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TO: Members of the Legislative Interim Committee on Ozone Air Quality

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SUBJECT: Legislative Interim Committee on Ozone Air Quality Charge Memo

Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2023 membership of the Legislative Interim Committee on Ozone Air Quality, the origin and charge of the committee, bill request deadlines and procedures, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website.

Origin and Charge of the Committee

The committee was created during the 2023 session through [House Bill 23-1294](#). The committee is charged with studying ozone air quality in the state with a focus on:

- investigating the factors that contribute to ozone pollution in the state, including any scientific consensus around the issue of ozone pollution;
- analyzing strategies to address and improve ground-level ozone issues; and
- developing policy, technical, and financial solutions to improve ozone air quality.

Committee Membership

There are twelve members on the Legislative Interim Committee on Ozone Air Quality, including six members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House appoints the committee's chair, who may cast an additional vote to resolve tie votes.

The committee members are:

Representatives

Representative Jennifer Bacon, Chair
Representative Gabe Evans
Representative Meg Froelich
Representative Rick Taggart
Representative Elizabeth Velasco
Representative Jenny Williford

Senators

Senator Lisa Cutter
Senator Chris Hansen
Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer
Senator Byron Pelton
Senator Kevin Priola
Senator Faith Winter

Meeting Dates

The committee may meet up to six times during the 2023 interim. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Friday, August 25, 2023
- Additional meeting dates to be determined at August 25th meeting.

Committee Staff and Website

Committee staff contacts. Legislative Council Staff is charged with assisting the committee in its activities. If you have any questions or would like any additional information concerning the committee, please send an e-mail ozoneairquality.ga@coleg.gov. You may also contact any of the following individual staff members:

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Legal services staff contacts. Additionally, attorneys at the Office of Legislative Legal Services provide legal and bill drafting assistance to the committee. For assistance in these areas, please contact:

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Website. Documents distributed during the meetings and meeting summaries may be found on the committee website at:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/legislative-interim-committee-ozone-air-quality/2023-regular-session>