

**MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature gives the Legislative Management Committee items of study it may assign to the appropriate interim committee.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▶ gives the Legislative Management Committee items of study it may assign to the appropriate interim committee during the 2014 legislative interim;

▶ directs interim committees assigned these studies to study and make recommendations for legislative action to the 60th Legislature before the 2015 Annual General Session; and

▶ suggests that the Legislative Management Committee, in approving studies, give consideration to the available time of legislators and the budget and capacity of staff to respond to the assigned studies.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, the Legislative Management Committee is created by law as a permanent committee to receive and assign matters for interim study by committees of the Legislature; and



28 WHEREAS, the 60th Legislature has determined that certain legislative issues require  
29 additional investigation and study:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Management Committee  
31 is given the following items of study to assign to the appropriate interim committee with the  
32 duty to study and make recommendations for legislative action to the 60th Legislature before  
33 the 2015 Annual General Session.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Management Committee, in  
35 making study assignments from this list and in approving study requests for individual  
36 committees, give consideration to the available time of legislators and the budget and capacity  
37 of staff to respond adequately to the number and complexity of the assignments given.

38 1. General Assistance Funding - to study changing the current reimbursement of  
39 general assistance to the General Fund to its own account.

40 2. Motor Vehicle Insurance -- Settlement of Claims - to study provisions relating to  
41 unfair claim settlement practices on certain motor vehicle insurance policies (S.B. 197, with  
42 amendments).

43 3. Age Eligibility for Mixed Martial Arts - to study whether to allow the Pete Suazo  
44 Utah Athletic Commission to make rules to allow mixed martial arts competition for youth  
45 between ages 16-17.

46 4. Alcohol Service - to study the regulation of alcohol service in restaurants (H.B.  
47 285).

48 5. Application of Antidiscrimination Act - to study applying Title 34A, Chapter 5,  
49 Utah Antidiscrimination Act, to nonprofit organizations.

50 6. Community Associations - to study changes to the Condominium Ownership Act  
51 and the Community Association Act relating to fines and reserve accounts (H.B. 172).

52 7. Deferred Deposit Lending - to study amendments to the Check Cashing and  
53 Deferred Deposit Lending Registration Act to address deferred deposit loans (H.B. 47).

54 8. Dramshop Coverage - to study whether to modify the amount of dramshop coverage  
55 a retail licensee is required to carry (H.B. 312 and 1st Sub. H.B. 312).

56 9. Healthcare Practice Acts - to study the uniformity of practice acts of health care  
57 professionals licensed, certified, or registered by the Division of Occupational and Professional  
58 Licensing.

- 59           10. Healthy Workplace - to study and address abusive workplace environments.
- 60           11. Insurance Contracts - to study discretionary language in insurance contracts.
- 61           12. Insurance Regulation - to study and review the regulation of insurance (H.B. 76).
- 62           13. Living Wage - to study increasing the minimum wage (H.B. 73).
- 63           14. Manufacturing Licensees - to study issues related to alcoholic beverage
- 64 manufacturing licensees (H.B. 352).
- 65           15. New Automobile Franchise Act - to study state regulation of new automobile
- 66 dealership placement (H.B. 54).
- 67           16. Nonprofit Organizations - to study standards in receiving tax funds, whether
- 68 nonprofit organizations are fulfilling their purposes efficiently, and what percentage of the
- 69 funds they receive are used toward fulfilling their purposes.
- 70           17. Prudent Banking - to study a resolution urging Congress to pass H.R.129, the
- 71 Return to Prudent Banking Act of 2013.
- 72           18. Title and Escrow - to study legislation related to title and escrow issues.
- 73           19. Uniform Building Code Commission - to study the repeal of the Uniform Building
- 74 Code Commission.
- 75           20. Workplace Discrimination - to study workplace discrimination, including the
- 76 higher education grievance procedure (H.B. 359).
- 77           21. "Ghost" Student Enrolling - to study "ghost" student enrolling, recruitment, and
- 78 funding between private companies and local education agencies.
- 79           22. Charter School Enrollment Capacity - to study proposals regarding an "at
- 80 enrollment capacity" charter school using or borrowing the unused enrollment capacity of
- 81 another charter school.
- 82           23. Competency-Based Education - to study issues related to competency-based
- 83 education.
- 84           24. Competency-Based Education Model - to study how to implement an educational
- 85 approach in which students only advance upon mastery of subject matter.
- 86           25. Competency-Based Funding - to study issues related to competency-based funding
- 87 for higher education.
- 88           26. Contribution and Credit for Education Funding - to study setting up a tax
- 89 deductible fund within the Education Fund that would be credited to the donor's income tax.

90 This would add to the Education Fund but would save 40,000 Utahns \$250 million in  
91 Alternative Minimum Taxes (H.B. 153).

92 27. Education Best Practices - to study and determine the value of establishing an  
93 education innovation research and development effort in partnership with the private business  
94 sector.

