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NEW S.C. HOUSE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES AN ONLINE SURVEY SEEKING CITIZENS' INPUT ON NEXT FIVE AGENCIES UNDER STUDY BY THE COMMITTEE

*State Transportation Infrastructure Bank, School for the Deaf and the Blind,
Commission for the Blind, Department of Public Safety, and Treasurer's Office*

Columbia, SC - Speaker Jay Lucas and the South Carolina House of Representatives' Legislative Oversight Committee are pleased to announce an online survey seeking citizens' input on the next five agencies under study by the Committee. The next five agencies under study by this House Committee are the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank, School for the Deaf and the Blind, Commission for the Blind, Department of Public Safety, and Treasurer's Office. Citizens are encouraged to take the survey, which provides an opportunity to share with the Committee any comments, concerns or suggestions citizens may have about these five agencies. To take the survey, go to www.statehouse.gov, click on the "Citizens' Interest" tab on the top row, then click on the "House Legislative Oversight" link. While the survey will only be available until September 30, 2015, citizens may contact the Committee anytime to share comments, concerns or suggestions about state agencies. There were 1,788 responses to a survey conducted during the month of May on the first five agencies under study by the Committee (Comptroller General's Office, Department of Transportation, First Steps to School Readiness, Department of Social Services, and Department of Juvenile Justice), with at least one response coming from each of the 46 counties.

Input and observations from those citizens who choose to provide responses are important to the Members of the House Legislative Oversight Committee because they may help direct the Committee to potential areas for improvement with these agencies. The Committee's vision is for South Carolina agencies to become, and continuously remain, the most effective state agencies in the country through processes which eliminate waste and efficiently deploy resources thereby creating greater confidence in state government.

The specific task of the House Legislative Oversight Committee is to conduct legislative oversight studies on agencies at least once every seven years. The purpose of a legislative oversight study is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed or even eliminated. Also, the Committee recognizes that a legislative oversight study of an agency serves the purpose of informing the public about an agency. Any legislator may file legislation, which will go through the normal legislative process, to implement recommendations this Committee may have relating to the agencies being studied.

What: Online survey seeking citizen's input
When: September 1 until September 30
Where: Online; from home, school or public library
The link to take the survey is <https://www.research.net/r/HouseOversightCommittee2>
Who: Entire public and agency personnel are encourage to take the survey

Suggestions for additional ways to inform the public about this survey and the House Legislative Oversight Committee's process are welcomed.

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