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WORKFORCE HOUSING STUDY COMMITTEE TO MEET

PIERRE – The Workforce Housing Study Committee will meet on Thursday, October 26, 2017, in Room 413 of the State Capitol in Pierre beginning at 10:00 AM (CDT).

The committee was assigned the tasks of studying the need for workforce housing in the state, especially in the rural areas, and looking for ways the state might address that need. The study includes a review of existing housing programs offered by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority and other entities.

At this meeting, the committee will conclude its work. The members will hear from Mark Lauseng with the South Dakota Housing Development Authority about a possible new program for young, first-time homebuyers. Department of Revenue Secretary Andy Gerlach will present the committee with information on the state's contractor's excise tax and the amount of that tax that is being transferred to the Building South Dakota Fund. Jeff Mehlhaff, Fiscal Analyst with the Legislative Research Council, will present an overview of the Building South Dakota Fund and its subsidiary funds, one of which is the Housing Opportunity Fund. He will also review three pieces of possible legislation that, if enacted, may provide additional funding for housing projects. The public is invited to attend.

The complete agenda is available at the Legislative Research Council website: www.sdlegislature.gov.

Workforce Housing Study Committee members include: Committee Chair, Representative David Lust (R- Rapid City); Committee Vice Chair, Senator Ryan Maher (R-Isabel); Senators Terri Haverly (R-Rapid City), Kevin Killer (D-Pine Ridge), and Jeff Monroe (R-Pierre); Representatives Roger D. Chase (R-Huron), Jason W. Kettwig (R-Milbank), Sean McPherson (R-Rapid City), Sue Peterson (R-Sioux Falls), Kyle Schoenfish (R-Scotland), Jamie Smith (D-Sioux Falls), Charles M. Turbiville (R-Deadwood), and Susan Wismer (D-Britton).

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