

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ELDER AFFAIRS

Senator Garcia, Chair
Senator Book, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

TIME: 9:00—11:30 a.m.

PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Garcia, Chair; Senator Book, Vice Chair; Senators Albritton, Brodeur, Harrell, Rouson, Torres, and Wright

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Presentation by Richard Prudom, Secretary, the Department of Elder Affairs providing an: -Overview of the department and its services. -Update on the Department's provision of services in the ongoing pandemic.		Presented

Other Related Meeting Documents



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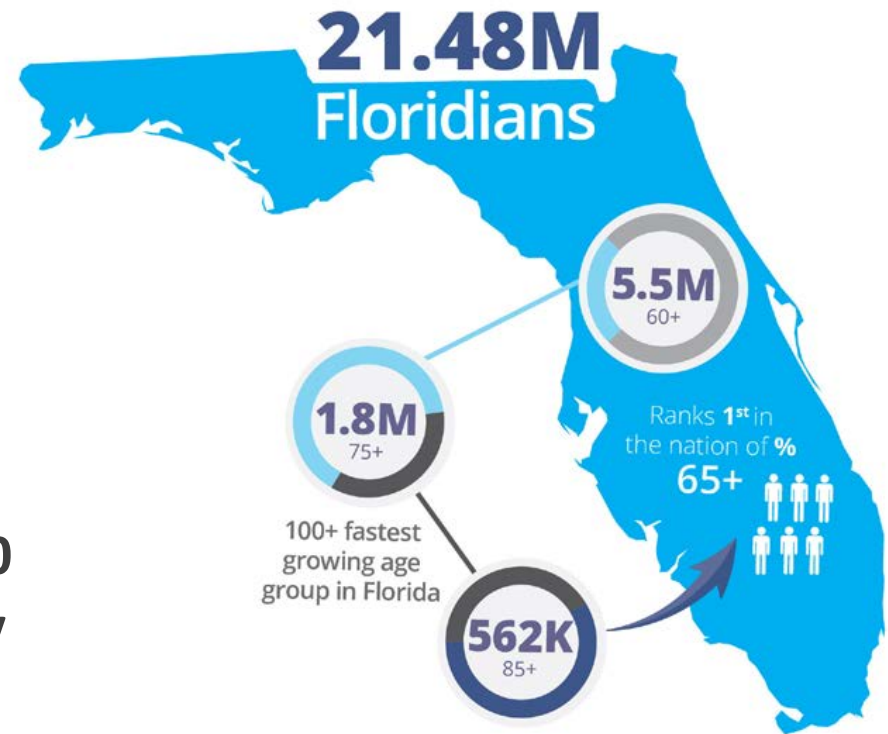
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COMMITTEE

