

## 2012 Potential Study Items

### Judiciary Interim Committee

#### *Judiciary Issues -- Master Study Resolution*

82. Adoption by a Co-parent - to study changes to the Utah Code regarding who may adopt a child (S.B. 126; Romero).

83. Animal Rights - to study animal rights as a property rights interest (Kiser).

86. Children's Participation in Child Custody Proceedings - to study whether to reduce the age from 16 to 14 for children who wish to express their opinion in child custody proceedings (S.B. 139; Robles).

91. Domestic Asset Statute - to study what modifications can be made to Utah's Domestic Asset Protection Trust statute to encourage Utah attorneys to use the statute rather than take their clients to Nevada to settle trusts under Nevada's statute (D. Brown).

94. Gender Neutrality in Divorce Statute - to study the removal of language from the divorce statute favoring one spouse over the other and providing for equal footing in property matters (S.B. 146; Robles).

96. Judicial Code - to study issues related to amendments to the Judicial Code (P. Ray).

97. Medical Malpractice Reform - to study Medical Malpractice Reform patterned after Texas's "loser pays attorney fees" provision (Gibson).

98. Offer of Judgment - to study a process for offers of judgment in civil cases (H.B. 235; McKiff).

99. Overseas Product Liability - to study and review Utah's product liability law to address the increase in products being imported to the United States that may injure a Utah citizen (D. Brown).

101. Shooting Range Targets - to study current prohibitions against utilizing targets with a human form at public shooting ranges.

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103. Warrant Process - to study options on how the state may collect the \$237,000 in unpaid warrants, including by expanding the information in the statewide warrant system to include additional agency databases in order to extrapolate data and find the most current addresses of persons with outstanding warrants, and to allow the suspension of driver licenses and the prohibition of the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses for failure to pay outstanding warrants (1st Sub. S.B. 206; Jenkins).