95 28. Education Funding - to study long-term funding options for public education.

96 29. Effective Principals and Teachers - to study what makes a principal and a teacher  
97 effective.

98 30. Equalizing Capital Expenditures for School Buildings - to study the disparity for  
99 equalization of capital expenditures for school buildings and maintenance and methods for  
100 equalizing capital expenditures for school buildings.

101 31. Guidance Counseling - to study the use of online tools to improve the work of high  
102 school guidance counselors.

103 32. Guidance Counselor Independence - to study requiring guidance counselors to be  
104 independent from Local Education Agencies.

105 33. Licensed Private Childcare and Prekindergarten Providers vs. Unlicensed  
106 Government Contracted Providers - to study what is happening in the marketplace when  
107 unlicensed providers are contracting with government entities to provide day care or  
108 prekindergarten services, such as Local Education Agencies and districts, that unfairly compete  
109 with licensed private providers.

110 34. Limited English Proficiency - to study how to provide assistance to English  
111 Learning Students with limited english proficiency.

112 35. Low-Performing Schools - to study incentives for low-performing schools.

113 36. Moving from STEM to STEAM - to study adding the arts to Utah's Science,  
114 Technology, Engineering, and Math initiative (STEM) and funding, and review what it would  
115 take to centralize all Utah arts funding under the leadership of the STEM effort and move to a  
116 STEAM effort.

117 37. New Development Impact on School Enrollment - to study ways municipalities,  
118 counties, land developers, and school officials might coordinate planning to anticipate new  
119 housing developments' impact on school enrollment.

120 38. Objectivity in Delivering Scientific Content in Schools - to study ways to ensure

121 objectivity in delivering scientific content and encouraging student inquiry in public schools.  
122 The teaching of biological evolution, the chemical origins of life, global warming, and human  
123 cloning can cause controversy. These topics need to be addressed as such in schools, instead of  
124 as "fact."

125 39. Parent Trigger Law - to study allowing parents to petition to change the  
126 management of a low-performing school.

127 40. Parental Leave for School Activities - to study issues related to employers granting  
128 parental leave to attend certain school activities (H.C.R. 6).

129 41. Public Education - to study issues related to public education funding.

130 42. Public Education Funding Needs - to study the funding needs of public education  
131 (H.B. 403).

132 43. Public School Counselors - to study the adequacy of current funding for public  
133 school counselors.

134 44. Quality Teaching Block Grant Funding - to study the reinstatement of professional  
135 development quality teaching block grant funding.

136 45. Strategic Education Plan - to study a research-based strategic education plan.

137 46. Student Fee Use - to study the use of student fees for political purposes.

138 47. Student Privacy - to study issues related to the release of public school student  
139 information (H.B. 169).

140 48. Sustainable Education Funding Model - to study how to get to prerecession levels  
141 in education funding and a sustainable model for funding public education.

142 49. Teacher Colleges - to study standards for teacher colleges.

143 50. Technology in Schools - to study the use of technology in schools and the benefits  
144 and drawbacks, including a cost benefit analysis.

145 51. Film Incentives - to study whether to expand the eligibility of film-related industry  
146 work for tax incentives (H.B. 204).

147 52. Housing Loan Fund - to study funding for the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund  
148 and low-income housing.

149 53. Local Economic Development - to study the creation of a local economic  
150 development tax incentive through the use of an interlocal agreement (H.B. 167).

151 54. Tourism - to study tourism opportunities and constraints.

- 152           55. Absentee Ballot - to study provisions related to voting by absentee ballot (H.B.  
153 252).
- 154           56. Ballots on Social Media - to study whether to post ballots on social media.
- 155           57. Campaign Financing - to study revisions to campaign finance laws.
- 156           58. Capital Lease Programs - to study the effectiveness of current state capital lease  
157 programs and oversight.
- 158           59. Career Service Review Board Hearing Process - to study rules and procedures for  
159 holding Career Service Review Board hearings.
- 160           60. Costs of Records Under GRAMA - to study when costs for records under the  
161 Government Records Access and Management Act should be waived.
- 162           61. Disclosure Filings - to study the timing of disclosure filings. During municipal  
163 election years, political issues committees, political action committees, and corporations are  
164 required to file a report by August 31. Would it make more sense for these groups to file the  
165 disclosures before the municipal primary earlier in August?
- 166           62. Election Clean Up - to study and review the annual list of technical clean up items  
167 in the Election Code.
- 168           63. Election Complaint Review - to study whether to create a Utah Elections Board to  
169 review and take certain actions on election complaints (H.B. 144).
- 170           64. Election Day Voter Registration - to study implementing an election day voter  
171 registration pilot project to test the advisability of implementing election day voter registration  
172 in Utah (H.B. 156).
- 173           65. Elections and Campaign Reform - to study any additional recommendations for  
174 elections and campaign reform resulting from the House Investigative Committee Report.
- 175           66. Electors for Presidential Elections - to study revisions to laws governing electors  
176 for presidential elections.
- 177           67. Expungement of Administrative Disciplinary Action - to study whether to provide  
178 for the expungement of agency records related to an agency licensee under certain  
179 circumstances (H.B. 124).
- 180           68. Federal Shutdown - to study the procedures for a federal government shutdown.
- 181           69. Government Employment - to study changes to current law governing merit-based  
182 government employment.

