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INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO MEET ON JOINT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, ISSUES COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT FRAMEWORK

PIERRE – The Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) will hold their fifth meeting of the 2020 interim on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. (CT). The meeting will be conducted via electronic conference with limited physical access in Room 414 of the State Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota. In accordance with COVID-19 guidance, in-person attendees should be spaced at least six feet apart and are encouraged to wear face coverings.

The Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations, co-chaired by Representative Chris Karr (R-Sioux Falls) and Senator John Wiik (R-Big Stone City), will hear recommendations from the interim joint policy committees on how federal COVID-19 funds could be used in South Dakota. The committees were established by the Executive Board during its August 31, 2020, meeting.

During its September 10, 2020, meeting, the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations developed a framework for grants to small businesses for losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The JCA Small Business COVID Interruption Grant Program Framework would set aside $400 million from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for small business COVID interruption grants. Under the framework, eligible businesses would receive grants of up to $100,000. To be eligible, a business must be located in South Dakota; have had at least $25,000 in gross revenue in 2019; have experienced a reduction in business, as outlined in the proposal, of at least 25%; not have had gross revenues exceeding $38.5 million; and certify to a going concern statement.

The framework has been shared with the interim joint policy committees as they meet to develop their recommendations on uses of the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

In addition to Representative Karr and Senator Wiik, committee members include Representatives Hugh Bartels (R-Watertown), Randy Gross (R-Elkton), Taffy Howard (R-Rapid City), Jean Hunhoff (R-Yankton), Lance Koth (R-Mitchell), Sue Peterson (R-Sioux Falls), Doug Post (R-Volga), and Michael Saba (D-Hartford); and Senators Brock Greenfield (R-Clark), Jack Kolbeck (R-Sioux Falls), John Lake (R-Gettysburg), Ryan Maher (R-Isabel), Reynold Nesiba (D-Sioux Falls), Jeff Partridge (R-Rapid City), Margaret Sutton (R-Sioux Falls), and Jim White (R-Huron).

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