Agency Update

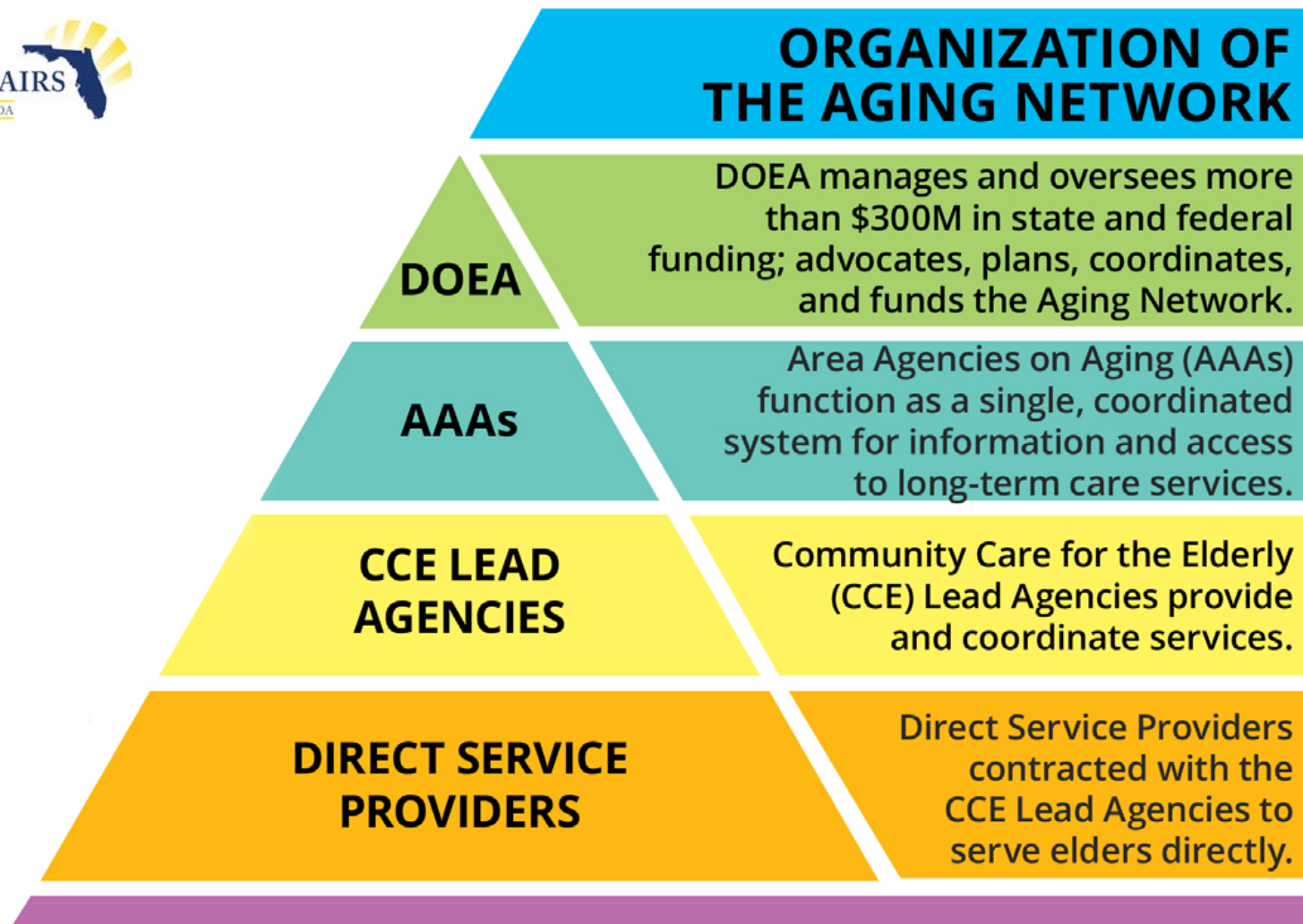
Richard Prudom, Secretary

- 5.5 million Floridians are over 60 years old. The state ranks first in the nation for 65+ population.
- By 2030, this will increase to 7.6 million – a 38% increase.
- Before the pandemic, more than 800 people were coming to Florida every day. Many were over 60 years old. That trend has resumed.



About DOEA

- **Authorized under Article IV, Section 12 of the Florida Constitution**
 - designated by Florida voters to “serve as the primary agency for administering human services programs for the elderly”
- **Designated as the official State Unit on Aging, per the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965**



Mission

To promote the well-being, safety, and independence of
Florida's seniors, their families, and caregivers

Vision

For all Floridians to live well and age well

Major Focus

Provide home and community-based services to seniors who are at risk of being
placed into a long-term care facility because of their degree of frailty

Assessment Terms

Long Term Care – assistance needed when disabilities impair the capacity to perform the basic tasks of everyday life.

Activities of Daily Living – eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, walking, and transferring

Instrumental ADLs – preparing meals, managing money, managing medication, shopping, housework, heavy chores, doing laundry, using transportation, and using a telephone.

Problems with ADLs/IADLs → Functional Assessment → Frailty level

Types of Services Provided

Statewide Community-Based Services

Long-Term Care and Support – combination of federal and state funding

- **Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)** 46,000 clients served
Wide range of goods and services including adult day care, transportation, shopping assistance, respite, home delivered meals, companionship, emergency home repair and other community-based services.
- **Home Care for the Elderly (HCE)** 2,800 clients served
Supports home care as an alternative to institutional care through a monthly subsidy.
- **Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI)** 9,200 clients served
Supportive services – counseling and respite for caregiver relief.
- **OAA Community and Support Services** 185,000 clients served
 - Access services, in-home services, legal assistance
 - Congregate meals, home delivered meals
 - Disease prevention and health promotion services

Types of Services Provided

Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-Term Care Services (CARES)

Floridians seeking Medicaid assistance for community-based long-term care services must meet both medical and financial eligibility requirements. CARES performs comprehensive assessment of applicants to determine level of care requirements (DCF determines financial eligibility).

- 112, 871 assessments conducted in FY 2020-2021
- 122,000 clients enrolled in Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care program (SMMC LTC)

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

Provides comprehensive long-term care and acute care services which supports dually-eligible Medicaid/Medicare enrollees who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid nursing facility services. Individuals who choose to enroll in PACE have both their medical and long-term care needs managed through a single provider.