183           70. Government Meetings Search Engine - to study requiring a one-stop search engine  
184 for state, and perhaps local, government meetings.

185           71. Grants and Contracting Procedures - to study streamlining grants and contracting  
186 procedures to create an opportunity for state entities and nonprofit organizations to discuss  
187 contracting challenges and develop win-win solutions.

188           72. Initiative and Referendum Sponsors - to study whether sponsors of an initiative or  
189 a referendum should be able to rescind an application or stop a ballot measure once it is in  
190 progress or once it has qualified for the ballot.

191           73. Lobbyist Definition - to study issues related to the definition of a lobbyist. For  
192 example, when an expert accompanies a registered lobbyist in communicating with public  
193 officials, should that individual be exempt from registering as a lobbyist?

194           74. Lobbyist Disclosure Laws - to study whether local disclosure laws should be  
195 elaborated to match the Utah Code. Many municipal and county disclosure laws lack  
196 definitions and guidance that exist at the state level.

197           75. Lobbyist Registration - to study exemptions to lobbyist registration and mandatory  
198 online training.

199           76. Municipal Initiatives - to study issues related to municipal initiatives. For example,  
200 the state may reject an initiative application if the proposed law is nonsensical or  
201 unconstitutional. Should cities and counties have the same ability?

202           77. Nonbinding Opinion Questions - to study the submission of nonbinding opinion  
203 questions to the voters.

204           78. Online Signing of Initiative and Referenda Petitions - to study the process to  
205 implement the lieutenant governor's recommendations related to allowing voters to sign  
206 initiatives and referenda petitions online.

207           79. Privatizing State Golf Courses - to study and work with the Division of Parks and  
208 Recreation to finalize the Request for Information (RFI) process and continue with the Request  
209 for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposals (RFP) processes in order to get the best  
210 value for operating and maintaining state golf courses (H.B. 145).

211           80. Public Buildings - to study an alternative method for funding the construction,  
212 operation, and maintenance of public buildings through private capital investments. Look at  
213 the benefits and possible obstacles of transferring the risk involved in financing and

214 constructing buildings to accommodate growth.

215 81. Public Money in Campaigns - to study public money used for campaign purposes.

216 82. Recall Elections - to study whether to add to the Elections Code, subject to  
217 passage of an enabling amendment to the Utah Constitution, provisions for the recall of the  
218 governor, the state auditor, the state treasurer, or the attorney general (H.B. 63).

219 83. Signature Gathering - to study issues related to signature gatherers. For example, a  
220 person who verifies signatures on a petition cannot also sign the signature packet. If the person  
221 does, should only the signature be disqualified or should the entire packet be rejected? Should  
222 signature gatherers be Utah residents?

223 84. State Board of Elections - to study the pros and cons of establishing a State Board  
224 of Elections (H.B. 144).

225 85. State Employee Leave Programs - to study issues related to employee leave  
226 programs, including the creation of the State Employees' Annual Leave Program II Trust Fund  
227 Act (S.B. 269).

228 86. State Fair - to study issues related to the state fair, the State Fair Park, and state fair  
229 funding.

230 87. State Fair Buildings - to study structural improvements to the buildings at the State  
231 Fair Park.

232 88. State Motor Pool - to study the number of motor vehicles in the state motor pool,  
233 their locations, how extensively they are used, and methods of tracking their location and use.

234 89. Access to Investigational Medications, Products, and Devices - to study providing  
235 terminally ill patients with access to investigational drugs, biological products, and devices that  
236 have completed at least phase I clinical trials.

237 90. Accountable Care Organizations - to study the effectiveness of accountable care  
238 organizations in reducing healthcare costs for Medicaid, whether this model works, and  
239 whether it is better than fee-for-service.

240 91. Aging and Adult Services - to study issues related to vulnerable adults (1st Sub.  
241 H.B. 267).

242 92. Assisted Living Facilities - to study whether assisted living facilities are meeting  
243 their residents' needs, whether administrative rule or legislation is required to establish a ratio  
244 of certified nurse assistants to residents, and whether the Bureau of Health Facility Licensing is



245 effective in regulating the facilities.

246 93. Caregiving - to study the impact of demographic changes on the services provided  
247 to seniors, the state's response, and support for caregivers (H.J.R. 14).

248 94. Child Welfare System and Children and Family Issues - to study the current status  
249 and budget practices of the state child welfare system, performance audits, fundamental liberty  
250 interests of parents and children, and family preservation policies and outcomes.

