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Speaker Rebecca D. Lockhart, Chair  
President Michael G. Waddoups, Vice - Chair  
Legislative Management Committee  
State Capitol Complex  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

**Subject: Proposed Change of Study Item Assignments from the Business and Labor Interim Committee to the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee**

Dear Speaker Lockhart and President Waddoups:

We understand that the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee has requested that certain items from the Master Study Resolution be reassigned to it from our committee.

We recognize your authority to make study assignments. However, other than the "Condominium Amendments" study item, we write to express our concern with the committee's request to reassign these study items.

All of the study items that are requested to be reassigned have traditionally been within the jurisdiction of our committee. During a General Session, bills related to these topics are nearly always assigned to the respective Business and Labor Standing Committees in each chamber. Because of this, members of our committee have the background, experience, and expertise to carefully review these study items. In addition, state law already provides that proposed changes to the state construction and fire codes are to be brought before our committee for review before being considered by the Legislature. Reassigning the building code study item could duplicate efforts.

We ask that you carefully consider this request in light of the traditional jurisdiction of our committee and the experience and expertise of the members of our committee with these issues.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Senator John L. Valentine / JC*

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