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# Suspended president of S.C. State sues school

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The suspended president of financially troubled South Carolina State University sued the school on Tuesday for breaking his contract and asked the court where he filed suit to block his expected firing.

Thomas Elzey sued S.C. State in Orangeburg County court a day before trustees were set to meet privately to get legal advice amid ongoing turmoil involving South Carolina's only public historically black university. Last week, the trustees put Elzey on paid leave and promised to have more information on his fate Wednesday.

Under a four-year contract, which extends to summer 2017, Elzey can be fired only for cause. The lawsuit notes the suspension occurred less than two weeks after the board publicly backed him, despite legislators' calls for his removal, and that trustees gave him a satisfactory

review last summer.

Breaking his contract without cause would cost \$428,000, which includes \$30,000 for unused vacation, according to an estimate from state economic advisers, dated Tuesday.

Elzey's lawsuit seeks more than that. While giving no specific amount, it asks for lost wages and benefits, as well as compensation for the ordeal's emotional distress and embarrassment.

"We did try to resolve this prior to filing the complaint, and our efforts were not successful," said his attorney, Nancy Bloodgood of Charleston.

S.C. State spokeswoman Sonja Bennett-Bellamy said the school had no comment on the ongoing legal matter.

A House panel advanced a measure Tuesday to the full Ways and Means Committee that would put the state's financial oversight board temporarily

in charge of the university until it gets out of debt. The measure also requires the board, chaired by Gov. Nikki Haley, to fire Elzey.

Also on Tuesday, senators voted to give priority status to Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman's version of the idea, clearing the way for floor debate Wednesday. That fast-tracked proposal would create a new, five-member board to oversee SC State, with its members appointed by Leatherman and other GOP leaders. Elzey would not necessarily be fired.

Sen. Gerald Malloy, D-Hartsville, objected, saying five white, Republican legislators should not decide all appointees to the historically black school. He said alumni should be more involved.

But Sen. Darrell Jackson, D-Columbia, asked his colleagues to support the measure.

"The time has come for us to do the right thing and move all the personalities and all the egos out of the way," said Jackson, whose nephew is a junior at SC State.

A compromise between the versions could be difficult.

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, D-Orangeburg, said Leatherman's plan swaps "one set of good ol' boys with another." That only punts the problem further down the road, said Rep. Jim Merrill, R-Charleston.

Both measures were introduced to replace a House panel's short-lived proposal raised Feb. 10 to temporarily close the school for a massive overhaul.

The stunner brought immediate backlash. But Rep. Harold Mitchell, former chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, thanked Merrill's panel Tuesday for "getting us to look at the facts and getting this General Assembly to take action."

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Gov. Nikki Haley left Sunday for an undisclosed location on an economic development trip, her office said.

S.C. Department of Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt joined her on the trip that lasts through Wednesday, the governor's office said. A flight manifest with the S.C. Aeronautics Commission shows Hitt flying on a state plane to Washington

Dulles International Airport on Sunday afternoon with three "confidential" passengers.

Haley's office would disclose neither the location nor the industrial prospect. Top state lawmakers said they had no knowledge about the governor's trip.

But recent speculation about big projects has centered on plant sites for two auto manufacturers.

Volvo is looking at the Southeast and made inquiries with

several state legislatures about economic development incentive packages, including South Carolina, according to a Financial Times report.

South Carolina also is in the mix for a Jaguar Land Rover plant, according to several automotive trade websites.

Volvo declined comment Monday and Jaguar Land Rover said it is exploring many options.

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of the governor's staff and a security detail, her office said.

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N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory made an economic development trip to the United Kingdom in January.

The Geneva Auto Show starts in Switzerland this week.

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## PALEONTOLOGY |

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Harris said he cannot comply with the reporting requirements because he lives on a boat and his only Internet access is his smartphone. Harris

invited Cicimurri, via email, to track his findings via photos posted to Facebook.

Fulmer suggested in his emails that Cicimurri could be flexible and work with Harris on the reporting requirements. Officially, reports are expected to be filed for each dive and show what was collected and where. Hobby divers do not have to give their finds to the state, but the data are used for research, Fulmer said.

