Committee Oversight Authority

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"**LEGISLATIVE SUBPOENAS.**

"Subdivision 1. **Commissions; committees.**

"A joint legislative commission established by law and composed exclusively of legislators or a standing or interim legislative committee, by a two-thirds vote of its members, may request the issuance of subpoenas, including subpoenas duces tecum, requiring the appearance of persons, production of relevant records, and the giving of relevant testimony. Subpoenas shall be issued by the chief clerk of the house of representatives or the secretary of the senate upon receipt of the request. A person subpoenaed to attend a meeting of the legislature or a hearing of a legislative committee or commission shall receive the same fees and expenses provided by law for witnesses in district court" (Minnesota Statute 3.153).

Senate Rules

“Each standing committee of the Senate, including a subcommittee of the committee, may at any time sit and act, investigate and take testimony on any matter within its jurisdiction, report hearings held by it, and make expenditures as authorized by the Committee on Rules and Administration” (Senate Rule 12.7).

"A standing committee, but not a subcommittee, may require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of correspondence, books, papers, and

documents, in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.153” (Senate Rule 12.8).