

**REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON POLICY MAKING
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

September 28, 2012

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Policy Making Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council met Monday, September 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 272. The members present are listed on the sign in sheet.

Interim Committee Fund Allocations:

Marty Garrity, Director, Bureau of Legislative Research was recognized to discuss setting initial allocations to interim committees for per diem and mileage reimbursements. Ms. Garrity explained that it is the responsibility of the Policy-Making Subcommittee to set the initial allocations for reimbursement funds of the interim committees. Ms. Garrity stated that in reviewing the allocation amounts over the past fiscal years, it was apparent that allocations to certain interim committees needed to be increased due to the volume of subject matter assigned to those committees and the frequency of their meetings.

Rep. Tim Summers made a motion to set all initial allocations at the same amount they started with for the previous fiscal year, with the exception of the following committees that would receive an increased allocation over the previous fiscal year due to their need to meet more frequently: House and Senate Interim Committees on Education, House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor, and the House and Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committees. The increased allocations will come from the Bureau's unallocated interim committee funds. The motion was seconded, and carried without objection.

Transfer of ISP 2011-211:

The subcommittee discussed the request from the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education to transfer ISP 2011-211 to the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Rep. Terry Rice made a motion to transfer ISP 2011-221 from the House Interim Committee on Education to the Higher Education Subcommittee of Legislative Council. The motion was seconded, and carried without objection.

Reimbursement of Members-Elect:

Senator Jimmy Jeffress made a motion that a member-elect of the General Assembly may receive mileage and per diem for attending an interim committee meeting of the General Assembly or a legislative task force meeting for which members of the General Assembly are entitled to mileage and per diem. The mileage and per diem shall accrue and be payable after the election, and shall be payable from unallocated funds from the appropriation for interim committee expenses. A person is not considered a member-elect until after the general election or special election in which that person successfully ran for office. The motion was seconded, and carried without objection.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jimmy Jeffress, Senate Co-Chair

Representative Kelley Linck, House Co-Chair