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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: Interim Study Topics—Health and Human Services

Speaker Lockhart and President Waddoups:

We respectfully request the Legislative Management Committee's approval of the following 2012 interim study schedule for the Health and Human Services Interim Committee (numbered issues are from the Master Study Resolution).

I. STUDIED IN MAY

Exercise and its Effects on Brain Function – The committee was briefed by a Harvard University professor on exercise and its effects on obesity and brain function (*related to Item 75 under Miscellaneous*).

Ophthalmology – The committee was briefed on the training of ophthalmologists and their role in the continuum of eye care professionals. The committee also learned of the role played by the John A. Moran Eye Center, a research, teaching, and clinical patient care facility within the University of Utah Health Care system.

II. SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

Persons With a Disability—Supported Employment Services – The Committee will conduct a sunset review of Utah Code Ann. Section 62A-5-103.1, which establishes a program of supported employment services for persons with a disability.

Medicaid—Data Breach – The Committee will be briefed on the recent unintentional disclosure of personal Medicaid information.

70. **Medicaid—Office of Inspector General** – The Committee will receive a report on the work of the new Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services and related issues that may require legislative action.

74. **Medicaid—Promoting Wellness** – The Committee will consider existing efforts and additional options for promoting Medicaid enrollee wellness.

III. TO BE STUDIED JULY – NOVEMBER

PHARMACEUTICALS

77. **Pharmacy Counseling** - to study issues related to pharmacy patient counseling (H.B. 165).
78. **Physician Dispensing of Controlled Substances** - to study systemic administration and evaluation when expanding the scope of physician dispensing of controlled substances and drugs.
79. **Prescription Drug Access in Rural Areas** - to study whether to prohibit a third party payor of prescription drug benefits from charging a patient higher copayments for a prescription drug if the patient resides in a rural area of the state and chooses not to use an out-of-state mail order pharmacy (H.B. 54).

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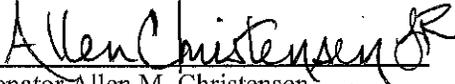
69. **Indoor Clean Air Act and Third-Hand Smoke** - to study third-hand smoke issues in public vehicles shared by more than one person who does not smoke.
80. **Secondhand Smoke in Motor Vehicles** - to study the health impacts of exposing children to secondhand smoke in motor vehicles, including possible legislation to reduce exposure.

MISCELLANEOUS

67. **Assisted Outpatient Treatment** - to study the creation of a procedure for ordering assisted outpatient treatment.
68. **Health Department Review** - to study the Health Department's plan review and inspection fees.
71. **Local Drug Ordinances** - to study whether to grant cities, towns, and counties the authority to enact ordinances regulating newly developed illegal or illicit drugs.
72. **Medicaid and Health Insurance coverage for a Legal Immigrant Child** - to study the removal of the five-year waiting period to provide Medicaid coverage and health insurance coverage to a legal immigrant child (S.B. 111).
75. **Obesity** - to study legislative and policy actions other states have undertaken to effectively address obesity and how government, citizens, and community and business leaders implement policies that support individual efforts to make healthy lifestyle choices.
76. **Parental Rights** - to study the parental rights of biological fathers in cases of adoption (H.B. 308).
174. **Traumatic brain injury and the criminal justice system and civil commitment.**

Other - Three other sunset reviews, two statutes to be repealed, four legislative audits in progress, and various statutorily required reports to the committee or the Legislature.

Sincerely,



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Senate Chair,
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Representative Paul Ray
House Chair,
Health and Human Services
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