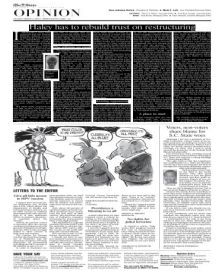
"In general, I can say we have over 500 cooperative participants in this program, and they have led to some of the greatest finds in the state in the last several years," Fulmer said.

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# Haley has to rebuild trust on restructuring

**I** SHOULDN'T have been surprised that the Eleanor Kitzman debacle revived, at least in the mind of Senate Republican Leader Harvey Peeler, the idea of bifurcating the Department of Health and Environmental Control. That is, after all, a great way of advancing the argument that the problem with Ms. Kitzman had nothing to do with Ms. Kitzman and everything to do with the impossibility of finding anyone to run such a large and complex agency, with such an expansive portfolio.

Sen. John Courson, who had joined with Sen. Peeler the last time he tried to split the agency, underlined that argument when I ran into him at the State House a couple of days after Ms. Kitzman withdrew from consideration; he noted that to be qualified to run DHEC, you'd need to be a physician and an engineer and a lawyer and a politician. I was a bit surprised to hear such a sensible person make such a nonsensical claim, which ignores the fact that we've never asked that much of a DHEC director, that the problem with Ms. Kitzman was the absence of experience — much less expertise — in any of the areas within DHEC's purview.

But what really surprised me was that as Sen. Courson went into full lobby mode, he argued not only that DHEC should be divided but that its successor agencies need to be run by directors who work directly for the governor.

What surprised me even more was that at virtually that moment, across the lobby, Gov. Haley and state Education Superintendent Molly Spearman were pressing the House to let the governor appoint the superintendent of education.

## The reforms we need

The problem isn't that they're wrong. They're completely right.

The governor *should* hire and fire the director of the state Education Department, instead of forcing educators to become politicians — or, worse, sticking us with politicians who fancy themselves education experts.

The governor *should* be able to hire and fire the director of the state's health and environmental agency — or its health agency and its environmental agency — rather than having to follow this around-the-elbow-to-get-to-the-nose route of appointing the board that appoints a director whose appointment the governor can veto.

(The governor also should be able to hire and fire the director of the departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Mental Health and Archives and History and the State Museum and ETV and many of the other 100 independent state agencies, which ought to be merged into a couple of dozen agencies.)

And as smart as the idea was to have a single agency to protect the environment and the public health, since public health can be so deeply affected by the environment, I'm becoming much less hostile to the idea of splitting those tasks apart, as long as it can be done in a smart way that does not result in even more separate agencies. The fact is that DHEC never has operated as a unified health and environmental agency; it's been walled off, with the public health side given short shrift and the environmental side more interested in protecting polluters than protecting the environment.

The polluter-protection focus probably wouldn't change if we split the agency in two, but it

might be more difficult for a governor to just throw up her hands and say "It's impossible to find anyone who has expertise in all the stuff this agency does" and try to give us someone who has no expertise in anything it does. And other problems.

The reason the revival of the empower-the-governor campaign is so surprising is that it comes immediately on the heels of ... the Eleanor Kitzman debacle. A debacle so awful that even I cringe at the thought of trying to make the case right now — and I've been among the most passionate and consistent advocates of reform, since long before either Nikki Haley or Mark Sanford even knew what a governor does.

## Arming opponents

If ever opponents of gubernatorial empowerment had a powerful argument on their side, it is right now. Yes, Catherine Templeton was a questionable choice three years ago as DHEC chief, but she turned out to do a passing job. Yes, Lillian Koller turned out to be an awful choice to lead the Department of Social Services, but she looked like a good choice on paper; indeed, the governor could have been excused for that fiasco if not for the fact that she stuck by Ms. Koller long past the point where everyone recognized she was driving the agency into the ground. Yes, James Etter whistled while his Revenue Department held its IT security position vacant and hackers stole our Social Security numbers, but there was nothing about him that could have made a reasonable person think that would happen, and the governor did get rid of him fairly quickly.

But the only thing in this world that Ms. Kitzman had to recommend her for the DHEC post was her pal Nikki Haley, who presumably felt indebted to Ms.

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Kitzman for helping her realize that her calling was in politics. And there was so much to recommend *against* Ms. Kitman beyond her utter unfamiliarity with anything the agency does: for starters, eight jobs in five years, being forced out of two of them, one because Texas Republicans worried that she was too pro-business and anti-consumer. And really, how anti-consumer do you have to be to make Texas Republicans queasy?