251 95. Community Health Worker - to study the certification of individuals who meet  
252 certain criteria as a certified community health worker (S.B. 66).

253 96. Foster Families - to study issues related to foster and foster-adoptive families.

254 97. Health care for the "Medically Frail" - to study how "medically frail" individuals  
255 who are not eligible for Medicaid or any state or federal assistance receive and pay for health  
256 care, who these individuals are, what medical conditions they have, and their health outcomes.

257 98. Medicaid Client Costs - to study the small percentage of Medicaid clients who  
258 account for 50% of Medicaid expenditures, to identify these clients' problems, and to determine  
259 how to better address their needs and reduce costs.

260 99. Medicaid Waiver - to study the Katie Beckett Medicaid Waiver, including what  
261 Idaho did, what it would look like in Utah, what it would cost, and how many families would  
262 be helped.

263 100. Medical Language Interpreter Act - to study and review improvements or  
264 necessary updates to the Medical Language Interpreter Act.

265 101. Mental Illness Funding - to study how mental illness is currently funded under  
266 Medicaid, whether this method works, and whether it needs to be changed.

267 102. Reducing Medicaid, Mental Health, and Pharmaceutical Costs - to study  
268 strategies to reduce Medicaid, mental health, and pharmaceutical costs, including preferred  
269 drug lists vs. other strategies, such as direct feedback to providers about costs of prescriptions.

270 103. Rights of Children Conceived Through Artificial Insemination - to study whether  
271 the state should regulate fertility clinics, set up a registry for donors and children conceived  
272 through artificial insemination, require clinics to screen donors, establish guidelines, etc.

273 104. Vending Services by the Blind - to study vending services operated by blind  
274 persons and whether to grant the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired the  
275 authority to establish a vending stand or food services for operation by blind persons.

- 276 105. Asbestos Settlement - to study issues related to asbestos settlements.
- 277 106. Asset Protection Trusts - to study what, if any, is the public policy justification  
278 for asset protection trusts (H.B. 162).
- 279 107. Bail Bond Agents - to study whether bail bond agents should be under the  
280 Department of Insurance or the Bureau of Criminal Identification. Also review licensing surety  
281 collateralization when a bond is processed, when and how a penalty is paid, and other issues  
282 related to the industry.
- 283 108. Civil Rights Restoration - to study all nonviolent felonies to determine when a  
284 person may become eligible for various civil rights to be restored.
- 285 109. Collateral Consequences of Conviction - to study the enactment of a uniform law  
286 providing procedures for identifying collateral consequences of convictions for criminal  
287 offenses.
- 288 110. Counsel for Defendants - to study indigent counsel for criminal defendants.
- 289 111. Court Rulings on Polygamy - to study recent court rulings related to polygamy  
290 and impact of those rulings on state statute.
- 291 112. Criminal Justice System Review - to study and comprehensively review the  
292 criminal justice system, including arrest, prosecution and defense, sentencing, incarceration,  
293 and postincarceration rehabilitation and recidivism.
- 294 113. Cyber bullying - to study increased penalties for intentionally or knowingly using  
295 the Internet, a cell phone, or other devices to hurt or threaten an individual and endanger the  
296 individual's health or safety.
- 297 114. Determining Imputed Income - to study whether courts should consider whether a  
298 parent was a stay-at-home parent when determining imputed income (H.B. 348).
- 299 115. Divorced Fathers - to study the rights of divorced fathers.
- 300 116. Domestic Asset Protection Trust - to study changes to current domestic asset  
301 protection trust law, including provisions regarding real property transferred to the trust,  
302 clarifying a settlor-trustee's role in determining discretionary distributions, and clarifying  
303 claims for relief for fraudulent transfers (1st Sub. H.B. 208).
- 304 117. E-Warrants - to study the current e-warrant system, including the process,  
305 templates, and future plans.
- 306 118. Electronic Cigarettes - to study the regulation of electronic cigarettes (H.B. 112).

307           119. Family Expenses - to study the conditions of contracts or agreements between a  
308 husband and a wife related to family expenses (H.B. 179).

309           120. Federal Regulatory Overreach - to study the regulatory overreach of federal  
310 agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of  
311 Education, etc.

312           121. Federalism and the "Police Power" - to study and review United States Supreme  
313 Court and Circuit Court cases on federalism and the "police power" jurisdiction of the states.

314           122. Implementing Putative Father Registry Compact - to study and develop  
315 legislation to amend Utah adoption law to implement the Compact for Interstate Sharing of  
316 Putative Father Registry Information (S.B. 63).

317           123. Litigation Transparency - to study whether to require that a person that sues the  
318 state or a political subdivision disclose the person's source of funding (H.B. 407).

319           124. Nurse Practitioner Prescribing Authority - to study whether to allow an advanced  
320 practice registered nurse to prescribe a schedule II or a schedule III controlled substance  
321 without mandatory physician consultation.

