category B in a fund balance to spend the next fiscal year.

**Senator Hendren officially withdrew his motion.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Representative Lane Jean for questions. Representative Jean stated that in conversation with Dr. Trey Berry, the University would not have requested the funds from the COVID-19 fund had the Productivity funds for the university not been cut.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Bob Ballinger for questions and a motion.

**Senator Bob Ballinger made a motion to table the Southern Arkansas University (SAU) request until the next ALC meeting, scheduled for July 24, 2020, in order to get information about the productivity funding, assuming the productivity funding will fill the fund gap.**

**The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Missy Irvin for a motion on the DHS Crisis Centers.

**Senator Irvin made a motion to recommend the \$2,036,000 for the Crisis Stabilization Units to come out of the COVID-19 Rainy Day Fund.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Chesterfield for questions of clarification.

**The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw then requested a motion on Item H. 8(a) of the agenda, Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

**Co-Chair Bledsoe made a motion to file Item H. 8(a) – DPHT, Division of State Parks as reviewed. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw requested a motion on Item H. 8(b) of the agenda, Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

**Senator Joyce Elliott made a motion to file Item H. 8(b) – DPHT, Division of State Parks as approved. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw informed members that Item I.1 – ISP 2019-032 and Item I.2 - ISP 2019-033, Interim Study Proposals by Representative Jim Sorvillo, would be deferred to the next ALC meeting (July 24, 2020), at the request of Representative Sorvillo.

Co-Chair Wardlaw referred members to Item J.1 – ISP 2019-149, an Interim Study Proposal by Representative Fredrick Love. Co-Chair Wardlaw stated that without objection, ISP 2019-149 would be referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Ballinger for a motion. Senator Ballinger explained that in order for the Bail Bondsman Licensing Board to go through the regular rules process, a motion would be required to give the agency extended time, otherwise they would be prompted to appear on an emergency basis, before the ALC-Executive Subcommittee.

**Senator Ballinger made a motion to enable the Bail Bondsman Licensing Board the flexibility in timing, extending the sunset date through September 30, 2020.**

**The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

### **Supplemental Agenda**

**Co-Chair Wardlaw made a motion to suspend the rules to take up the Supplemental Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

#### Review of Communications

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Mr. Jake Bleed, DFA, to present the end of year emergency review request. After presentation, Co-Chair Wardlaw asked Ms. Marty Garrity, Director, Bureau Legislative Research to provide explanation of the emergency action process, and why the CARES Appropriation requests are being presented on the supplemental agenda.

Ms. Garrity stated, the requests found on the supplemental agenda are usually received within the last few days of June, and it has been processed as an emergency action by the two (2) chairs of the PEER Subcommittee and the two (2) chairs of the Legislative Council, which is not unusual. She further states, what is unusual is presenting this to Legislative Council this early, rather than going through the process of an emergency action.

Co-Chair Wardlaw added, that it was decided to add the request(s) to a supplemental agenda, so the entire committee would have a chance to review it and the request would not go through the emergency action process.

Co-Chair Wardlaw requested a motion.

**Representative Jim Dotson made a motion to file the request as approved. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

**CARES Appropriation Requests** – Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Mr. Marty Sullivan, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts to present his CARES Appropriation request. After presentation, Co-Chair Wardlaw asked Mr. Sullivan, what was the exact date the funds were received. Mr. Sullivan responded the funds were received Monday, May 15, 2020. Seeing no further questions, Co-Chair Wardlaw requested a motion.

**Co-Chair Cecile Bledsoe made a motion to file the Administrative Office of the Courts request as approved. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Mr. Mark White, Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of Human Services, to present the DHS CARES Appropriation request. After presentation, Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Senator Jane English for questions of clarification. After questions, Co-Chair Wardlaw requested a motion.

**Co-Chair Cecile Bledsoe made a motion to file the Department of Human Services request as approved. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

New Interim Study Proposals and/or Interim Resolution

Co-Chair Wardlaw referred members to Item B.1 - ISP 2019-151 and asked if there were any objections with the referral of the ISP.

**After no objections, Co-Chair Wardlaw stated that ISP 2019-151 would be referred to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

**Adjournment**

At 11:08 a.m., the meeting was adjourned as there was no further business to come before the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Jeff Wardlaw  
Co-Chair, Representatives

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Marty Garrity  
Executive Secretary