FULL COMMITTEE MEETING October 28, 2014

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION: 2015 Statutory Changes

Committee Rules of Procedure, Section 2 Administrative Policies

- (g) <u>PROCEDURE TO ADDRESS PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY CHANGES</u>: Pursuant to AS 24.60.150(b)(1), "The committee may recommend legislation to the legislature the committee considers desirable or necessary to promote and maintain high standards of ethical conduct in government."
 - (1) The committee will consider suggestions and recommendations in written format only.
 - (2) On at least an annual basis, the committee will review proposals for statutory changes received from committee members, committee staff, and others.
 - (3) After reviewing the proposals, the committee will forward recommendations for statutory changes to the speaker, senate president, and rules chairs prior to the beginning of the regular legislative session with an explanation of why the committee believes these changes would meet the provisions of AS 24.60.150(b)(1).

<u>Discussion</u>: No recommendations by staff at this time for changes to AS 24.60, Legislative Ethics Act. Committee members may have recommendations.

A list of bills under the heading "Ethics" that were introduced and passed during the 2012-2013 legislative session is attached for your review.

The Contract Subcommittee is preparing recommendations for changes to the statutory sections relating to the definition of legislative employee, ethics training, and compliance to certain sections of the Act that apply to consultants and independent contractors. Contract Subcommittee is comprised of Senator Berta Gardner and Representative Charisse Millet, co-chairs, Representative Andy Josephson, Representative Chris Tuck, and Conner Thomas.

Action: Dependent upon recommendations by the committee.

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Subject ETHICS

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BILL	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR(s)	STATUS	DATE
HB 10	EXEC ETHICS: LEGAL FEES/FAMILY TRAVEL	GRUENBERG	(H) JUD	02/20/13
HB 107	POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE	KERTTULA	(H) STA	02/08/13
HB 127	OMBUDSMAN	RLS BY REQUEST	CHAPTER 38 SLA 14	06/18/14
HB 235	CONFIDENTIALITY OF APOC COMPLAINTS	HIGGINS	(H) JUD	03/12/14
HB 292	2014 REVISOR'S BILL	RLS BY REQUEST OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	CHAPTER 9 SLA 14	04/22/14
HB 302	PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS	THOMPSON	CHAPTER 26 SLA 14	06/17/14
HB 326	LEGISLATIVE ETHICS: VOTING & CONFLICTS	KAWASAKI	(H) STA	02/21/14
HCR 20	AMEND UNIFORM RULES: ABSTAIN FROM VOTING	KAWASAKI	(H) STA	02/21/14
HJR 34	CONDEMNING REMARKS OF EPA ADMINISTRATOR	RLS BY REQUEST	(H) RES	04/15/14
SB 46	POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE	EGAN	(S) STA	02/08/13
SB 72	OMBUDSMAN	COGHILL BY REQUEST	(S) JUD	03/11/13
SB 172	LEGISLATIVE ETHICS: VOTING & CONFLICTS	WIELECHOWSKI	(S) STA	02/12/14
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