Gov. Mark Sanford set back the cause of giving more control of the executive branch of government to the government's chief executive by ... being Mark Sanford. Gov. Haley risks setting it back by making and standing by bad appointments.

## A place to start

A few minutes after my con-



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versation with Sen. Courson, Sen. Joel Lourie came out to the Senate antechamber to tell me how much he enjoyed my column that morning about the problems with Ms. Kitman, to tell me about more problems that would have come out had she not withdrawn, to remind me that he had voted against confirming Ms. Templeton and note that she wasn't as bad as he expected — and to tell me that the governor had made an excellent choice in naming Susan Alford to replace Ms. Koller at Social Services.

Sen. Lourie, who served with Sens. Tom Young and Katrina Shealy on the panel that forced Ms. Koller out, recounted the moment Ms. Alford won him over: When he asked her why she was the right person for the job, she told him she was surprised by the governor's offer. Then she

went home and read the brutal Legislative Audit Council report on the agency, and the more she read, she told him, the angrier she became. And when she said that, Sen. Lourie was sold, because he was convinced that what the agency needed was a director who was as passionate and as angry about its failures as he and Sens. Young and Shealy were.

If Gov. Haley wants to convince the Legislature to give more power to governors, she needs to win legislators' trust, and there's a pretty straightforward first step, starting with the next DHEC chief: Stop appointing Eleanor Kitmans, and focus all of her energy on finding more Susan Alford.

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COLUMBIA — Three months after leading a large state delegation to her parents' native country of India to court businesses, Gov. Nikki Haley is again out of town on an economic development trip.

The trip will last through Wednesday, said spokesman Rob Godfrey, but the destination or destinations and who the governor and Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt are meeting with is classified, at least for now.

"Governor Haley's highest priority since taking office has been bringing jobs to every part of our state, and, to that end, the governor and Commerce officials are traveling on an economic development mission," Godfrey said Monday in a written statement. "Due to the competitive nature of economic development, ongoing projects are confidential, but we will release details of the governor's trip, including the costs of travel, as soon as we are able to, just as we have each time the governor has traveled on an economic development mission."

Haley's last economic development trip was in November to India, a 10-day excursion on which she was accompanied by her husband, Michael Haley,

and an 18-member delegation. The state Commerce Department spent \$51,500 on the trip, which so far has produced no job announcements.

Hitt has said recruiting foreign companies takes time, and 15 potential projects are in the works. A follow-up trip to India is planned later in the year, he said.



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While it's common for governors to personally court businesses overseas and in other states, not all treat the trips with the same secrecy as Haley's office.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott recently traveled to Philadelphia in a well-publicized attempt to entice Pennsylvania businesses to relocate to the Sunshine State, touting its weather, low taxes and pro-development climate.

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence also isn't bashful about his international travels in search of trade agreements and jobs, although his more recent economic development trips, including one late last year to Israel, have been seen as burnishing his foreign affairs credentials for a possible presidential run.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal treated a recent economic development trip the same as Haley, refusing to reveal where

he was going. A headline in the Washington Post read, "The governor of Georgia is missing," reminiscent of when former South Carolina Gov. and now U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford left the country to rendezvous with his then-mistress in Argentina and aides said he was hiking the Appalachian Trail. Unnamed sources later revealed Deal was in the United Kingdom meeting with Jaguar Land Rover officials about opening a plant in his state.

In Haley's case, negotiations could be at a sensitive stage on bringing a much-talked-about Daimler AG plant to North Charleston that would build the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter cargo van. Currently, Daimler avoids stiff tariffs on imports by partially disassembling the vans and shipping the parts separately to America, where they are reassembled at the North Charleston plant.

On Monday, sources close to the deal told the Post and Courier that Daimler AG is set to announce a major expansion of its North Charleston van plant that will bring at least 1,200 jobs to the region. A news conference has been scheduled for Friday.

Godfrey did not respond to requests for comment on whether Haley's economic development trip and Daimler's expected announcement are linked.

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Daimler AG is set to announce a major expansion of its North Charleston van plant that will bring at least 1,200 jobs to the region, The Post and Courier has learned.