322           125. Process Serving - to study and review the structure, duties, and authority of  
323 constables, private investigators, special function officers, and process servers to delineate  
324 requirements for each category, and to determine what process serving can be done and by  
325 whom. Also establish demarcations and identification.

326           126. Protecting Wives and Children in Polygamy - to study ways to protect families,  
327 specifically wives and children, in polygamous relationships.

328           127. Rape Kit Processing - to study establishing additional rights for victims of a  
329 sexual offense (1st Sub. H.B. 157).

330           128. Religious Freedom Issues - to study religious freedom for students, businesses,  
331 and churches.

332           129. Safety Belt Use - to study whether safety belt use should be considered  
333 contributory or comparative negligence in civil cases where a person is seeking recovery for  
334 injuries, or whether a primary seatbelt law should be enacted (H.B. 305).

335           130. Tobacco Use by Minors - to study the age limit corresponding with tobacco and  
336 related products (S.B. 12).

337           131. Vehicle Accident Penalties - to study enhanced penalties for injuries or deaths in

338 vehicle accidents with pedestrians and bicyclists.

339           132. Weapons Restrictions - to study weapons restrictions on veterans who have  
340 post-traumatic stress disorder but have not gone through a formal commitment hearing, when  
341 they are "listed" as mentally defective according to the opinion of a United States Department  
342 of Veterans Affairs doctor without having gone through due process.

343           133. Allowable Charges - to study whether to make adjustments to the allowable  
344 charges assessed by private automobile booting companies.

345           134. Correctional Procurement - to study the process by which goods and services are  
346 procured through Utah Correctional Industries, including whether approval from the director of  
347 Utah Correctional Industries should continue to be required when determining that it is not  
348 feasible for a procurement unit to buy a procurement item from Utah Correctional Industries  
349 (H.B. 343).

350           135. Corrections Construction Industry - to study ways to strengthen the corrections  
351 construction industry to help inmates succeed.

352           136. Insurance for Fallen Officers' Families - to study providing an additional  
353 insurance benefit, a \$1 million policy, for the surviving spouse and dependent children of a  
354 public safety officer killed in the line of duty.

355           137. Key Access to Address Fire Safety - to study a private business requirement to  
356 have Knox Boxes key access for fire safety access and the possibility that keys to Knox Boxes  
357 are not properly accounted for, enabling inappropriate access to private businesses.

358           138. Mental Illness in County Jails - to study the treatment of mental illness in county  
359 jails, including how to improve outcome, reduce costs, and address forced medication hearings  
360 and guidelines for treatment of substance abuse in jails.

361           139. Protection for Police - to study and evaluate the use of bulletproof glass on police  
362 cars and consider other less expensive alternatives.

363           140. Stolen Property Database - to study establishing a state database for stolen  
364 property to enhance the process for identifying stolen items and facilitating their return to their  
365 lawful owners. Also require recyclers to check the database before purchasing. Contractors and  
366 farmers need more protection from thieves who steal and sell to recyclers.

367           141. Transferring Strike Force - to study whether to transfer from the Office of the  
368 Attorney General to the Department of Public Safety the management of the multiagency strike

369 force created to combat violent and other major felony crimes associated with illegal  
370 immigration and human trafficking and to investigate fraudulent document crimes (H.B. 100).

371 142. Agriculture Protection Act Appeals - to study whether the Agriculture Protection  
372 Act should have any appeals process.

373 143. Air - to study issues related to the definition of "air."

374 144. Air Emissions - to study whether to authorize the Air Quality Board to establish  
375 rules requiring the Division of Air Quality to evaluate air pollution controls at a facility and  
376 authorizing the Division of Air Quality to require the implementation of additional air pollution  
377 controls at a facility under certain circumstances (H.B. 180).

378 145. Canal Safety Act - to study ways to assess the risks associated with canals and  
379 efforts to remediate those risks (S.B. 114 and H.B. 370).

380 146. Clean Air Fund Utilization - to study the utilization and effectiveness of current  
381 clean air funds administered by the Division of Air Quality.

382 147. Clean Coal Power Plants - to study ways to support clean coal power plants.

383 148. Conversion of Homes to Cleaner Fuels - to study the impact of programs  
384 subsidizing conversions of homes with wood as their sole source of heat -- and listed on the  
385 "sole source" list in nonattainment areas -- to natural gas and other cleaner fuels.

386 149. Costs of Federal Actions Regarding State Trust Lands - to study the full costs and  
387 impacts to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) and to the trust as  
388 result of federal actions that amount to de facto takings of SITLA lands (monuments, species  
389 designation, wilderness, de facto wilderness, air quality, RS 2477, etc.).

390 150. Definition of "Air Contaminant" - to study whether to change the definition of  
391 "air contaminant" to clarify that natural components of the atmosphere do not constitute a  
392 contaminant (H.B. 229).

393 151. Disposition of Sovereign Lands Management Account Funds - to study whether  
394 to require that funds from the Sovereign Lands Management Account only be expended to  
395 manage and benefit sovereign lands and state lands (H.B. 421).

