

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills

Final Report **Bill 209, *Cost of Public Services*** ***Transparency Act***

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**To the Honourable Nathan Cooper
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of Alberta**

I have the honour of submitting, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, the Committee's final report containing recommendations on Bill 209, *Cost of Public Services Transparency Act*, for consideration by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Sincerely,

[original signed]

Mike Ellis, MLA
Chair, Standing Committee
on Private Bills and
Private Members' Public Bills

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Bill 209, *Cost of Public Services Transparency Act*, was introduced and received first reading on December 7, 2020.

2.0 ORDER OF REFERENCE

Pursuant to Standing Order 74.11:

- (1) After a public Bill other than a Government Bill has been read a first time, the Bill stands referred to the Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Committee.
- (2) The Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 8 sitting days of the day on which the Bill was referred to the Committee.

3.0 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

As part of the Committee's review of Bill 209 a Committee meeting was held on February 26, 2021. At that meeting the sponsor of Bill 209, Jason Stephan, Member for Red Deer-South, made a presentation on the Bill to the Committee, and the Committee received a technical briefing from the Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance on the Bill. On March 8, 2021, three stakeholders made oral presentations to the Committee, and the Committee completed deliberations on Bill 209.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to Standing Order 74.2 the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills recommends

that Bill 209, *Cost of Public Services Transparency Act*, proceed.

APPENDIX A: LIST OF ORAL PRESENTERS

| Organization | Name |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Canada Strong and Free Network | Mr. Troy Lanigan, President |
| Red Deer & District Chamber of Commerce | Mr. Rick More, Chief Executive Officer |
| Canadian Taxpayers Association | Mr. Franco Terrazzano, Alberta Director |