Types of Services Provided

Elder Abuse Prevention Program

- Increase awareness of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE)

- Free, unbiased, and confidential Medicare counseling

Serving Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

- Protect the health, safety, welfare, and rights of long-term care residents

Types of Services Provided

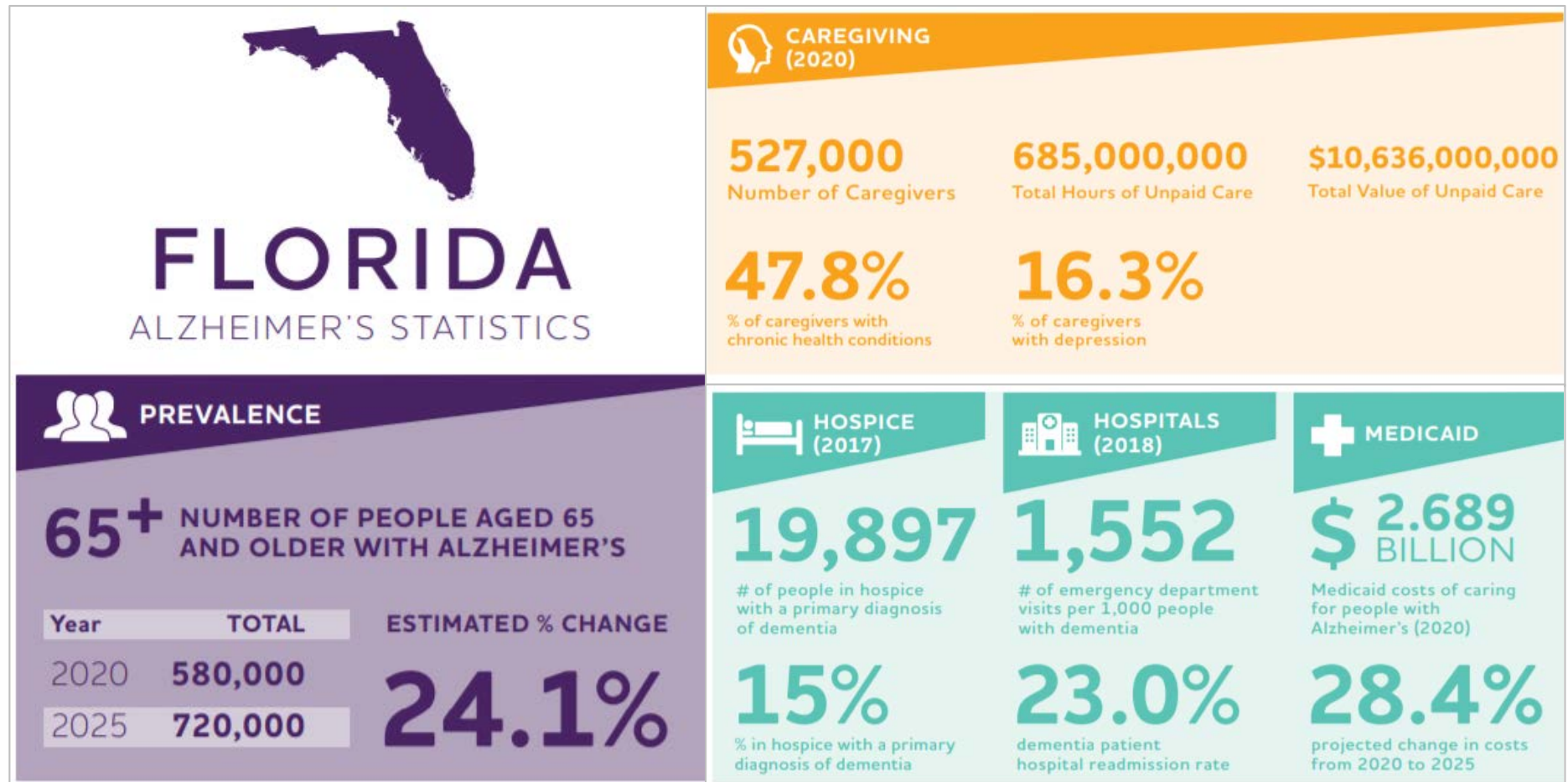
Office of Public and Professional Guardians (OPPG)

- Before 2016, DOEA operated a public guardian program with no disciplinary oversight over professional guardians.
- In 2016, the Legislature expanded authority to include investigating complaints against professional guardians and enacting appropriate administrative discipline.
- DOEA does not appoint guardians or oversee their supervision of their wards.
- Investigations are conducted by Clerk of Courts' Statewide Investigative Alliance.
- OPPG reviews findings and takes administrative action as appropriate.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Base Budget