396 152. Environmental Policy Act - to study the creation of a State Environmental Policy  
397 Act, which states already have this act, do they work, and whether Utah needs something  
398 similar in view of potential acquisition of public federal lands.

399 153. Euthanasia Standards - to study and identify which animal shelters use

400 compressed carbon monoxide and which use euthanasia by injection, and examine how much it  
401 costs to use each method. Also, address whether the state has a euthanasia policy.

402 154. Jurisdiction Over Federal Areas Within the States - to study jurisdiction over  
403 federal areas within the states, based on the report of the Interdepartmental Committee for the  
404 Study of Jurisdiction Over Federal Areas Within the States, and the current status of the  
405 conclusions of this report.

406 155. Legislative Discussions on Labeling Genetically Modified Foods - to study  
407 whether to appoint legislative members to participate in multistate discussions involving  
408 agreements to label genetically modified food (H.B. 205).

409 156. Liability Related to Private Sales of Raw Milk - to study private sales of raw milk  
410 between a dairy owner and a private individual, and holding the state and health care plans  
411 harmless via written contracts and insurance riders.

412 157. Medical Waste Incineration - to study and conduct an analysis of the best  
413 available control technology for pathologic, carcinogenic, and chemotherapeutic medical waste  
414 streams.

415 158. Municipal Water Rights - to study whether municipalities should be required to  
416 disclose their water rights assets.

417 159. Payments In Lieu of Taxes - to study the consequences and costs, including  
418 opportunity costs, associated with the uncertainty created by Congress's failure or refusal to  
419 fully fund Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) on a permanent and mandatory basis.

420 160. Pesticides - to study changes to current laws governing pesticides.

421 161. Reducing Air Pollution - to study methods to reduce air pollution in  
422 nonattainment areas.

423 162. Risks of Forest Overgrowth - to study the risk to air quality, watersheds, wildlife,  
424 habitat, and persons and property from disease-ridden, pest-infested, overgrown forests in the  
425 state.

426 163. State Parks - to study and assess the conditions of state parks and whether  
427 funding and fees are adequate.

428 164. State Regulations Impacting Small Irrigation and Ditch Companies - to study the  
429 difficulty that small irrigation and ditch companies are having complying with recent state  
430 regulations that apply primarily to canal companies (H.B. 298).

431           165. State Resource Stewardship Coordinator for Air Quality - to study the need for a  
432 state resource stewardship coordinator to work with all state agencies to implement best  
433 practices to improve air quality (2nd Sub. H.B. 38).

434           166. Stream Relocation Notification - to study requirements to notify affected parties  
435 of stream alteration.

436           167. Surface and Mineral Rights - to study issues related to surface and mineral rights.

437           168. Tier III Fuel Production - to study the options for encouraging low sulfur fuel  
438 production and sales in the state of Utah.

439           169. Water Reuse - to study issues related to reuse water and waste water (H.B. 371).

440           170. Wild Animal Damage - to study wild horse and burro damage related to state  
441 trust lands and federal lands.

442           171. Wildfire Mitigation - to study incentives for wildfire mitigation in the  
443 wildfire-urban interface.

444           172. Interior Design - to study interior design licensure.

445           173. Construction and Fire Codes - to study whether to allow a county legislative body  
446 of a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class to modify the State Fire Code Act and the State  
447 Construction Code within the unincorporated areas of the counties if certain conditions are met  
448 (H.B. 328).

449           174. County Governance - to study the governance and internal controls in Utah's  
450 county governments.

451           175. Good Landlord Program - to study local governments' implementation of the  
452 Good Landlord Program.

453           176. Local Governments Qualifying as a Contract Customer - to study whether to  
454 authorize a municipality or county to qualify as a contract customer, develop requirements for a  
455 municipality or county to qualify as a contract customer, and whether to require the Public  
456 Service Commission to determine appropriate charges and credits for participating customers  
457 within a municipality or county who do not pay a separate demand charge (1st Sub. H.B. 110).

458           177. Municipal Business Licensing - to study whether to exempt certain businesses  
459 from municipal licensure (2nd Sub. H.B. 258).

460           178. Planning Districts - to study changes to current law governing planning districts.

461           179. School Planning and Zoning - to study municipal and county land use provisions

462 related to a school (H.B. 104).

463           180. Voter Accountability - to study providing municipal retention elections (H.B.  
464 413).

465           181. Digital Media Technology or Equipment - to study the creation of a Digital  
466 Media Technology or Equipment Fund to be used for student education and commercial  
467 leasing and to encourage production of digital media film, television production, video gaming,  
468 and national commercial productions within the state (S.B. 266).

469           182. Drone Technology - to study regulation of the private, commercial, and  
470 government use of drone technology.

471           183. Geographic Information Systems and Digital Mapping Technology - to study and  
472 update statutes related to the expectations and provision of geographic information systems and  
473 digital mapping technology by the Automated Geographic Reference Center of the Department  
474 of Technology Services.

