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JOINT COMMITTEES SEEK PUBLIC INPUT ON FEDERAL COVID FUNDS

PIERRE – The Executive Board for the SD Legislature at its August 31, 2020, meeting, created five joint committees to receive public testimony on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on individuals, businesses, and organizations in South Dakota, and make suggestions as to how federal COVID-19 funds could be used.

The five committees consist of the memberships of the standing committees from the South Dakota Senate and the House of Representatives on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Commerce and Energy, Education, Health and Human Services, and Local Government.

The meeting schedule is as follows, with all meetings being held at the State Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota:

- [Joint Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee](#), Monday, September 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., Room 414
- [Joint Commerce and Energy Committee](#), schedule pending
- [Joint Education Committee](#), Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., Room 414
- [Joint Health and Human Services Committee](#), Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., Room 414
- [Joint Local Government Committee](#), schedule pending

Committee membership information and meeting agendas are available on the [LRC website](#). Members of the public wishing to testify are encouraged to participate remotely; in-person testifiers are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. Testifiers can register by email, using the address indicated on each committee's webpage. **Written testimony will also be accepted by email through the committee's webpage and must be received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to be considered at the meeting.** When registering to testify or submitting written testimony, the individual should include their full name, whom they are representing (self, organization, etc.), city of residence, and brief comments. Testimony that is applicable to multiple committees may be combined into a single email or committee appearance so testifiers will not need to make multiple presentations. To access the individual committee pages, choose the committee from the menu on the left side of the [2020 Interim Committees webpage](#).

After all joint committees have met, the committees will report their findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Joint Committee on Appropriations.

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This meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Any individual needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Legislative Research Council (605-773-3251) in advance of the meeting to make further arrangements. All committee agendas, minutes, and audio are available on the LRC website: <http://www.sdlegislature.gov/>. Live committee audio is provided by South Dakota Public Broadcasting and is also available at <http://www.sd.net>. You may subscribe to electronic delivery of agendas and minutes at My LRC on the LRC website.