Budget Entity	FTEs	GR Funding	Federal Funds	Total Budget
Comprehensive Eligibility Services (CARES)	246.5	\$ 9,214,283	\$ 9,181,772	\$ 18,396,055
Home & Community Services - OAA, CCE, ADI, HCE	60.0	\$ 174,512,958	\$ 178,544,919	\$ 353,057,877
Consumer Advocate Services - LTC Ombudsman Program, Guardianship	34.0	\$ 19,032,572	\$ 3,251,942	\$ 22,284,514
Executive Direction & Support Services	63.5	\$ 3,576,075	\$ 10,852,132	\$14,284,207
Total Agency Budget	404.0	\$ 206,335,888	\$ 201,830,765	\$ 408,166,653

Focusing on dementia in Florida



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Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD): Florida State Health Improvement Plan – Priority Area 9



- **Goal AD1:** Strengthen the capacity to address Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias (ADRD) in Florida
Strategy AD1.1: Promote early detection/early diagnosis, brain health and ADRD support services in Florida.
- **Goal AD2:** Assure a competent ADRD workforce through education and training
Strategy AD2.1: Enhance current education/training for all staff working in Assisted Living Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Adult Day Care Programs, Specialized Adult Day Care Programs, Hospice facilities, and Home Health Agencies.
- **Goal AD3:** Enhance support for those living with ADRD and their caregivers In Florida
Strategy AD3.1: Develop and administer campaigns or policies that support those living with ADRD and their caregivers in Florida.

The COVID-19 Pandemic

Addressed the basic needs of older adults

- Meeting needs for steep increases in home-delivered meals, and staffing grocery and prescription delivery services

Addressed social and emotional needs

- Brainstorming creative ways to address and help mitigate the negative health impacts of loneliness and reduce social isolation

Receipt of significant federal funding to meet immediate needs

- Families First \$18 million
- CARES Act \$64 million
- Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appr \$4.5 million
- Consolidated Appropriations Act \$16.5 million

Partnerships in Action

Reinforced crisis response services for clients

- Telephone reassurance,
- Teletherapy,
- Animatronic therapeutic pets,
- Tablets for Long-Term Care residents (i.e., PROJECT: VITAL in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association)

Greater outreach - DOEA, DOH, AARP, Veterans Dept., AAAs

- Mental health flyers
- Billboards



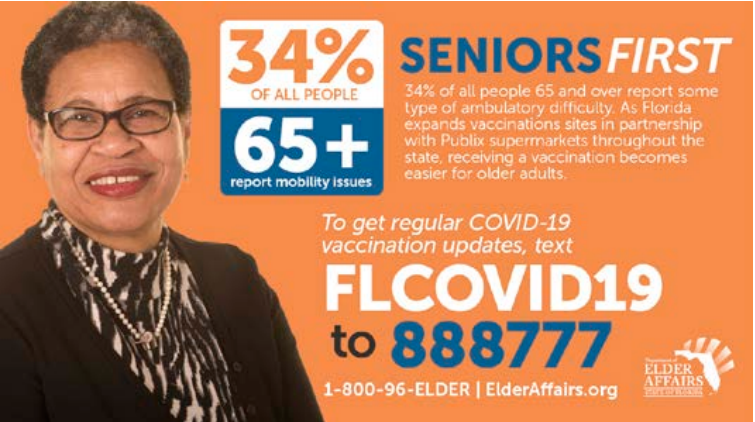
Partnerships in Action

Vaccination initiative has focused on the Seniors First campaign

- 85% of 65+ fully vaccinated

To assist in the statewide vaccination initiative:

- Local EOCs provided Mobile Units
- DOEA reached out to churches and community centers
- DOH created a Homebound Vaccination website
- AAAs reached out to homebound and waitlisted clients
- AAAs provided transportation for homebound seniors



34%
OF ALL PEOPLE
65+
report mobility issues

SENIORS FIRST
34% of all people 65 and over report some type of ambulatory difficulty. As Florida expands vaccinations sites in partnership with Publix supermarkets throughout the state, receiving a vaccination becomes easier for older adults.

To get regular COVID-19 vaccination updates, text
FLCOVID19
to **888777**
1-800-96-ELDER | ElderAffairs.org

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“Communities that fare best in the future will be those that both tackle the challenges and embrace the opportunities that an aging population creates—essentially becoming Age-Friendly Livable Communities.”