475           184. Integrated Utility Networks - to study the future of integrated utility networks,  
476 including distributed generation and solar networks, net metering, infrastructure upgrades,  
477 variability on the system, and cost impacts.

478           185. Interstate Transmission Line Corridors - to study the impact on Utah and options  
479 for addressing impacts.

480           186. Intrastate Transmission Lines - to study issues related to intrastate transmission  
481 lines. With various agencies involved in electrical transmission line regulation and approval,  
482 what controls can Utah and its agencies and regulatory entities have over these transmission  
483 lines?

484           187. Open Access and Electrical Deregulation - to study how open access is a form of  
485 electrical deregulation.

486           188. Parity of Communication Assessments - to study the parity of communication  
487 assessments for fees, surcharges, and taxes across telecommunication providers.

488           189. Prohibition of Electronic Data Collection Assistance - to study whether to  
489 prohibit cooperation between a federal agency that collects electronic data and any political  
490 subdivisions of the state (H.B. 161).

491           190. RELAY UTAH Program - to study the modernization of Utah Code Section  
492 54-8b-10, which imposes a telephone surcharge to provide hearing and speech impaired



493 persons with telecommunication devices, including:

494 1. whether the statute update should reflect modern telecommunications technology and  
495 usage;

496 2. how current technology trends have impacted program demand; and

497 3. if the program should be moved from the Public Service Commission to an agency with  
498 the infrastructure better suited to administer a statewide public assistance program.

499 191. Renewable Electric Power - to study community choice aggregation for  
500 renewable electric power purchasing and generation.

501 192. Solar Power - to study solar power development and the impact on the provision  
502 of electrical power.

503 193. Transmission Corridor Master Planning - to study issues related to transmission  
504 corridor master planning.

505 194. Utah Science Center Authority - to study updates and revisions to the Utah  
506 Science Center Authority.

507 195. Utah's Competitive Energy Cost Advantage - to study deregulation, price  
508 comparisons, Renewable Portfolio Standards impacts in other states, the cost of "Choice," etc.

509 196. 501(c)(3) Charitable Fundraising - to study whether 501(c)(3) organizations that  
510 have occasional concession sales to raise money for the purpose of giving the proceeds away to  
511 charitable causes should be subject to sales taxes.

512 197. Business Personal Property Tax Exemption - to study whether to amend the Utah  
513 Constitution to provide a property tax exemption for business-owned tangible personal  
514 property (H.J.R. 2).

515 198. Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Tax Credits and Rebates - to study tax credits  
516 and rebates for compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. Utah has tax credits for CNG  
517 conversions and electric cars. How would an actual tax rebate work? What are the potential  
518 funding sources? What are the advantages and disadvantages?

519 199. Distribution of Local Sales and Use Tax - to study the distribution of local sales  
520 and use taxes if a sales and use tax on remote sales is required or allowed to be collected in the  
521 future (H.B. 434).

522 200. Historical Preservation Tax Credits - to study and review possible improvements  
523 to state historical preservation tax credits.

- 524           201. Military Installation Development Authority - to study tax issues relating to a  
525 Military Installation Development Authority.
- 526           202. Renewable Energy Tax Credits - to study whether to harmonize corporate and  
527 individual income tax credits for renewable energy.
- 528           203. Report on Tax Provisions - to study the State Tax Commission Report on Tax  
529 Provisions (2nd Sub. H.B. 51).
- 530           204. Residential Assessed Valuation Property Tax Change - to study replacing the  
531 residential assessed valuation property tax with a residential tax based on size or cost of  
532 government services, which would increase fairness and lower administration costs.
- 533           205. Sales Tax Reductions on Sales with Trade-Ins - to study the policy of only  
534 licensed dealers being able to take advantage of sales tax reductions on sales with trade-ins.
- 535           206. Severance Tax - to study changes to current law governing severance taxes.
- 536           207. Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption - to study and address a property tax  
537 exemption for certain tangible personal property (H.B. 391).
- 538           208. Tax on Fine Art - to study whether to remove the sales tax on fine art.
- 539           209. Tax Rate Calculation - to study issues related to the certified tax rate calculation.
- 540           210. Taxing Social Security - to study state taxation of Social Security benefits.
- 541           211. Financial Security in Retirement - to study how to help people prepare to be  
542 financially self-sufficient in retirement.
- 543           212. Independent Entities - to study and review independent entities, including what  
544 they are and what they do.
- 545           213. Postretirement Reemployment - to study the costs associated with postretirement  
546 reemployment.
- 547           214. Retirement Account Exemption - to study a retirement account exemption for  
548 short-term workers.
- 549           215. Retirement Contribution Rates - to study and receive a presentation on  
550 preliminary retirement contribution rates.
- 551           216. Retirement Impacts of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders After a Divorce if  
552 the Employed Party Never Remarries - to study a glitch in the Utah Code that would prevent a  
553 surviving spouse from receiving the surviving spouse's portion of the retirement benefits if the  
554 employed party never remarries.

