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House Ethics Reform Subcommittees Announced

Addressing new issues to further strengthen House's reform efforts

(Columbia, SC) – Today, House Speaker Pro Tempore Jay Lucas and Chairman Derham Cole announced the appointment of three Subcommittees under the newly-created House Ethics Reform Ad Hoc Committee. Building upon the House's previous reform efforts, the members of these Subcommittees will address the specific areas of:

- Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA")**
- Campaign Finance**
- Enforcement & Investigation**

House Speaker Pro Tempore Lucas said, "For years now, the House has led the fight to advance Ethics Reform in our state. We've been gaining more and more momentum and feel this could be the year that the House's comprehensive ethics reform package is finally codified into law."

As Chairman of the full 22-member House Ethics Reform Committee, Rep. Derham Cole will serve as a "floating member" on each of the three subcommittees.

"With these Subcommittees, we have targeted some complex issues to address that will substantially strengthen the House's reform efforts," said Chairman Cole. "It is our goal to put together the most comprehensive ethics reform package our state has seen in decades. We have a lot to do in order to accomplish that goal and we plan to get these Subcommittees working right away."

Appointees to the FOIA Subcommittee

[Rep. Wm. Weston J. Newton](#), **Subcommittee Chairman** (District 120 – Beaufort)

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[Rep. J. Derham Cole, Jr.](#) (District 32 – Spartanburg)

[Rep. Jimmy C. Bales](#) (District 80 – Richland)

[Rep. Christopher J. "Chris" Murphy](#) (District 98 – Dorchester)

[Rep. Mandy Powers Norrell](#) (District 44 – Lancaster)

[Rep. Samuel Rivers, Jr.](#) (District 15 – Berkeley)

[Rep. Bill Taylor](#) (District 86 – Aiken)

[Rep. Robert Q. Williams](#) (District 62 – Darlington)

Appointees to the Campaign Finance Subcommittee

Rep. Kirkman Finlay, III, **Subcommittee Chairman** (District 75 – Richland)

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Rep. J. Derham Cole, Jr. (District 32 – Spartanburg)

Rep. Carl L. Anderson (District 103 – Georgetown)

Rep. Grady A. Brown (District 50 – Lee)

Rep. Laurie Slade Funderburk (District 52 – Kershaw)

Rep. Edward L. Southard (District 100 – Berkeley)

Rep. Don L. Wells (District 81 – Aiken)

Rep. Mark N. Willis (District 16 – Greenville)

Appointees to the Enforcement & Investigation Subcommittee

Rep. Thomas E. “Tommy” Pope, **Subcommittee Chairman** (District 47 – York)

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Rep. Robert L. Brown (District 116 – Charleston)

Rep. Christopher R. “Chris” Hart (District 73 – Richland)

Rep. Patsy G. Knight (District 97 – Dorchester)

Rep. Ralph W. Norman (District 48 – York)

Rep. L. Kit Spires (District 96 – Lexington)

Rep. Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr. (District 33 – Spartanburg)

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