Richard Prudom, Secretary
Florida Department of Elder Affairs



The pandemic thoroughly disrupted the Social Determinants of Health—the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age—but in so doing:

- Has increased awareness and understanding of social services as critical to population health
- Has provided numerous opportunities for rebuilding and reorganization at all levels and the ability for communities to see the benefits of new and expanded technology with the advent of new programs and improved services
- Receipt of significant federal funding to invest in Florida's Aging Network
 - \$ 106.7 million American Rescue Plan Act
 - \$ 127.9 million in AHCA FMAP spending proposal

Partnerships in Action – Future

Focus #1 – Commit to Connect Vision

- What we didn't know a year ago was the vital significance of mental health and well-being, as well as the access to person-centered mental and physical health care.
- This Commit to Connect Vision is intended to support the First Lady's "Hope for Healing" community mental health initiative.



Partnerships in Action – Future

Focus #1 – Commit to Connect Vision

- Utilizing \$35 million in the American Rescue Plan funding, DOEA will be advocating, supporting, and promoting the replication of successful strategies in addressing social isolation and loneliness, such as:
 - Telephone reassurance and wellness check-in
 - PEARLS (Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives)
 - ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)
 - Virtual wellness/senior center programming

Partnerships in Action – Future

Focus #2 – Family Caregiver Support

- The poor mental and physical health of family caregivers has been exacerbated by the pandemic. As such, there is a growing recognition of the burden born by family caregivers and of the needs of these caregivers, who have long been the backbone of long-term care.
- 2.9 million unpaid caregivers in Florida. The estimated economic impact is \$31 billion.
- Utilizing \$12 million in American Rescue Plan funding, DOEA is developing a public-private partnership to provide direct care support for family caregivers of older adults currently waiting for services.



Partnerships in Action – Future

Focus #3 – Nutrition Services

- The pandemic has shown that we can not only modify **where** we feed seniors, but **who** feeds seniors. Non-traditional vendors provided meals to Floridians.
 - Of the over 27 million meals served, **6 million meals** were home-delivered through the Restaurant Meal Initiative.
- Utilizing \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funding, DOEA intends to address nutrition challenges in our communities through public/private partnerships, old and new.



Partnerships in Action – Future

Focus # 4: Increasing Interagency Collaboration

American Rescue Plan Act included:

A 10% FMAP increase to Medicaid-funded HCBS.

- In partnership with AHCA, \$127 million to convert HCE caregiver support and home modification services from providing assistance with personal care needs to active appraisal and addressing of infrastructure needs.

Funding for grants to states to enhance Adult Protective Services (APS).

- DCF received \$6.3 million. Will facilitate greater interoperability between partner agencies.

Questions?

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9:00:24 AM	Meeting called to order by chair Garcia
9:00:36 AM	Roll Call
9:00:53 AM	A quorum is present
9:01:04 AM	Comments by Chair Garcia
9:01:15 AM	Tab 1: A presentation by Richard Prudom, Secretary the Department of Elder Affairs
9:01:32 AM	Presentation by DEA Secretary Richard Prudom begins
9:56:06 AM	concluding remarks by Secretary Prudom
9:57:07 AM	questions, yes
9:57:12 AM	questions by Senator Torres
9:57:25 AM	Response by Secretary Prudom
9:57:46 AM	Clarification by Senator Torres
9:58:07 AM	Follow-up response by Secretary Prudom
9:58:45 AM	Question by Senator Torres
9:59:27 AM	Response by Secretary Prudom
10:00:00 AM	additional question by Senator Torres and response by Secretary Prudom
10:00:28 AM	Comments by Senator Torres
10:01:15 AM	Response by Secretary Prudom
10:02:04 AM	Comments by Chair Garcia
10:02:18 AM	Questions by Senator Harrell
10:03:27 AM	Response by Secretary Prudom
10:03:37 AM	Additional Question by Senator Harrell
10:04:02 AM	Response by Secretary Prudom
10:07:00 AM	comment by Senator Harrell
10:07:39 AM	Comments by Senator Garcia
10:08:08 AM	Comments by Senator Rouson
10:09:10 AM	Response by Secretary Prudom
10:10:27 AM	Question by Senator Garcia
10:10:40 AM	Response by Secretary Prudom
10:11:43 AM	Additional Question by Senator Garcia

10:11:58 AM Response by Secretary Prudom

10:14:30 AM Comments by Senator Garcia

10:14:49 AM Question by Senator Book

10:16:15 AM Response by Secretary Prudom

10:17:05 AM Follow-up question by Senator Book

10:18:14 AM Response by Secretary Prudom

10:21:07 AM Comments by Senator Garcia

10:21:23 AM Response by Secretary Prudom

10:21:36 AM Question by Senator Torres

10:23:21 AM Comments by Senator Garcia

10:24:08 AM Response by Secretary Prudom

10:24:35 AM Follow-up question by Senator Garcia

10:24:57 AM No additional business before the committee, meeting adjourned by Senator Harrell