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REMAINING JOINT COMMITTEES SET PUBLIC COVID MEETINGS

PIERRE – The Joint Local Government Committee and the Joint Commerce and Energy Committee will meet Friday, September 18, 2020, and Monday, September 21, 2020, respectively, to receive public testimony as to how federal COVID-19 funds could be used in South Dakota.

The groups are among five joint committees created by the Executive Board for the SD Legislature on August 31, 2020, to take public comment on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on individuals, businesses, and organizations in the state.

The full 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 Education Committee**, Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., Room 414
- **Joint Local Government Committee**, Friday, September 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., Room 414
- **Joint Commerce and Energy Committee**, Monday, September 21, 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

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 committee membership information, agendas, and email addresses, 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.***