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Via Email

Ms. Emily Farr, Director
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RE: Follow-up questions from the October 3, 2018, Subcommittee meeting with the agency

Dear Director Farr:

The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee appreciates the agency's continued partnership in the oversight process. As follow-up from the meeting on October 3, 2018, please provide the following information by Thursday, October 18, 2018:

1. An update on the progress toward implementation of the recommendations the Legislative Audit Council made to the agency in its January 2018 audit of the Division of Fire and Life Safety, using the attached template. If there are any recommendations that the agency does not intend to implement, please note those and provide a brief explanation.
2. Proposed draft language for the agency's recommendations for changes to S.C. Code Ann. § 23-9-25 regarding the Volunteer Strategic Assistance and Fire Equipment (V-SAFE) grant program.
3. Any data you have on the cost of Fire Academy courses, such as the cost per student of each type of course, as well as the fees that are charged to students from outside South Carolina.
4. The number of fire sprinkler plans reviewed by State Fire in the most recent fiscal or calendar year, the number of plans reviewed by local fire officials (if known), and the percentage of plans reviewed by State Fire that were rejected.

5. A list of professional or occupational licenses issued by other entities (either governmental or private) that may duplicate the licenses provided by LLR's boards.

If these inquiries would yield responses that are not an accurate reflection of the agency or if additional time is needed to respond, please contact Committee staff. Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process. We look forward to continuing our discussion of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation at the next Subcommittee meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Bannister".

Bruce W. Bannister
Subcommittee Chair

cc: Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Members