- 555           217. Retirement Systems Overview - to study a retirement systems overview and  
556 actuarial information.
- 557           218. Utah Retirement Systems - to study and review the Utah Retirement Systems,  
558 what it does, and how it accomplishes its mission.
- 559           219. Utah Retirement Systems Benefits Claims - to study statutes of limitations for  
560 benefits claims in the Utah Retirement Systems.
- 561           220. Utah Retirement Systems Modifications - to study and review annual Utah  
562 Retirement Systems modifications, including technical amendments.
- 563           221. Utah Retirement Tier II Systems - to study pension reform follow-up  
564 implementation issues.
- 565           222. Airport Authority - to study issues related to the Salt Lake Airport Authority.
- 566           223. Airports - to study issues related to airports, including management, leasing and  
567 vendors, and oversight authority.
- 568           224. Driving Under the Influence Standards - to study whether to change one of the  
569 standards for a driving under the influence violation from "being under the influence of  
570 alcohol, any drug, or the combined influence of alcohol and any drug to a degree that renders  
571 the person incapable of safely operating a vehicle" to "being impaired to the slightest degree by  
572 alcohol, any drug, any substance, or any combination thereof" (1st Sub. H.B. 303).
- 573           225. Gas Tax - to study issues related to the gas tax.
- 574           226. Impounding Vehicles - to study impounding vehicles of unlicensed drivers when  
575 no other driver is present (H.B. 79).
- 576           227. Natural Gas - to study issues related to natural gas.
- 577           228. Salvage Vehicles - to study the impact of salvage vehicles and when a vehicle  
578 should be salvaged.
- 579           229. School Bus Traffic Safety - to study whether to allow school districts to contract  
580 for technology that will generate a recorded image of a motor vehicle driver passing a school  
581 bus when the red signal light is flashing, and to receive and submit the recorded image to law  
582 enforcement for possible investigation (1st Sub. H.B. 406).
- 583           230. Transit Funding - to study funding for mass transit and issues related to mass  
584 transit funding (H.B. 210).
- 585           231. Transportation in Salt Lake County - to study transportation in Salt Lake County,

586 particularly at the Salt Lake International Airport, and its effect on the state. Also study the  
587 regulation of concessions, including charter buses, shuttles, taxis, limousines, rental cars, etc.  
588 How should it be done to maximize its benefit to the entire state? (S.B. 235)

589 232. UTA Bus Routes - to study current bus routes, especially current east-west routes,  
590 express buses, and any proposed new bus routes to help east riders' access to TRAX and  
591 Frontrunner.

592 233. Vehicle Title Transfer Sales - to study whether to require a confirmation or an  
593 affidavit validating fair market value in vehicle title transfer sales.

594 234. Waiver for Purple Heart - to study granting a waiver relating to motorcycles for  
595 Purple Heart recipients.

596 235. Standards for Allocating Utah's Water Supply - to study the standards for  
597 allocating Utah's water supply, including:

598 1. standards for the allocation of water for domestic use and whether the standards should  
599 be revised to accurately reflect actual domestic beneficial use;

600 2. standards for the allocation of irrigation water based on flood irrigation and whether  
601 standards should be revised based on pipeline based sprinkler irrigations systems;

602 3. whether the reduction or elimination of natural vegetative water consumption should  
603 result in a recognition of the reduced water use and:

604 a. a corresponding reduction in the water requirement associated with developing the land;  
605 and

606 b. recognition of a landowner's right to put to alternative use the water previously consumed  
607 by the eliminated natural vegetation;

608 4. whether current allocation standards comply with existing Utah statutory and case law;  
609 and

610 5. ways that these revisions can identify overallocation, resulting in the availability of  
611 additional water resources and reduced costs that can fuel the growth of Utah's economy.

612 236. Bill Sponsorship - to study a process that would allow more than one legislator to  
613 be designated as a primary sponsor of a bill.

614 237. Legislative Process Ethics - to study and review policies requiring ethical  
615 descriptions of proposed legislation by staff and legislators.

616 238. Standing Committee Agenda Practices - to study legislative rule changes to

617 address pulling bills from a standing committee agenda at the end of a legislative session to  
618 avoid the possibility of a bill failing in committee and improving the legislation's chances of  
619 receiving floor debate.

619a **Ŝ→ 239. To study how to effectively and fairly control workers' compensation system medical**  
619b **costs including the cost of hospital care and treatment and prescription drugs.**

619c **240. Title and escrow insurance related amendments.**

619d **241. Highway safety issues related to non-motorized vehicles.**

619e **242. Whether sufficient due process protection is provided a police officer involved in a critical**  
619f **incident.**

619g **243. The economic benefits of removing the three year economic life component of the**  
619h **manufacturer's sales tax exemption.** ←Ŝ

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