An announcement is being scheduled for Friday morning at Daimler's plant in Palmetto Commerce Park. North Charleston Mayor Keith Sum-

mey told City Council last week that he expected a major economic development announcement on that day.

According to people familiar with the deal, the company wants to start making Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vans

from scratch at the local factory to meet demand in North America.

Right now, to avoid stiff import tariffs, the utility vans are made in Germany, partially disassembled and then shipped to North Charleston for reassembly. A Daimler official said last fall that the Sprinter's popularity in North America is making that process less efficient.

"We can cover the growing demand for large vans in the North American market economically only if we produce the vehicles locally (in North

America)," Volker Mornhinweg, head of Mercedes-Benz vans business, told

Reuters in October.

Daimler has been discussing the deal with local officials under the code name "Project Unicorn."

The company said in a statement Monday that it "does not comment on any speculations about new locations or expansions of existing plants as a matter of principle."

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## Daimler expected to announce expansion

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A spokeswoman for Marco Wirtz, president and CEO of the North Charleston plant, also declined to comment.

Charleston County Council's Finance Committee last week reviewed and approved an incentive package for Project Unicorn. It includes allowing the company to pay a negotiated fee instead of property taxes for a certain period of time, usually for at least 30 years. The county also would provide special revenue credits or bonds to help offset the cost of project-related infrastructure.

The county has refused to release the documents related to that approval, citing an exemption in the state's Freedom of Information Act.

Rob Godfrey, spokesman for Gov. Nikki Haley, did not respond to a request for comment. Haley is out of the country on an unspecified economic development trip, although it is not clear whether that is related to the Daimler announcement.

State Rep. Chip Limehouse, R-Charleston, said a jobs announcement by Daimler would be further evidence that South Carolina "is emerging as one of the nation's leading automotive states."

Limehouse said he learned about the announcement from The Post and Courier but has no firsthand knowledge of Daimler's plans.

The Charleston region is home to more than 100 automotive manufacturers and suppliers, locally employing more than 6,500 workers at international companies such as Daimler, Robert Bosch, IFA Rotorion North America and Cummins Turbo Technologies, according to Claire Gibbons with the Charleston Regional Development Alliance.

BMW is the state's largest automotive manufacturer, with

more than 8,000 employees at its Greer plant.

The Daimler plant in North Charleston employs about 100 workers, according to the company's website. Daimler arrived in North Charleston in 2006 and created Daimler Vans Manufacturing the following year. It started reassembling the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter in 2010.

Georgia also was competing for the Daimler project, according to media outlets in Atlanta.

North America has become the No. 2 market for the Sprinter, with about 26,000 unit sales last year. The vehicle, which accounts for almost two-thirds of Daimler's van sales worldwide,

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The Sprinter is available on

the U.S. market as a panel van, crew bus and chassis in several variants with three lengths and roof heights, with six-cylinder diesel or gasoline engines. The Sprinter has been assembled and sold in the United States since 2001.

The German automaker also has announced that it will re-assemble a second vehicle — known overseas as the Vito but to be sold under the name Metris in the U.S. and Canada — this year in North Charleston.

The vehicle is a midsize cargo van.

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## User tax, that's all

It astounds me how Gov. Nikki Haley and the Legislature can dance around the mulberry tree forever, rather than to come up with a true user tax that is meant to be just that, nothing else.

The more you use our highways and bridges, the more you should pay in state gasoline taxes, whether a resident of South Carolina or not, without our Legislature's meddling.

The revenue is to pay for ongoing maintenance of these roads and bridges, adjustable with the rate of inflation, documented nationally by federal entities. It is, however, still insufficient.

The debate on this issue wastes an enormous amount of time and gasoline income. It also compels a solution for mass transit.

The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments isn't up to the task.

Gov. Haley can see that South Carolina pays for competent consultants to come up with cost estimates for future approaches.

We can't afford non-performing bureaucrats any longer.

Do you remember the debate about S.C. tobacco taxes?

There were no adjustments for 18 years, inducing people to illegally load 18-wheelers with cheap cigarettes to sell on the black market elsewhere, with our Legislature's blessing.

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## *Stop stalling real ethics reform*

**D**ifferent S.C. state senators give different reasons for opposing a bill to clean up the way ethics complaints against elected officials are handled.

