



House Select Committee on COVID-19, Subcommittee on Economic Support Remote

March 31, 2020

Room 1228 Legislative Building

10:00 AM

The House Select Committee on COVID-19, Subcommittee on Economic Support Remote met on Tuesday, March 31st at 10:00 AM. The meeting was held remotely with limited seating in Room 1228 of the Legislative Building in Raleigh. Representative Jason Saine presided. Members attending online or in person were: Representative Julia Howard, Co-Chair, Representative Jason Saine, Co-Chair, Representative Michael Wray, Co-Chair Representative Kelly Alexander, Representative John Autry, Representative Chaz Beasley, Representative Jimmy Dixon, Representative Kyle Hall, Representative Chris Humphrey, Representative Jake Johnson, Representative Brenden Jones, Representative Keith Kidwell, Representative Nasif Majeed, Representative Pat McElraft, Representative Chuck McGrady, Representative Robert Reives, Representative William Richardson, Representative Stephen Ross, Representative Michael Speciale, Representative Phil Shepard, Representative John Szoka, Representative Brian Turner, Representative Harry Warren. Cindy Avrette, Rodney Bizzell, Madison Lahey, Phyllis Pickett, Jeremy Ray, and Greg Roney, staff. Cody Huneycutt, committee clerk.

I. Call to order and Welcome of Members.

Representative Saine called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and welcomed members, staff, and visitors listening online. Representative Saine introduced the Sergeants-At-Arms, Jonas Cherry and Reggie Sills.

II. COVID-19 Statewide Responses

Representative Saine recognized Lee Lilley, Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor to discuss the statewide responses by the Governor's office. Following the presentation, Representative Saine opened the committee for questions:

Rep. Jones- Asked if an EO on notary services will be coming.

Lee Lilly- We are looking into it.

Rep. Johnson- Asked how the current EO effects campgrounds and hiking.

Lee Lilly- The list of what you can do outside is exercising. Hiking would qualify. I would recommend they look at the list of the essential businesses.

Rep. Beasley- Asked if inspections and registrations are due during this time.

Lee Lilly- We have waived a few DMV issues already. Car taxes and inspections have been brought to our attention and I will get back to you on that.

Rep. Saine via Twitter- For the deaf and hard of hearing, will the committee minutes be published online.

Rep. Saine- Yes they will uploaded on the committee website at

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Committees/CommitteeInfo/HouseSelect/199#Economic%20Support%20Working%20Group>.

Rep. Speciale- Asked when we get the DMV response, can the whole committee get the response.

III. Small Business Administration Available Programs, Funding, & Initiatives

Representative Saine recognized Thomas Stith III, Director for NC, U.S. SBA to discuss available programs through the SBA. Following the presentation, Representative Saine opened the committee for questions:

Rep. Alexander- Asked if there was a way to reduce the front end paperwork.

Thomas Stith- Yes, the new application does that and we have received positive feedback.

Rep. Alexander- Asked if the collateral ceiling could be raised.

Thomas Stith- That would require legislative action.

Rep. Johnson- Asked if farmers and agribusiness are eligible for the PPP.

Thomas Stith- We are in the processing of looking in to that right now.

Rep. Johnson-Asked if there was a timeline when the PPP would begin.

Thomas Stith- We will be receiving guidance this week and will work on it quickly.

Rep. Alexander- Stated that some people get overwhelmed by the paperwork that goes into the application process. (Comment)

Thomas Stith- I would ask that those people work with our resource partners that were provided in the presentation I provided.

Rep. Warren- Asked if the slide presentation was available.

Rep. Saine- The documents will be on the committee website which can be found at

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Committees/CommitteeInfo/HouseSelect/199#Economic%20Support%20Working%20Group>.

Rep. K. Hall- Asked if a person take and EIDL Grant and a PPP loan.

Thomas Stith- No, not as of March 31st.

Rep. Majeed- Asked if the recording of the meeting be posted on line.

Rep. Saine- I am going to ask ISD to publish the committee meeting online.

IV. Golden Leaf Foundation Rapid Recovery Loan Program

Representative Saine recognized Scott T. Hamilton, President Golden Leaf Foundation to discuss the rapid recovery loan program. Following the presentation, Representative Saine opened the committee for questions:

Rep. Johnson- Asked if there was a separate process self-employed individuals.

Scott Hamilton- Self contactors would have to apply for the SBA Loan.

V. COVID-19 Industry Impacts • NC Restaurant and Lodging Association • LM Restaurants • NC Retail Merchants Association • NC Travel Industry Association

Representative Saine recognized Lynn Minges, President and CEO, NCRLA, Vinay Patel, Sree Hospitality, Amber Moshakos, VP of Corporate Affairs, Andy Ellen, President and General Counsel, NCRMA, and Vince Chelena, Executive Director, NCTIA, to present. Following each individual presentation, Representative Saine opened the committee for questions:

Rep. Richardson- Asked what is the answer that insurance companies are giving for denying claims on businesses.

Lynn Minges- What we are learning is that insurance companies are denying businesses because there are clauses in policies that exclude pandemics.

Rep. Warren- Asked if there was specific hospitality groups needing help or all hospitality across the board.

Lynn Minges- There are several groups trying to keep their workforce together.

Rep. Alexander- Asked if Andy's bullet points be published to the committee.

Rep. Saine- All documents will be posted to the committee website which can be found at <https://www.ncleg.gov/Committees/CommitteeInfo/HouseSelect/199#Economic%20Support%20Working%20Group>.

Rep. Johnson- Asked if Vinay Patel was directing his laid off employees to Unemployment.

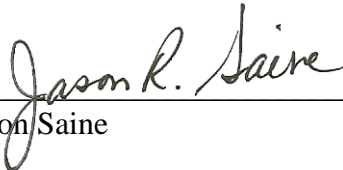
Vinay Patel- Yes, we are.

VI. Closing remarks and Adjournment

Rep. Howard- Stated that many suggestions would be brought forward in drafts of pending legislation.

Rep. Wray- Thanks the committee members, staff, and presenters.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM remotely or in 1228 of the Legislative Building.


Representative Jason Saine
Presiding

Cody Huneycutt
Committee Clerk