None of those reasons is adequate, and Gov. Nikki Haley and House Speaker Jay Lucas are to be commended for pushing senators toward reform. The facts are on their side.

One reason senators have given is that reform isn't necessary. They point to the case of Robert Ford, who resigned from the Senate after being charged with ethics violations, as an indication that the present law works just fine.

But Mr. Ford's ethics problems existed long before the Senate took action — indicating the need for a tougher law.

Some senators say voters don't care about ethics reform. But how many voters really don't care if elected officials are corrupt?

Some senators say ethics reform is less important than finding ways to fix the state's inadequate roads and bridges.

Well then, senators shouldn't spend any more time than necessary on it.

The House has passed a fine ethics bill. And Senate Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin, R-Pickens, has proposed a fine ethics bill for the Senate.

Instead of dicker, just revive the bill and approve it. Then move on to roads and bridges.

The sticking point in the Senate has been the investigation of members. Sen. Martin's bill calls for the State Ethics Commission to take the lead, its members to include four appointed by the governor, four by the Legislature and four by the Supreme Court.

The commission also has the benefit of staff members who are SLED-certified and trained to do investigations, which can be

complicated and protracted.

Any move to water down the independent investigation provision — as was offered by Sen. Luke Rankin, R-Conway — is unacceptable. Indeed, it was Mr. Rankin's amendment that contributed to Mr. Martin's bill failing by a 24-19 vote. In the end, the question is still whether senators think it's wise to let the fox keep guarding the henhouse.

Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, opposed Mr. Martin's bill, saying it's the House that has trouble self-policing, not the Senate. And House Speaker Bobby Harrell did resign last year and plead guilty to misusing campaign funds for personal expenses.

But if the Senate doesn't pass legislation to fix it, the House will have no choice but to continue to operate as it does now.

Meanwhile, the more the Senate blocks ethics reform, the more people will ask, "What do these senators have to hide?"

Certainly those senators who act with integrity — presumably the vast majority — should be particularly eager for Mr. Martin's bill to pass. They do not deserve to live under the shadow of public suspicion that comes with the present law.

Of course, the manner of investigating ethics complaints is not the only point of reform. The public should know where their elected officials get their money, including money through political action committees (PACs).

South Carolina indeed has major problems to solve beyond ethics reform. And our the state needs insightful men and women to make well-informed decisions on such significant issues.

But effective ethics reform is a serious concern, too — and can help assure that those calls are being made for the right reasons.

The House has done its job on that front.

Now it's the Senate's turn.

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Harris said he cannot comply with the reporting requirements because he lives on a boat and his only Internet access is his smartphone. Harris invited Cicimurri, via email, to track his findings via photos posted to Facebook.

Fulmer suggested in his emails that Cicimurri could be flexible and work with Harris on the reporting requirements. Officially, reports are expected to be filed for each dive and show what was collected and where. Hobby divers do not have to give their finds to the state, but the data are used for research, Fulmer said.

"In general, I can say we have over 500 cooperative participants in this program, and they have led to some of the greatest finds in the state in the last several years," Fulmer said.

Harris, however, sees some of the reporting as unnecessary, such as GPS coordinates for dive locations. Fulmer clarified that GPS coordinates are not required, but a description of the area is, and many divers use coordinates because they find them easier.

"The (purpose) of the fossil reports is for the museum to learn something new," Harris said. "There is nothing new about shark teeth. Scientists have been studying them for years."

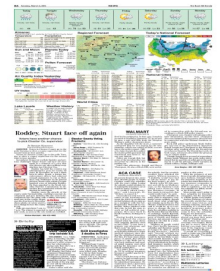
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## **Walker's S.C. trip includes Rock Hill**

**MADISON, Wis.** Republican Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is making his first trip to early primary state South Carolina later this month, and a Rock Hill stop is included in his plans.

The South Carolina Republican Party announced Monday that Walker plans to attend fundraisers in four cities on March 19 and 20.

Walker has been taking significant steps toward a likely presidential run.

Walker's South Carolina itinerary includes a lunch in Columbia, a barbecue dinner in Greenville, a breakfast in Rock Hill and a lunch in Charleston. He's also expected to meet with Republican Gov. Nikki Haley.

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